

USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$1,558,148.00

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: TN/Coffee

Congressman: Black, Diane (TN 06)

Senators: Alexander, Lamar (TN), Corker, Bob (TN)

Recipient: Ben Lomand Communications, LLC

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Project Description: Ben Lomand Communications will use Community Connect grant funds to construct new state of the art Fiber to the Premise (FTTP) facilities in a service area located in the Pocahontas community in Coffee County, Tennessee. Ben Lomand Communications is a competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC) for the PFSA area. The existing AT&T copper infrastructure is dated. It currently provides telephone service, but broadband is unavailable to residents. The new plant will include 40.96 miles of Outside Plant (OSP) fiber, service drops, Central Office Equipment (COE) and Customer Premises Equipment (CPE). The plant will be provisioned using an Active Ethernet (AE), Fiber to the Premise (FTTP) architecture. Ben Lomand Communications chose this AE FTTP architecture because of proven reliability and because of the high bandwidth and "future proof" nature of such a system. Through this project, 179 establishments will gain access to state of the art broadband services, and the increased access to economic opportunity, educational attainment, health care access, and improved public safety such access provides.

People Who Will Benefit: 1,495

Other Funding: \$274,967

Total Project Cost: \$1,833,115

RUS ID: TN1406-A23

USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$1,838,385

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: OK/Hughes

Congressman: Mullin, Markwayne (OK 02)

Senators: Inhofe, James (OK), Lankford, James (OK)

Recipient: Cherokee Telephone Company

Recipient Contact: Samuel Sanchez, Vice President

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Project Description: Cherokee Telephone Company will utilize Persistent Poverty funds provided by Community Connect to build out a Fiber-to-the-Premises system in an unserved area of Southwestern Hughes County, Oklahoma. This buried fiber optic system will provide access to services of up to 1 Gbps to 45 households that currently lack broadband service. In addition, a community center will be established allowing residents to access computer terminals and WiFi service free of charge for a period of at least two years. Access to this state of the art service will bring much needed economic development, educational, and health care opportunities to this community.

People Who Will Benefit: 110

Other Funding: \$354,916

Total Project Cost: \$2,193,301

RUS ID: OK1415-A51

USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$2,507,984

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: OK/Bryan

Congressman: Mullin, Markwayne (OK 02)

Senators: Inhofe, James (OK), Lankford, James (OK)

Recipient: Cherokee Telephone Company

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Project Description: Cherokee Telephone Company will utilize Persistent Poverty funds provided by Community Connect to build a fiber route to an unserved area in Pushmataha County, Oklahoma, to construct a new communications tower within the service area and to deploy a fixed wireless system operating in both the 900 MHz and 5 GHz unlicensed bands, providing service of at least 10 Mbps down by 1 Mbps up passing the 66 households within the service area. A Community Center will also be established where residents can access the Internet free of charge for at least two years.

People Who Will Benefit: 149

Other Funding: \$492,016

Total Project Cost: \$3,000,000

RUS ID: OK1415-B51

USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$2,374,598

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: MD/Garrett

Congressman: Delaney, John (MD 06)

Senators: Cardin, Benjamin (MD), Van Hollen, Chris (MD)

Recipient: Declaration Networks Group, Inc.

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Project Description: Decralation Networks Group, Inc. will use grant funds provided by Rural Development to construct a fixed wireless network in Garrett County, Maryland. quipment operating in the 5 GHz and TV White Space frequency bands, providing service offerings of up to 20 Mbps/10 Mbps to the 1,319 households and 96 businesses within the proposed service area. A Community Center will be collocated in a Garrett Couny Community Action Committee facility in the area, where residents will be able to access computer terminals and WiFi Internet access free of charge for at least two years. Through this grant, this unserved area will receive access to high quality broadband Internet service, and the improved economic development, educational, health care, and public safety access that allows.

People Who Will Benefit: 3,445

Other Funding: \$356,190

Total Project Cost: \$2,730,788

RUS ID: VA1412-A23

USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$2,109,007

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: MN/Carlton

Congressman: Nolan, Rick (MN 08)

Senators: Franken, Al (MN), Klobuchar, Amy (MN)

Recipient: Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

Recipient Contact:

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Project Description: Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa will use funds provided by Rural Development Community Connect to construct a fiber-to-the-premises system to provide state of the art broadband services to unserved residents and businesses within the Big Lake area of the Fond du Lac Reservation. This will enable the residents of this area to access improved economic development, education, health care, and public safety opportunities. An existing Community Center will receive improved service as a result of this grant, and will make computer terminals and WiFi available for community members free of charge during the grant period.

People Who Will Benefit: 149

Other Funding: \$703,002

Total Project Cost: \$2,812,009

RUS ID: MN1402-C23

USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$2,346,378

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: WA/Mason

Congressman: Kilmer, Derek (WA 06)

Senators: Cantwell, Maria (WA), Murray, Patty (WA)

Recipient: Hood Canal Telephone Co., Inc.

Recipient Contact:

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Project Description: Hood Canal Telephone Co., Inc. d/b/a/ Hood Canal Communications (HCC) will use Community Connect funds to extend facilities to the Upper Lake Cushman area of Mason County. Due to its remote location, this area would be too costly for a private company to expand into without federal grant funds.

This grant would allow HCC to provide advanced broadband services to businesses and residents in the area. The Upper Lake Cushman area of Mason County is an unserved area within the County, with many homes unable to access the internet even with cellular devices or via satellite due to dense forestation and rugged terrain. The Upper Lake Cushman area will be connected using fiber optic technology in order to provide an ultimate infrastructure for the future without the need of ever replacing the core plant facilities due to obsolescence. A Community Center will be established in the PFSA, allowing residents to access broadband services free of charge for at least two years.

People Who Will Benefit: 364

Other Funding: \$351,957

Total Project Cost: \$2,698,335

RUS ID WA1401-B23

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

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: VA/Buchanan

Congressman: Griffith, Morgan (VA 09)

Senators: Kaine, Tim (VA), Warner, Mark (VA)

Recipient: iGo Technology, Inc.

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Project Description: iGo Technology, Inc. will use \$3,000,000 in Rural Development funds to build out a fiber to the premises system passing 676 establishments in an unserved portion of Buchanan County, Virginia, enabling access to state of the art broadband services and enhancing the economic development, educational, health care, and public service opportunities in the area. A Community Center will also be made available to residents of the area where free broadband service can be accessed.

People Who Will Benefit: 1,602

Other Funding: \$450,000

Total Project Cost: \$3,450,000

RUS ID: VA1410-B23

USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$389,589

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: ID/Clearwater

Congressman: Labrador, Raul R. (ID 01)

Senators: Crapo, Mike (ID), Risch, James (ID)

Recipient: Inland Cellular LLC

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Project Description: Inland Cellular LLC will utilize Rural Development's Community Connect grant funding to implement a fixed wireless LTE network in the 3.65 GHz spectrum to provide service in Pierce, Clearwater County, Idaho. A 6 GHz licensed microwave link will be placed to provide connection to Inland Cellular's existing network. The system will cover 266 households and 34 businesses within the service area, providing service offerings of up to 15/3 Mbps. A Community Center with six computer access points and WiFi will be established, and free service will also be offered to the Pierce City Hall, Pierce Library, and Idaho Youth Challenge Academy. Through this investment, residents and businesses in this unserved rural area will gain access to the economic, educational, health care, and public safety opportunities high quality broadband access support.

People Who Will Benefit: 578

Other Funding: Total \$68,751

Project Cost: \$458,340

RUS ID: WA1409-A23

USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$1,309,394

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: WY/Lincoln

Congressman: Cheney, Liz (WY 00)

Senators: Barrasso, John (WY), Enzi, Michael (WY)

Recipient: Millennium Networks, LLC

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Project Description: Millennium Networks, LLC will use \$1,309,394 received in Community Connect grant funding to expand broadband access to a rural, remote Western Wyoming community known as Buffalo Valley, an area encompassing approximately 4,030 acres, and delivers enhanced broadband services to this unserved community of 143 households and 44 businesses. The community will benefit from broadband speeds exceeding the program speeds, via high-speed, reliable broadband network enabling unrestricted access to educational services, medical services and economic opportunities at the best limited, and sometimes unavailable under existing conditions. The expected benefits contribute to a higher quality of life, improving the health, safety, educational and economic opportunities of the entire community. A Community Center will be provided where residents can access the Internet free of charge for at least two years.

People Who Will Benefit: 239

Other Funding: \$224,011

Total Project Cost: \$1,533,405

RUS ID: WY1402-A23

USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$2,836,184

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: TN/Smith, TN/Trousdale

Congressman: Black, Diane (TN 06)

Senators: Alexander, Lamar (TN), Corker, Bob (TN)

Recipient: North Central Communications, Inc.

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Project Description: North Central Communications will use Community Connect funding to construct a Fiber-to-the-Premises (FTTP) system passing 278 unserved households in Trousdale and Smith Counties, in Tennessee. Broadband service is currently unavailable within the service area, causing significant hardship. Many workers have to travel long distances for employment, with no ability to work from home and the lack of quality internet services also depresses the ability of businesses to operate in the service area. Students have to regularly make special trips outside of the area to do required assignments on the Internet. Through this grant, state of the art services will be available to all households and businesses within the service area, increasing economic development, educational, health care, and public safety opportunities within the service area.

People Who Will Benefit: 1,125

Other Funding: \$425,428

Total Project Cost: \$3,261,612

RUS ID: TN1405-B23

USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$2,724,000.00

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: OK/Tulsa

Congressman: Bridenstine, Jim (OK 01)

Senators: Inhofe, James (OK), Lankford, James (OK)

Recipient: Osage Innovative Solutions, LLC dba Tall

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Project Description: Osage Innovative Solutions, LLC will utilize funding provided by Rural Development's Community Connect grant to construct a hybrid fiber-to-the-unserved portion of the Osage Nation in Osage County, Oklahoma. The awardee will offer speeds at up to 100/10Mbps to 139 households and 22 businesses in an economically depressed portion of the Osage Nation in Oklahoma. This project will provide customers with access to high quality telecommunications services which will help to provide improved economic, education, and health care opportunities within the service area. The project will provide a Community Center where residents can access the Internet for free.

People Who Will Benefit: 299

Other Funding: \$410,880

Total Project Cost: \$3,134,880

RUS ID: OK1414-B23

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

Program:	Community Connect Grants
State/County:	VA/Dickenson
Congressman:	Griffith, Morgan (VA 09)
Senators:	Kaine, Tim (VA), Warner, Mark (VA)
Recipient:	Scott County Telephone Cooperative
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Project Description:	<p>Scott County Telephone Cooperative (SCTC) will receive funding to construct a broadband Ethernet Fiber to the Premises network providing access to service at up to one gigabit per second for 603 locations in the Big Ridge community and surrounding area in Dickenson County, Virginia. This broadband service would tremendously benefit the Big Ridge community and surrounding area by improving the quality of life through increased access to economic development, educational, and health care services.</p>
People Who Will Benefit:	1,400
Other Funding:	\$450,000
Total Project Cost:	\$3,450,000
RUS ID:	VA1401-K23

USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$1,320,373

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: ME/Hancock

Congressman: Poliquin, Bruce (ME 02)

Senators: Collins, Susan (ME), King, Angus (ME)

Recipient: Town of Cranberry Isles

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Project Description: The Town of Cranberry Isles will use funding from the Community Connect grant to construct a combination fiber-to-the-premises (FTTP) and fixed wireless system providing service to the unserved islands of Great Cranberry, Isleford (FTTP service) and Sutton (fixed wireless), Maine. Approximately 141 year-round residents will benefit from the funded system, though in the summer population increases to 1,260. The proposed system will bring increased economic, educational, and health care opportunities to the island. Residents will be able to access a Community Center with internet service for a period of at least two years.

People Who Will Benefit: 141

Other Funding: \$233,007

Total Project Cost: \$1,553,380

RUS ID: ME1403-A23

USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$2,049,500

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: OK/Choctaw

Congressman: Mullin, Markwayne (OK 02)

Senators: Inhofe, James (OK), Lankford, James (OK)

Recipient: Valliant Telephone Company, Inc

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Project Description: Valliant Telephone will utilize \$2,049,500 provided by Rural Development Community Connect grants to construct a hybrid fiber and fixed wireless system to provide advanced broadband services at rates of up to 1 Gbps in the Choctaw Nation service area. This will allow a currently unserved area to receive advanced services, which will allow for increased economic development, educational, health care, and public safety opportunities. A Community Center will also be established within the area which will allow residents to access, free of charge, computer terminals and WiFi service, for a period of at least two years.

People Who Will Benefit: 351

Other Funding: \$331,150

Total Project Cost: \$2,380,650

RUS ID: OK1412-B23