

USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$2,520,874

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: LA/Natchitoches

Congressman: John C. Fleming, (LA-004)-project; Vance McAllister, (LA-005)-awardee

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Project Description: Nexus Systems, Inc will utilize Community Connect grant funds to provide the PSFA of Powhatan Louisiana with a high speed broadband fiber optics link. The fiber link will have a fiber count of 218 linking from Powhatan north and west to Mansfield and continuing north to the regional fiber hub in Shreveport Louisiana. The entities in the PSFA will be connected to the fiber system via a microwave tower which will provide a minimum of five Mbps for subscribers with up to 14 Mbps per user if desired in the future. Critical facilities can be directly connected to the fiber backbone. This infrastructure will be a robust broadband network to serve the PSFA of Powhatan Louisiana that is located in the sparsely populated, chronic economically challenged and persistent poverty Parish of Natchitoches Louisiana.

People Who Will Benefit: 292

Other Funding: \$457,268

Total Project Cost: \$2,978,142

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