

## **USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$571,613**

**Program:** Community-Oriented Connectivity Broadband Grant Program

**State/County:** TN/Grundy, TN/Marion

**Congressman:** Scott Dejarlais (TN-04)

**Senators:** Lamar Alexander, Bob Corker

**Recipient:** Ben Lomand Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

**Recipient Contact:** Mrs. Lisa Cope, General Manager

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**Project Description:** Ben Lomand Rural Telephone Cooperative desires to deploy their advanced high speed broadband network to the residents of the Palmer Mountain community in Grundy County, Tennessee and the Greentown community in Marion County, Tennessee. Grundy County, Tennessee has been designated by the USDA as a “Strike Force Persistent Poverty” county. Although the small communities of Palmer Mountain and Greentown are currently served by the Company’s copper network, the residents are limited in their service offerings due to the physical constraints inherent in the existing network only allowing data speeds of approximately 1.5Mbps downstream and 768 Kbps upstream. The communities are situated in the rugged terrain of a remote location approximately 20 miles from the nearest city. Through this project, residents will gain access to improved service at levels of up to 1 Gbps over the proposed Fiber-to-the-Premises network. Residents will also have access to broadband service, free of charge, at a new community center established as part of the project.

**People Who Will Benefit:** 322

**Other Funding:** \$114,760

**Total Project Cost:** \$686,373

**RUS ID:** TN1403-A23

## **USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$3,000,000**

Program:	Community Connect Grants
State/County:	WV/Upshur, WV/Randolph, WV/Barbour
Congressman:	McKinley, David (WV-01), Mooney, Alex (WV-02)
Senators:	Shelley Capito, Joe Manchin
Recipient:	Central West Virginia Development Association
Recipient Contact:	Robert Hinton
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Phone Number:	304-472-1757
Project Description:	<p>The Central West Virginia Development Association proposes to provide wireless broadband service to over 3,680 households, businesses and critical community facilities in Barbour, Randolph, and Upshur Counties of north-central West Virginia. These areas currently do not have service. By providing broadband service to these areas, the CWVDA will provide an environment that fosters economic growth and delivers enhanced educational, health care, and public safety services to north-central West Virginia.</p> <p>The system deployed will be based fixed wireless service operating in several frequency bands. The system will have the capability of delivering at least 10 Mbps down and 1 Mbps up to all customers in the PFSA.</p>
People Who Will Benefit:	12,944
Other Funding:	\$450,000.00
Total Project Cost:	\$3,450,000.00
RUS ID:	WV1406-A23

## USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$723,593

**Program:** Community-Oriented Connectivity Broadband Grant Program

**State/County:** TN/Morgan

**Congressman:** Chuck Fleischmann (TN-03)

**Senators:** Lamar Alexander, Bob Corker

**Recipient:** Highland Communications, LLC.

**Recipient Contact:** Mr. Greg Patterson, CEO

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**Project Description:** Highland Communications proposes to construct new state of the art Fiber to the Premise (FTTP) facilities in a PFSA located in the southern end of Morgan County, Tennessee. This will enable customers to receive state of the art broadband service currently unavailable to them, benefiting a community of significant economic need. The proposed area lies within an area designated as a Strike Force county. Residents will also have access to free broadband service at a community center established as part of the project.

**People Who Will Benefit:** 1,549

**Other Funding:** \$157,794

**Total Project Cost:** \$881,387

**RUS ID:** TN1404-A23

## USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$1,825,026

Program: Community-Oriented Connectivity Broadband Grant Program

State/County: VA/Buchanan, VA/Russell

Congressman: Morgan Griffith (VA-09)

Senators: Tim Kaine, Mark Warner

Recipient: IGo Technology, Inc.

Recipient Contact: Mr. Steven VanDyke

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Project Description: IGo Technology to construct new state of the art Fiber to the Premise (FTTP) facilities in a PFSA located in Buchanan and Russell Counties, Virginia. This will enable customers to receive state of the art broadband service currently unavailable to them, benefiting a community of significant economic need. The proposed area lies within an area designated as Strike Force counties. Residents will also have access to free broadband service at a community center established as part of the project.

People Who Will Benefit: 1,099

Other Funding: Total \$273,754

Project Cost: \$2,098,780

RUS ID: VA1410-A23

## **USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$850,032**

**Program:** Community-Oriented Connectivity Broadband Grant Program

**State/County:** TN/Trousdale

**Congressman:** Diane Black (TN-06)

**Senators:** Lamar Alexander, Bob Corker

**Recipient:** North Central Communications, Inc.

**Recipient Contact:** Mr. Johnny McClanahan, Vice President Finance and Administration

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**Project Description:** North Central Communications (NCC) proposes to construct new state of the art Fiber to the Premise (FTTP) facilities in a PFSA located in the northern portion of Trousdale County, Tennessee. This will enable customers to receive state of the art broadband service currently unavailable to them, benefiting a community of significant economic need. The proposed area lies within an area designated as a Strike Force county. Residents will also have access to free broadband service at a community center established as part of the project.

**People Who Will Benefit:** 838

**Other Funding:** \$150,006

**Total Project Cost:** \$1,000,038

**RUS ID:** TN1405-A23

## USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$2,834,531

**Program:** Community-Oriented Connectivity Broadband Grant Program

**State/County:** MN/Carlton

**Congressman:** Rick Nolan, (MN-08)

**Senators:** Al Franken, Amy Klobuchar

**Recipient:** Northeast Service Cooperative

**Recipient Contact:** Lyle McVey, Chief Technology Officer

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**Project Description:** The Northeast Service Cooperative (NESC) proposes a Fiber-to-the-Home (FTTH) or last mile project on the Fond du Lac Reservation in order to address the lack of broadband availability to the rural population, critical public services and businesses. NESC will partner with the Fond du Lac Band of Superior Chippewa and provide broadband on portions of the Fond du Lac Reservation.

**Update:** This award was transferred to Fond du Lac Band of Ojibway in FY 2016. The project purpose remains intact, with Fond du lac as the recipient of grant funds. Fond du lac continued to work with NESC on the project.

**People Who Will Benefit:** 2,868

**Other Funding:** \$1,103,201

**Total Project Cost:** \$3,935,732

**RUS ID:** MN1402-A23

## USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$2,802,777

**Program:** Community-Oriented Connectivity Broadband Grant Program

**State/County:** MN/St. Louis

**Congressman:** Rick Nolan, (MN-08)

**Senators:** Al Franken, Amy Klobuchar

**Recipient:** Northeast Service Cooperative

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**People Who Will Benefit:**

**Other Funding:**

**Total Project Cost:**

**RUS ID:** **Update:** This award was transferred to Fond du Lac Band of Ojibway in FY 2016. The project purpose remains intact, with Fond du lac as the recipient of grant funds. Fond du lac continued to work with NESC on the project.

  

**People Who Will Benefit:** 1,510

**Other Funding:** \$1,136,854

**Total Project Cost:** \$3,939,631

**RUS ID:** MN1402-B23

## USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$2,993,500

Program:	Community Connect Grants
State/County:	OK/Osage
Congressman:	Lucas, Frank (OK-03)
Senators:	James Inhofe, James Lankford
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Project Description:	<p>Osage Innovative Solutions, LLC will use RUS grant funds to deploy a hybrid Fiber-to-the-Premises and fixed wireless system to provide service in the Gray Horse Proposed Funded Service Area (PFSA) located within the Osage Reservation. Households within the FTTP footprint will be offered service at levels of up 100 Mbps down and 10 Mbps up, while the households located in the less dense portion of the PFSA will be provided service using a fixed wireless system providing speeds of at least 10 Mbps down and 1 Mbps up with plans up to 50 Mbps down and 3 Mbps available. A Community Center will also be established as part of the project, providing free access to computer terminals and WiFi Internet access to the community with extended weekday hours and Saturday hours.</p> <p>All households within the PFSA currently lack access to broadband Internet services, and through this project will gain access to the improved opportunities for economic development, educational benefits, access to advanced health services, and other benefits that come along with high quality Internet access.</p>
People Who Will Benefit:	538
Other Funding: Total	\$449,025
Project Cost:	\$3,442,525
RUS ID:	OK1414-A23



## USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$1,895,000

Program:	Community Connect Grants
State/County:	VA
Congressman:	Griffith, Morgan (VA-09)
Senators:	Tim Kaine (VA), Mark Warner (VA)
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Phone Number:	540-626-7111
Project Description:	<p>Pembroke Telephone Cooperative will provide funds to Southern Rural Giles County Proposed Funded Service Area (PFSA), a sparsely populated area primarily inhabited by farms and rural homesteads. This PFSA is located in southwestern Virginia. Pembroke will construct a Fiber-to-the-Premises system to the approximately 160 households within the PFSA providing speeds at up to 1 Gbps to customers, all of whom presently lack access to broadband service. A community center will also be established where customers can access computer terminals and WiFi service free of charge with extended hours during the week and Saturday hours.</p> <p>This project will provide much needed access to state of the art broadband Internet service, bringing the opportunity to improve economic development in the area, increased educational opportunities, and access to health care and other services that a broadband connection enables.</p>
People Who Will Benefit:	1,013
Other Funding:	\$293,290
Total Project Cost:	\$2,188,290
RUS ID:	VA1411-A23

## **USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$2,986,000**

**Program:** Community-Oriented Connectivity Broadband Grant Program

**State/County:** OK/Pushmataha

**Congressman:** Markwayne Mullin (OK-02)

**Senators:** James Lankford, Jim Inhofe

**Recipient:** Pine Telephone Company

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**Project Description:** Pine Telephone proposes to build a state-of-the-art fiber to the home system deploying initial speeds up to 100 Mbps with the capability of offering IGbps services within the Choctaw Nation Tribal Jurisdiction. Pine Telephone will leverage local resources in the community to deploy the broadband system and staff the Community Center.

**People Who Will Benefit:** 570

**Other Funding:** \$472,110

**Total Project Cost:** \$3,458,110

**RUS ID:** OK1413-A23