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)  
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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 Premise 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
Mailing Address: 403 N Service Road Calera, OK 74730
Phone Number: 580-434-5375
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**

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<td>Project Description:</td>
<td>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.</td>
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USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.
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.
Recipient Contact: Bob Nichols
Mailing Address: 1950 Old Gallows Road, Suite 201 Vienna, VA 22182
Email Address: bob@declarationnetworks.com
Phone Number: 202-251-8799
Project Description: Declaration Networks Group, Inc. will use grant funds provided by Rural Development to construct a fixed wireless network in Garrett County, Maryland. Equipment 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 County 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
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: 1720 Big Lake Road Cloquet, MN 55720
Phone Number: 218-878-2625
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: P. O. Box 249 Union, WA 98592
Phone Number: 360-898-2481
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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Phone Number: 276-935-8307

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
Recipient Contact: Mike Bly
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Email Address: mikeb@inlandcell.com
Phone Number: 208-798-0245
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
Recipient Contact: Michelle Motzkus
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Email Address: mamotzkus@silverstar.net
Phone Number: 307-883-6690
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.
Recipient Contact: Mr. Johnny McClanahan
Mailing Address: P O Box 70 Lafayette, TN 37083
Email Address: johnny.mcclanahan@nctc.com
Phone Number: 615-666-2151
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
Recipient Contact: Tony Whitehorn
Mailing Address: 4500 S. 129thE. Ave. Tulsa, OK 74134
Email Address: twhitehorn@tallgrass-osage.com
Phone Number: 918-645-5466
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
Recipient Contact: Bill Franklin, CEO
Mailing Address: P. O. Box 487 Gate City, VA 24251
Email Address: billfranklin@sctc.org
Phone Number: 276-452-7201
Project Description: 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.

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
Recipient Contact: James Fortune
Mailing Address:  P. O. Box 56  Town of Cranberry Isles, ME 04646
Email Address:    james@cranberryisles-me.gov
Phone Number:     207-244-4475
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**

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<td>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.</td>
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**People Who Will Benefit:** 351  
**Other Funding:** $331,150  
**Total Project Cost:** $2,380,650  
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