



**USDA Rural Development  
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<b>ReConnect Program Loans and Grants</b>						
AK	Lisa Murkowski Dan Sullivan	Vacant	Bristol Bay Telephone Cooperative Inc.		\$34,885,420	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network. This network will connect 844 people, 22 businesses and seven public schools to high-speed internet in Bristol Bay Borough, Dillingham Census Area, Lake Borough, and Peninsula Borough in Alaska. Bristol Bay Telephone Cooperative Inc. will make high-speed internet affordable by participating in the Federal Communications Commission's Affordable Connectivity Program and Lifeline Program. Eligible households receive discounts for broadband services in tribal entities and one-time discounts toward the purchase of a computer or tablet. This project will serve New Stuyahok, Levelock, King Salmon, New Koliganek, Naknek, South Naknek, and Ekwok Alaska Native Village Statistical Areas and the socially vulnerable communities of Dillingham, Lake and Peninsula.
AK	Lisa Murkowski Dan Sullivan	Vacant	AP&T Wireless Inc.		\$29,344,717	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network. This network will connect 1,236 people, 45 businesses and a public school to high-speed internet in the Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Area in Alaska. AP&T Wireless Inc. will make high-speed internet affordable by its planned participation in the Federal Communications Commission's Lifeline Program and the Affordable Connectivity Program. This project will serve the Klawock and Craig Alaska Native Village Statistical Areas and the socially vulnerable community of Prince of Wales-Hyder.
AK	Lisa Murkowski Dan Sullivan	Vacant	Unicom Inc.		\$31,039,614	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network. This network will connect 2,165 people, 14 businesses and three public schools to high-speed internet in the Bethel Census Area in Alaska. Unicom Inc. will make high-speed internet affordable by participating in the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Lifeline Program, the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program and the FCC's new Affordable Connectivity Program. This project will serve the Atmautluak, Nunapitchuk, Kasigluk, Tuntutuliak, Kwethluk and Kwinhagak Alaska Native Village Statistical Areas and the socially vulnerable community of Bethel County.
AK	Lisa Murkowski Dan Sullivan	Vacant	Cordova Telephone Cooperative Inc.		\$21,404,940	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network. This network will connect 1,190 people and 51 businesses to high-speed internet in the Valdez-Cordova Census Area. Cordova Telephone Cooperative Inc. will make high-speed internet affordable by participating in the Federal Communication Commission's Lifeline Program and the Affordable Connectivity Program. This project will serve the Eyak Alaska Native Village Statistical Area.



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AR	John Boozman, Tom Cotton	Rick Crawford (01) French Hill (02)	Arkansas Telephone Company Inc.		\$11,915,475	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 986 people, 10 businesses and 145 farms to high-speed internet in Searcy and Van Buren counties. The company will make high-speed internet affordable by offering low-cost starter packages with voice and voice/data. Discounts will be offered to those who participate in the Federal Communications Commission's Lifeline and Affordable Connectivity Programs.
AZ	Mark Kelly Kyrsten Sinema	Tom O'Halleran (01)	Table Top Telephone Company Inc.		\$3,775,276	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network. This network will connect 201 people, seven businesses and two farms to high-speed internet in Apache County. Table Top Telephone Company Inc. will make high-speed internet affordable by offering 100 megabits per second symmetrical service free for residents that participate in the Federal Communications Commission's Lifeline Affordable Connectivity Programs. This project will serve socially vulnerable communities in Apache County and will serve the Navajo Nation Reservation.
AZ ID	Mark Kelly (AZ) Kyrsten Sinema (AZ) Mike Crapo (ID) James Risch (ID)	Paul Gosar (AZ 04) Ann Kirkpatrick (AZ 02) Russ Fulcher (ID 01) Mike Simpson (ID 02)	Midvale Telephone Company	\$10,583,267		This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-home network. This network will connect 455 people, 39 businesses and 69 farms to high-speed internet in Elmore, Blaine, Custer and Boise counties in Idaho, and Gila, Graham, Pinal, Cochise and Pima counties in Arizona. This project will serve the socially vulnerable communities of Pinal county in Arizona and Elmore in Idaho.
CA	Dianne Feinstein Alex Padilla	Tom McClintock (04)	The Volcano Telephone Company	\$28,251,330		This Rural Development investment will be used to help the Volcano Telephone Company deploy a fiber-to-the premises network. This network will connect 2,311 households, 119 businesses, seven educational facilities and 15 farms in Alpine, Amador, Calaveras and El Dorado counties in California.
CA	Dianne Feinstein Alex Padilla	Tom McClintock (04)	The Ponderosa Telephone Company	\$6,466,204	\$6,466,204	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network. This network will connect 115 people, a business and 26 farms to high-speed internet in Fresno County. The company will make high-speed internet affordable by participating in the Federal Communications Commission's Lifeline and Affordable Connectivity Programs, giving the residents a \$30 discount, making the lowest package available for \$0.70. This project will serve Cold Springs Rancheria.
CO	Michael Bennet, John Hickenlooper	Lauren Boebert (03)	San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative		\$1,998,448	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network. This network will connect 129 people, eight businesses, a public school and 20 farms to high-speed internet in Conejos and Alamosa counties. The cooperative will make high-speed internet affordable by participating in the Federal Communications Commission's Affordable Connectivity Program. It proposes not to charge for routers or modems. This project will serve the socially vulnerable communities in Conejos and Alamosa Counties.



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MT	Steve Daines Jon Tester	Matt Rosendale (At Large)	Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative Inc.		\$4,014,840	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network that will connect 89 people, five businesses and 47 farms to high-speed internet in Ravalli County. Blackfoot will make high-speed internet affordable by offering low-cost options at speeds sufficient for multiple users to simultaneously telework and engage in remote learning. Blackfoot will participate in the Federal Communications Commission's Lifeline and Affordable Connectivity Programs, providing discounts on broadband services.
MT	Steve Daines Jon Tester	Matt Rosendale (At Large)	Nemont Telephone Cooperative Inc.		\$24,972,692	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network. This network will connect 1,058 people, 25 businesses and 282 farms to high-speed internet in Roosevelt and Valley counties. Nemont will make high-speed internet affordable by offering a suite of broadband services designed to be simple. It will target residents and businesses on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation. All services offered will be symmetrical and capable of supporting multiple simultaneous users for many applications, including teleworking and remote learning. This project will serve socially vulnerable communities in Roosevelt County and on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation.
ND MT	John Hoeven (ND) Kevin Cramer (ND) Steve Daines (MT) Jon Tester (MT)	Kelly Armstrong (ND At Large) Matt Rosendale (MT At Large)	Reservation Telephone Cooperative		\$18,501,541	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network. This network will connect 1,151 people, 67 businesses, four public schools and 91 farms in Richland and Wibaux counties in Montana, and in Dunn, McKenzie and McLean counties in North Dakota. Reservation Telephone Cooperative will make high-speed internet affordable by participating in the Federal Communications Commission's Affordable Connectivity Program. This will give eligible residents a discount of up to \$30 per month. This project will serve the Fort Berthold Reservation Tribal Entity.
NM	Ben Ray Lujan Martin Heinrich	Teresa Leger Fernandez (03) Yvette Herrell (02)	Continental Divide Electric Cooperative Inc.		\$3,681,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premise network. This network will connect 606 people, eight businesses, 34 farms and two public schools to high-speed internet in Cibola and McKinley counties. Continental will make high-speed internet affordable by participating in the Federal Communications Commission's Emergency Broadband Benefit and Affordable Connectivity Plans. This project will serve the Laguna Pueblo, the Acoma Pueblo, and the Acoma Off-Reservation Trust Land tribal entities as well as socially vulnerable communities in Cibola and McKinley counties.
NM	Martin Heinrich Ben Ray Lujan	Melanie Ann Stansbury (01) Teresa Leger Fernandez (03) Yvette Herrell (02)	E.N.M.R. Telephone Cooperative		\$14,749,747	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises (FTTP) network to connect people, businesses and farms to high-speed internet in Chaves, Colfax, De Baca, Guadalupe, Harding, Lincoln, San Miguel, Socorro, Torrance and Union counties. E.N.M.R. will make high-speed internet affordable by offering price plans that match the pricing offered to all other FTTP Cooperative members. All three plans will include free Wi-Fi service. This project will serve socially vulnerable communities in Colfax, De Baca, Guadalupe, San Miguel and Socorro counties.



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NM	Martin Heinrich Ben Ray Lujan	Yvette Herrell (02)	Penasco Valley Telephone Cooperative	\$28,927,570		This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premise network. This network will connect 2,976 people, 50 businesses, 13 farms and eight public schools to high-speed internet in Chaves, Eddy, Lincoln and Otero counties. This loan will serve socially vulnerable communities in Otero and Eddy counties.
NM	Martin Heinrich Ben Ray Lujan	Yvette Herrell (02)	Tularosa Basin Telephone Company Inc.	\$5,825,102	\$5,825,102	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network. This network will connect 466 people, 28 businesses and 16 farms to high-speed internet in Lincoln and Otero counties. Tularosa will make high-speed internet affordable by participating in the Federal Communication Commission's Lifeline and Affordable Connectivity Programs. The discounts provided by these programs will enable qualifying households to receive service as low as \$4.20 per month. This project will serve the Mescalero Reservation and the socially vulnerable community of Otero County.
NV	Catherine Cortez Masto Jacky Rosen	Mark Amodei (02)	Uprise LLC		\$27,154,596	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network. This network will connect 4,884 people, 130 businesses, 22 farms and seven public schools to high-speed internet in Pershing County. Uprise LLC will offer subscribers symmetrical service tiers of 200 megabits per second (Mbps) or one gigabit per second. It plans to apply to participate in the Federal Communications Commission's Affordable Connectivity Program to enable subscribers to obtain the 200 Mbps symmetrical service for free. This project will serve people in the Lovelock Indian Colony and several socially vulnerable communities in Pershing County.
TX	John Cornyn Ted Cruz	August Pluger (11) Roger Williams (25)	Central Texas Telephone Cooperative Inc.	\$9,806,930	\$9,806,930	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network. This network will connect 647 people, 19 businesses and 151 farms to high-speed internet in Lampasas and San Saba counties. Central Texas will make high-speed internet affordable by participating in the Federal Communications Commission's Lifeline Program (\$9.25 discount) and the Affordable Connectivity Program (\$30 discount). This project will serve socially vulnerable communities in San Saba County.
TX	John Cornyn Ted Cruz	Jodey Arrington (19)	Five Area Telephone Cooperative Inc.		\$16,606,750	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network. This network will connect 1,402 people, 50 businesses, 712 farms and four public schools to high-speed internet in Bailey, Cochran, Hockley, Lamb and Parmer counties. The Cooperative will make high-speed internet affordable by participating in the Federal Communications Commission's Affordable Connectivity and Lifeline Programs, giving residents discounts on their services. This project will serve socially vulnerable communities in Parmer, Bailey, Cochran and Lamb counties.
<b>Telecommunications Infrastructure Loans and Guarantees</b>						



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AZ NM	Mark Kelly (AZ) Kyrsten Sinema (AZ) Ben Ray Lujan (NM) Martin Heinrich (NM)	Ann Kirkpatrick (AZ 02) Yvette Herrell (NM 02)	Valley Telephone Cooperative	\$44,924,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to upgrade the system's 13 exchanges in southeast Arizona and southwest New Mexico by replacing copper wire-based equipment with fiber-to-the-premises equipment. A total of 1,317 miles of buried fiber-optic cable will be laid and 2,755 optical network terminals will be installed along with optical line terminals, fiber panels, fiber distribution mainframes, and other upgraded equipment. This will result in improved broadband service that is capable of providing both upload and download data rates of up to one gigabit per second for every subscriber simultaneously, in addition to enhanced voice services.
			<b>SUBTOTAL:</b>	<b>\$134,784,403</b>	<b>\$266,143,292</b>	
			<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$400,927,495</b>		