



PROJECT SELECTION NOTICE

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$416,820

Program: Public Television Digital Transition Grant

State: Colorado

Counties: Delta, Garfield, La Plata, Mesa, Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel

Congressman, District: Tipton, 3

Senators: Udall and Bennett

Recipient: Rocky Mountain Public Broadcasting Network, Inc.

Recipient Contact: Douglas Price, President and CEO
(alternate contact: Penny Mitchell)

Mailing Address: 2520 Blichman Ave.
Grand Junction, CO 81505

Telephone: (303) 892-6666
(alternate: (970) 255-2901)

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to convert studio and field production equipment at KRMJ-TV of Grand Junction from analog to digital. This station serves the educational and cultural needs of western Colorado. The grant will enable the station to provide more locally relevant high quality content to rural communities in the western part of the state.

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PROJECT SELECTION NOTICE

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$73,115

Program: Public Television Digital Transition Grant

State: Idaho

County: Adams, Boundary, Bonner, Valley, and Custer

Congressman, District: Labrador, 1; and Simpson, 2

Senators: Crapo and Risch

Recipient: Idaho Public Television

Recipient Contact: Peter Morrill, General Manager
(alternate: Tim Tower)

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

Telephone: (208) 373-7220 (alternate: (208) 373-7220)

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used for three displacement translators and the conversion of three remaining analog translators. Idaho Public TV has three translators that are being displaced from their channels due to interference problems resulting from the digital transition. The new equipment will eliminate interference and ensure quality digital broadcasts to three small communities. Idaho Public Television serves the entire state, which still has some analog translators. This grant will also convert three of these to digital.

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PROJECT SELECTION NOTICE

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$577,114

Program: Public Television Digital Transition Grant

State: Kentucky and Tennessee

County: **Kentucky:** Allen, Butler, Logan, Simpson, Barren, Edmonson, Grayson, Hart, Warren, and Ohio
Tennessee: Sumner, 6th Dist.

Congressman, District: **Kentucky:** Whitfield, 1; and Guthrie, 2
Tennessee: Black, 6

Senators: **Kentucky:** McConnell and Paul
Tennessee: Alexander and Corker

Recipient: Western Kentucky University Research Foundation, Inc.

Recipient Contact: Nancy Mager, Director
(alternate contact: Linda Gerofsky, Station Manager)

Mailing Address: 1906 College Heights Blvd., #11016, Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101-1016

Telephone: (270) 745-3833 (alternate: 270-745-4652)

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to provide high definition studio production and control room equipment. The grant will also provide for a multi-channel HD digital encoder and backup master sync generator. This conversion of both production and transmission equipment will enable the recipient to produce high quality local content for rural viewers.

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PROJECT SELECTION NOTICE

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$288,500

Program: Public Television Digital Transition Grant

State: Maine

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

Congressman, District: Pingree, 1; and Michaud, 2

Senators: Snowe and Collins

Recipient: Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation dba Maine Public Broadcasting Network

Recipient Contact: Alexander Maxwell, VP/CTO

Mailing Address: 63 Texas Avenue
Bangor, ME 04401

Telephone: (207) 404-5100

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to retrofit the MPBN remote truck for high definition with digital equipment including: HD switcher/character generator, conversion equipment, and high definition cameras. The remote truck will be able to move between cities and remote locations providing MPBN with the ability to create local HD content for the residents of Maine.

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PROJECT SELECTION NOTICE

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$117,400

Program: Public Television Digital Transition Grant

State: Minnesota

Counties: Beltrami, Clearwater, Cass, Hubbard, Itasca, and Koochiching

Congressman, District: Peterson, 7; and Cravaack, 8

Senators: Klobuchar and Franken

Recipient: Northern Minnesota Public Television Inc. dba Lakeland Public Television

Recipient Contact: William (Bill) Sanford, General Manager

Mailing Address: 1500 Birchmont Drive NE #9
Bemidji, MN 56601

Telephone: (218) 333-3015

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to fund the final conversions necessary to complete the digital transition of KAWE's DTV transmitter back to its original broadcasting channel – channel 9. The grant will also fund related tower work. The project will ensure that Lakeland Public Television can offer all the benefits of digital broadcast service to its customers in northern and central Minnesota including five Native American Reservations.

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PROJECT SELECTION NOTICE

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$395,000

Program: Public Television Digital Transition Grant

States: Minnesota

Counties: **Minnesota:** Cottonwood, Jackson, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Rock, Lincoln and Lyon
South Dakota: Moody
Iowa: Lyon and Osceola

Congressman, District: **Minnesota:** Walz, 1; and Peterson, 7
South Dakota: Noem, At Large
Iowa: King, 5

Senators: **Minnesota:** Klobuchar and Franken
South Dakota: Johnson and Thune
Iowa: Grassley and Harkin

Recipient: West Central Minnesota Educational Television Company

Recipient Contact: Leslie Heen, President and General Manager
(alternate contact: Jon Panzer)

Mailing Address: 120 W. Schlieman Avenue
Appleton, MN 56208

Telephone: (320) 289-2622

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Project Description:

Rural Development funds will be used to complete the conversion of KSMN-DT's microwave studio to transmitter link to digital. The current two-hop system operated well for analog, but has proven insufficient for digital which requires shorter signal paths to maintain quality. This grant will fund the conversion to a three hop system. This will increase reliability, dramatically reduce outages, and ensure quality digital service to rural viewers.

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PROJECT SELECTION NOTICE

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$144,680

Program: Public Television Digital Transition Grant

State: Mississippi

County: Marion

Congressman, District: Harper, 3; and Palazzo, 4

Senators: Cochran and Wicker

Recipient: Mississippi Authority for Educational Television dba Mississippi Public Broadcasting

Recipient Contact: Jay Woods, Acting Executive Director

Mailing Address: 3825 Ridgewood Rd.
Jackson, Mississippi 39211

Telephone: (601) 432-6565

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to replace the existing analog translator in Columbia, Mississippi, with a digital translator. The grant recipient is an essential broadcaster of state and local government emergency broadcasts and evacuation orders, which is essential in the area because Marion County is prone to hurricanes and inclement weather. This project will ensure all the benefits of the digital transition are delivered to the rural viewers served by the translator.

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PROJECT SELECTION NOTICE

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$681,968

Program: Public Television Digital Transition Grant

State: Missouri

Counties: 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: Hartzler, 4; Graves, 6; Long, 7; Emerson, 8; and Luetkemeyer, 9

Senators: McCaskill and Blunt

Recipient: University of Central Missouri

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

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

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

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Project Description:

Rural Development funds will be used to fund studio production equipment including cameras for KMOS TV in central Missouri. The project will also finish the conversion to high definition of the production and editing equipment which is currently standard definition. This will enable the recipient to improve production of local programming.

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PROJECT SELECTION NOTICE

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$206,391

Program: Public Television Digital Transition Grant

State: New Mexico

County: Grant

Congressman, District: Pearce, 2

Senators: Bingaman and Udall

Recipient: Regents of New Mexico State University

Recipient Contact: Neta Fernandez, Director, Office of Grants and Contracts
(alternate contact: Adrian Velarde)

Mailing Address: PO Box 30001 MSC OGC Office of Grants and Contracts,
Las Cruces, NM 88003-8001

Telephone: (575) 646-1590 (alternate: (575) 646-2222)

Project Description: Rural Development funds will provide a duplex microwave system to deliver a digital signal to the Silver City translator. Before the conversion, the Silver City analog translator rebroadcast the over-the-air signal it received directly from the main analog transmitter. When the analog transmitter was converted, the replacement digital transmitter was installed at a new location. This prevented the over-the-air signal from reaching Silver City. The temporary solution has been to deliver the signal over the IP network. The new microwave system will provide a permanent replacement for the temporary feed.

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PROJECT SELECTION NOTICE

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$50,000 ^{1) See note}

Program: Public Television Digital Transition Grant

State: New Mexico

County: San Miguel

Congressman, District: Lujan, 3

Senators: Bingaman and Udall

Recipient: Regents of The University of New Mexico

Recipient Contact: Diana Sargent, Contract and Grant Administrator
(alternate contact: Steven Campbell)

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

Telephone: (505) 277-9517 (alternate: 505-277-2191)

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used for permanent housing and a tower for the Glorietta-Rowe translator site. The translator was funded under a prior award. Engineering analysis has subsequently determined that the planned site was not suitable. This grant will fund installation at a new site.

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

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PROJECT SELECTION NOTICE

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$357,320

Program: Public Television Digital Transition Grant

States: North Carolina and Virginia

Counties: **North Carolina:** Edgecombe, Halifax, Hertford, Northampton, Warren, Nash, Vance, Franklin, Wilson, and Granville
Virginia: Brunswick, Greensville, and Mecklenburg

Congressman, District: **North Carolina:** Butterfield, 1; Ellmers 2; Jones, 3; and Miller, 13
Virginia: Forbes, 4; and Hurt, 5

Senators: **North Carolina:** Burr and Hagan
Virginia: Webb and Warner

Recipient: University of North Carolina – Center for Public Television

Recipient Contact: Carl Davis, Assistant General Manager

Mailing Address: 10 T. W. Alexander Drive, P.O. Box 14900
Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

Telephone: (919) 549-7263

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to fund the conversion of an existing NTSC transmitter to a DTV transmitter. The project will complete the digital transition of WUNP-TV in Roanoke Rapids. The use of this new transmitter will allow the station to operate at the full power level authorized by the FCC and provide a quality signal to all residents in the coverage area.

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PROJECT SELECTION NOTICE

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$750,000

Program: Public Television Digital Transition Grant

State: South Dakota

Counties: Bennett, Jackson, Jones, Mellette, Shannon, Todd, Campbell, Dewey, Edmunds, Faulk, McPherson, Potter, Sully, Walworth, Meade, Perkins, and Ziebach

Congressman, District: Noem, At Large

Senators: Johnson and Thune

Recipient: South Dakota Board of Directors for Educational Telecommunications

Recipient Contact: Julie Andersen, Executive Director
(alternate contact: SeVern Ashes)

Mailing Address: 555 N. Dakota Street, PO Box 5000
Vermillion, SD 57069

Telephone: (605) 677-5861 (alternate: (605) 677-6524)

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to upgrade components of the microwave interconnect hardware, antennas, and wave guide to ensure dependable signals for three rural transmitters in western South Dakota: KPSD, KQSD, KZSD. The current system was designed for analog and has proven inadequate for transmitting a dependable digital signal. The project will ensure uninterrupted digital television signal to these rural areas, which include four Native American Reservations.

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PROJECT SELECTION NOTICE

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$358,000

Program: Public Television Digital Transition Grant

States: Tennessee and Georgia

Counties: Tennessee: McMinn and Monroe, Bradley, Hamilton, Meigs, Polk, Rhea, Roane, Bledsoe, Cumberland, Grundy, Marion, Sequatchie, and Van Buren
Georgia: Gordon, Catoosa, Dade, Fannin, Gilmer, Murray, Walker, Whitfield, and Chattooga

Congressman, District: Tennessee: Duncan, 2; Fleischmann, 3; DesJarlais, 4
Georgia: Graves, 9; and Gingrey, 11

Senators: Tennessee: Alexander and Corker
Georgia: Chambliss and Isakson

Recipient: The Greater Chattanooga Public Television Corp.

Recipient Contact: Paul Grove, President and CEO
(alternate contact: Bryan Fuqua)

Mailing Address: 7540 Bonnyshire Drive
Chattanooga, TN 37416

Telephone: (423) 702-7800

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Project Description:

Rural Development funds will be used to fund the replacement of a top mounted UHF analog antenna with a new UHF digital antenna. WTCI TV currently utilizes a side mounted digital UHF antenna that was purchased in 2003 to allow the station to simultaneously broadcast new digital signals in addition to the analog signal during the conversion. However, the side mounted antenna results in a much lower coverage area in this mountainous area and has proven unsatisfactory for digital. This project will fund the top mounted antenna and ensure that all customers in the original analog coverage area receive the full benefits of the digital conversion.

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PROJECT SELECTION NOTICE

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$309,107

Program: Public Television Digital Transition Grant

State: Tennessee and Kentucky

Counties: Tennessee: Bledsoe, Cumberland, Fentress, Pickett, Morgan, Scott, Van Buren, Warren, White, Cannon, Clay, DeKalb, Jackson, Macon, Overton, Putnam, Smith, Trousdale, and Wilson
Kentucky: Clinton, Cumberland, Monroe, and Wayne

Congressman, District: Tennessee: DesJarlais, 4; Cooper, 5; and Black, 6
Kentucky: Whitfield, 1; and Rogers, 5

Senators: Tennessee: Alexander and Corker
Kentucky: McConnell and Paul

Recipient: Upper Cumberland Broadcast Council, WCTE TV

Recipient Contact: Rebecca Magura, President and General Manager

Mailing Address: POB 2040, Cookeville
Putnam, TN 38502

Telephone: (931) 528-2222

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Project Description:

Rural Development funds will be used to fund master control and production management systems that meet HD requirements. The equipment will improve the management of locally acquired HD content in order to provide higher quality service to the local audience. It will also improve server capability to meet the requirement of the new HD main program stream. This station produces a high volume of local productions, so this equipment is necessary to serve the community with the full benefits of the digital conversion.

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PROJECT SELECTION NOTICE

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$24,540

Program: Public Television Digital Transition Grant

States: Virginia, Kentucky, West Virginia, Tennessee, and North Carolina

Counties: **Virginia:** Bedford, Campbell, Franklin, Henry, Amherst, Bath, Botetourt, Pittsylvania, Rockbridge, Alleghany, Roanoke, Bland, Buchanan, Carroll, Craig, Dickenson, Floyd, Giles, Grayson, Lee, Montgomery, Patrick, Pulaski, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, Wise, and Wythe
Kentucky: Breathitt, Floyd, Harlan, Knott, Leslie, Letcher, Perry, and Pike
Tennessee: Carter, Greene, Hamblen, Hancock, Hawkins, Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi, and Washington
West Virginia: Greenbrier, McDowell, Mercer, Monroe, Raleigh, Summers, and Wyoming
North Carolina: Alleghany, Ashe, Stokes, Surry, Watauga, Wilkes, and Rockingham

Congressman, District: **Virginia:** Hurt, 5; Goodlatte, 6; and Griffith, 9
Kentucky: Rogers, 5
Tennessee: Roe, 1
West Virginia: Rahall, 3
North Carolina: Foxx, 5; and Miller, 13

Senators: **Virginia:** Webb and Warner
Tennessee: Alexander and Corker
Kentucky: McConnell and Paul
West Virginia: Rockefeller and Manchin
North Carolina: Burr and Hagan

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Recipient: Blue Ridge Public Television

Recipient Contact: James Baum, President and CEO

Mailing Address: 1215 McNeil Drive
Roanoke, VA 24015

Telephone: (540) 344-0991

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to fund the acquisition of testing equipment, specifically an MPEG service/spectrum analyzer. Currently the applicant has limited equipment to test and monitor digital signals from their three transmitters as well as remote microwave relays. With improved signal monitoring and analysis, technical staff will significantly reduce digital signal outages and this television network serving a few dozen counties spanning five states will be able to provide more consistent, dependable digital service for all viewers in the coverage area.

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