

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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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

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State/County: MN/St. Louis

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Senators: Al Franken, Amy Klobuchar

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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 \$2,109,007

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:

Mailing Address: 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 \$2,147,863

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: MN/Crow Wing, MN/Todd

Congressman: Nolan, Rick (MN 08), Peterson, Collin C. (MN 07)

Senators: Klobuchar, Amy (MN), Smith, Tina (MN)

Recipient: Consolidated Telephone Company

Recipient Contact: Kristi Westbrook

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Project Description: The Consolidated Telephone Company (CTC) will utilize funds provided by Community Connect to construct a fiber to the home broadband system providing state of the art services to 250 households and 8 in and around Moran Township, Todd County, Minnesota. A community center will also be located within the Moran Township Town Hall where residents can access two computer terminals and WiFi, free of charge. This project will allow the residents and businesses in this area to access high quality voice and broadband services so that they may be better able to access the economic, health care, educational, and quality of life opportunities such services enable. CTC, headquartered in Brainerd, Crow Wing County, Minnesota provides advanced telecommunications services to 10 exchanges in Minnesota as the incumbent local exchange carrier and also provides services as a competitive local exchange carrier in numerous areas surrounding their ILEC exchanges with a total of approximately 13,000 customers.

People Who Will Benefit: 1,519

Other Funding: \$379,035

Total Project Cost: \$2,526,898

RUS ID: MN1403-A23

USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$1,953,464

Program:	Community Connect Grants
State/County	MN/Aitkin
Congressman:	Stauber, Pete (MN 08)
Senators:	Klobuchar, Amy (MN), Smith, Tina (MN)
Recipient:	Mille Lacs Energy Coop
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Phone Number:	218-927-8227
Project Description:	<p>Mille Lacs Energy Coop will utilize funding from Community Connect to construct a Fiber-to-the-Premises network to 235 establishments in portions of Rice River Township and Spaulding Township in Aitkin County, Minnesota. This includes tribal land and facilities of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative, located in Aitkin, Aitkin County, Minnesota, will construct a broadband network to support service at levels up to 1 Gbps for each subscriber. This broadband network will assist in economic and business development as well as telehealth and educational improvements.</p>
People Who Will Benefit:	444
Additional Funding:	\$344,729
Total Project Cost:	\$2,298,193
RUS ID:	MN1404-A23