



PROJECT SELECTION NOTICE

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$177,508

Program: Public Television Digital Transition Grant

State: Arizona

County: Gila, Coconino, Navajo, and Yavapai

Congressman, District: Kirkpatrick, 1 and Franks, 2

Senators: McCain and Kyl

Recipient: Arizona Board of Regents for Arizona University

Recipient Contact: Ms. Kimberly Habiger, Senior Grant and Contract Officer
(alternate contact: Tamara Deuser)

Mailing Address: PO Box 873503, Tempe, Arizona 85287

Telephone: (480) 727-8648

Project Description: Rural development funds will be used on four rural translators to provide digital service to four communities. These areas are still served by analog signals that also suffer from frequent service outages. Not only will this project allow viewers to receive the primary digital signal, it will also allow them to receive multi-casting of several public television channels. The project will ensure that rural residents receive the same digital public television offerings as in the urban areas served by the Public Television station.

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PROJECT SELECTION NOTICE

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$550,275

Program: Public Television Digital Transition Grant

State: California and Oregon

County: CA: Del Norte, Humboldt and Trinity
OR: Curry

Congressman, District: CA: Thompson, 1 and Herger, 2
OR: Defazio, 4

Senators: CA: Feinstein and Boxer
OR: Wyden and Merkley

Recipient: Redwood Empire Public Television Inc.

Recipient Contact: Ronald Schoenherr, Executive Director

Mailing Address: 7246 Humboldt Hill Road, Eureka, California 95503

Telephone: (707) 445-0813

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to complete the conversion of the analog master control and studio facility to digital high definition. The project will include a storage system consisting of a hard disk array that stores both HD and SD programming scheduled for playback in the future, upgrade the production studio from analog to HD, and replace the balance of the outdated analog equipment in the technical area. The total digital conversion will improve quality and provide the only locally produced high definition content in this rural part of Northern California.

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PROJECT SELECTION NOTICE

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$142,025

Program: Public Television Digital Transition Grant

State: Idaho

County: Boundary, Bonner, and Valley

Congressman, District: Minnick, 1

Senators: Crapo and Risch

Recipient: Idaho Public Television

Recipient Contact: Peter Morrill, General Manager
(alternate contact: Toni Ward)

Mailing Address: 1455 N. Orchard Street, Boise, Idaho 83706-2239

Telephone: (208) 373-7220

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used for two rural digital translators addressing two problems associated with the digital conversion. The first concerns Bonner and Boundary counties in northern Idaho. In that area, a commercial broadcaster switched to a channel adjacent to the grantee's current analog channel, which prevented them from converting directly to digital on the same channel. This area will be served from a new location on a new channel. The second translator will serve an area in southern Valley County that lost its coverage from the primary transmitter after the switch to digital, because digital does not transmit over mountains as well as analog. This grant will ensure that these rural Idaho communities continue to benefit from public television service.

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PROJECT SELECTION NOTICE

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$749,000

Program: Public Television Digital Transition Grant

State: Illinois, Indiana and Missouri

County: **IL:** Alexander, Franklin, Jackson, Monroe, Perry, Pulaski, Randolph, St. Clair, Union, Williamson, Clark, Crawford, Cumberland, Edwards, Gallatin, Lawrence, Saline, Wabash, White, Bond, Clay, Clinton, Effingham, Hamilton, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Marion, Pope, Washington, Wayne, Richland
IN: Knox and Sullivan
MO: Ste. Genevieve, Cape Girardeau and Perry, 8

Congressman, District: **IL:** Costello, 12; Johnson, 15; and Shimkus, 19
IN: Ellsworth, 8
MO: Carnahan, 3 and Emerson, 8

Senators: **IL:** Durbin and Burris
IN: Lugar and Bayh
MO: Bond and McCaskill

Recipient: Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University

Recipient Contact: Prudence Rice, Associate Vice Chancellor of Research
(alternate contact: Greg Petrowich)

Mailing Address: 900 S. Normal Street, Woody Hall C-206, Mail Code 4709

Telephone: (618) 453-4540 (alternate: (618) 453-6181)

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to enable WSIU Public Television to replace failing analog television production equipment with digital including digital studio cameras with lenses, camera pedestals, teleprompters and camera control units. Digital switching, routing and monitoring equipment will also be acquired to create a digital local origination studio. This equipment will convert the station's production capability so that it can continue to create local programming to benefit the economically disadvantaged counties served by this station.

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PROJECT SELECTION NOTICE

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$677,920

Program: Public Television Digital Transition Grant

State: Kentucky

County: Fulton, Monroe, Breckinridge, Lewis, Bell, Clay, Knox, and Letcher

Congressman, District: Whitfield, 1; Guthrie, 2; Davis, 4; and Rogers, 5

Senators: McConnell and Bunning

Recipient: Kentucky Authority for Educational Television

Recipient Contact: Fred Engel, Senior Director for Technology

Mailing Address: 600 Cooper Drive, Lexington, Kentucky 40502

Telephone: (859) 258-7000

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used for digital translators in eight isolated rural communities in Kentucky. One of the largest public television networks in the country, Kentucky Educational Television already has 16 digital transmitters. However some areas that previously received analog service have lost service after the conversion because digital does not transmit as well as analog in mountainous areas. This grant will ensure that isolated communities continue to receive public television.

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PROJECT SELECTION NOTICE

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$655,580

Program: Public Television Digital Transition Grant

State: Maine

County: Androscoggin, Aroostook, Cumberland, Franklin, Hancock, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Sagadahoc, Somerset, Waldo, Washington, York

Congressman, District: Pingree, 1 and Michaud, 2

Senators: Snowe and Collins

Recipient: Maine Public Broadcasting Corp. dba Maine Public Broadcasting Network

Recipient Contact: Alexander Maxwell Jr., Senior Vice President/CTO

Mailing Address: 63 Texas Avenue, Bangor, Maine 04401

Telephone: (207) 941-1010, ext. 3085

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used for an update of master control equipment to digital HD. The design incorporates requirements set forth by the PBS NGIS distribution system and allows the Maine Public Broadcasting Network to handle content in an efficient and cost effective manner. The project will benefit the entire state of Maine, which includes many rural areas.

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PROJECT SELECTION NOTICE

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$576,246

Program: Public Television Digital Transition Grant

State: Missouri

County: Benton, Cedar, Cole, Dallas, Henry, Hickory, Johnson, Laclede, Lafayette, Moniteau, Morgan, Pettis, Pulaski, St. Clair, Saline, Polk, Camden, Carroll, Chariton, Cooper, Howard, Phelps, Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Gasconade, Maries, Miller, Monroe, Montgomery, Osage, and Randolph

Congressman, District: Skelton, 4; Graves, 6; Blunt, 7; Emerson, 8; Luetkemeyer, 9

Senators: Bond and McCaskill

Recipient: University of Central Missouri

Recipient Contact: Dr. Victoria Steel, Director, Office of Sponsored Programs
(alternate contact: Rosemary Olas)

Mailing Address: Wood Building, Room 11, Warrensburg, Missouri 64093-5232

Telephone: (660) 543-8562 (alternate: 660-543-4155)

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used for digital production equipment at the university owned KMOS, including cameras, editing software, and improved networking capability. Production equipment currently in use by the station is outdated analog equipment. With the new equipment funded through this grant, the station will increase the presence of production staff in the rural areas of central Missouri.

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PROJECT SELECTION NOTICE

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$39,000 ^{1) see note}

Program: Public Television Digital Transition Grant

State: New Mexico

County: Torrance and San Miguel

Congressman, District: Heinrich, 1 and Lujan, 3

Senators: Bingaman and Udall

Recipient: Regents of the University of New Mexico

Recipient Contact: Lydia Salas, Operations Manager
(alternate contact: Steven Campbell)

Mailing Address: 1700 Lomas Blvd. Ste 2200, MSC01 1247, Albuquerque,
New Mexico 87131

Telephone: (505) 277-7575 (alternate contact: (505) 379-3571)

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used for two rural areas of New Mexico that lost service after the digital conversion. While most of the station's service areas have seen improved service because of the switch, the rural areas of Glorietta-Rowe and Capilla Peak-Mountainair service have severe reception problems. The population served by KNME is more than 10 percent Native American, and over 50 percent Hispanic. This grant will preserve public television in these areas, which is especially important for disadvantaged populations.

1) Note: this grant was deobligated on June 21, 2012.

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PROJECT SELECTION NOTICE

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$698,693

Program: Public Television Digital Transition Grant

State: New York

County: Franklin, Jefferson, Lewis, Oswego, St. Lawrence, and Herkimer

Congressman, District: Owens, 23 and Arcuri, 24

Senators: Schumer and Gillibrand.

Recipient: St. Lawrence Valley Educational Television Council, Inc.

Recipient Contact: Thomas Hanley, President and General Manager

Mailing Address: 1056 Arsenal Street, Watertown, New York 13601

Telephone: (315) 782-3142, x234

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used for purchase and installation of digital production equipment as well as upgrade the WPBS station's studio space. This equipment will enable the station to produce digital content so that they can provide HD programming to PBS and produce local HD programs. The project will benefit rural public television viewers in the geographically isolated and economically depressed area between the Adirondack Mountains and the St. Lawrence River.

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PROJECT SELECTION NOTICE

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$382,725

Program: Public Television Digital Transition Grant

State: North Dakota

County: Benson, Dickey, Eddy, Lamoure, Pierce, and Ramsey

Congressman, District: Pomeroy, At Large

Senators: Conrad and Dorgan

Recipient: Prairie Public Broadcasting, Inc.

Recipient Contact: John Harris, President and CEO
(alternate contact: Jack Anderson)

Mailing Address: 207 North 5th Street, Fargo, North Dakota 58102

Telephone: (701) 239-7569 (alternate contact: (701) 239-7504)

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used for digital studio to transmitter link (STL) microwave equipment benefiting two rural North Dakota stations. The new microwave equipment has the capacity to carry the full digital signal. In addition, the replacement of the old equipment will allow the utilization of significantly higher gain microwave antennas resulting in improved path fade margin and reduced network outages. These reliability improvements are especially important when distributing EAS broadcasts (Emergency Alert System).

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PROJECT SELECTION NOTICE

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$246,512

Program: Public Television Digital Transition Grant

State: Oregon

County: Jackson, Josephine, Curry and Douglas

Congressman, District: Walden, 2 and DeFazio, 4

Senators: Wyden and Merkley

Recipient: Southern Oregon Public Television Inc. (SOPTV)

Recipient Contact: Mark Stanislawski, President and CEO

Mailing Address: 28 South Fir, Suite 200, Medford, Oregon 97501

Telephone: (541) 779-0808

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used for digital production equipment for local programming in southern Oregon. SOPTV shifted to digital broadcasting in 2003 with the two digital transmitters and a network of ten translators serving southwestern Oregon and Northern California. However, the station could not afford to convert the production equipment to full HD digital. This grant will fund that HD production equipment to ensure that the station can produce high quality local programming.

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PROJECT SELECTION NOTICE

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$735,550

Program: Public Television Digital Transition Grant

State: Tennessee

County: Chester, Decatur, Henderson, McNairy, Carroll, Gibson, Haywood, and Madison

Congressman, District: Blackburn, 7 and Tanner, 8

Senators: Alexander and Corker

Recipient: West Tennessee Public Television Council, Inc.

Recipient Contact: Monica Shumake, General Manager and CEO
(alternate contact: Kenneth Robinson)

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 966, Martin, Tennessee 38237

Telephone: (731) 881-7561 (alternate: (731) 881-7560)

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to assist WLJT-DT, the station lost over 100,000 viewers previously served by their analog facilities due to the digital transition, most of them in a rural underserved area. This grant will fund a DTV antenna height increase to address this situation. The project also includes a tower upgrade necessary for the antenna project. The grant will help ensure that digital public television is available to those who once received analog service.

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PROJECT SELECTION NOTICE

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$183,154

Program: Public Television Digital Transition Grant

State: Tennessee and Kentucky

County: TN: Bledsoe, Cumberland, Fentress, Morgan, Pickett, Scott, Van Buren, Warren, White, 4th Dist.; Wilson, Cannon, Clay, DeKalb, Jackson, Macon, Overton, Putnam, Smith, Trousdale,
KY: Clinton, Cumberland, Monroe, 1st Dist.; and Wayne, 5th Dist.

Congressman, District: TN: Davis, 4; Cooper, 5 and Gordon, 6
KY: Whitfield and Rogers, 5

Senators: TN: Alexander and Corker
KY: McConnell and Bunning

Recipient: Upper Cumberland Broadcast Council, WCTE-TV

Recipient Contact: Rebecca Magura, President and General Manager

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2040, Cookeville, Tennessee, 38502

Telephone: (931) 528-2222 (ext. 211)

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to replace outdated microwave equipment that has prevented full conversion to digital. The current studio-to-transmitter link is a combination of analog/digital that served the station well when they had both analog and digital transmitters on the air during the transition period. In the current system 60 percent of capacity is dedicated to analog, leaving only 40 percent of the bandwidth for digital use. The new studio to transmitter link will have hot standby capability and add a fully digital transmitter to studio link. The grant will also fund the addition of remote high definition capability. In addition to providing full digital service, the project will substantially increase broadcast reliability and will add monitoring and quality control functions.

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PROJECT SELECTION NOTICE

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$366,000

Program: Public Television Digital Transition Grant

State: West Virginia and Virginia

County: WV: McDowell, Mercer, and Wyoming
VA: Tazewell

Congressman, District: WV: Rahall, 3
VA: Boucher, 9

Senators: WV: Rockefeller and Goodwin
VA: Webb and Warner

Recipient: West Virginia Educational Broadcasting Authority

Recipient Contact: Dennis Adkins, Executive Director
(alternate contact: Bill Acker)

Mailing Address: 600 Capitol Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301

Telephone: (304) 556-4900

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used for one digital translator to serve a rural part of southern West Virginia that had previously received analog service. The project will provide public broadcasting coverage to several counties which lost good over-the-air signal quality. West Virginia Public Broadcasting provides regional television productions that celebrate the heritage and future of West Virginia. This project will ensure these communities continue to benefit from the public broadcasting this statewide network has to offer.

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