

## **USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$655,796**

**Program:** Community Connect Grants

**State/County:** OK/Grady

**Congressman:** OK-04 (project); OK-04 (awardee)

**Senators:**

**Recipient:** Medicine Park Telephone Company

**Recipient Contact:** Dustin Hiliary

**Mailing Address:**

**Email Address:**

**Phone Number:** 580-529-2700

**Project Description** Medicine Park Telephone Company (Medicine Park) will utilize RUS grant funding to deploy wireless broadband service to the Agawam area. Through this project residents will be able to enjoy speeds of up to 20 Mbps from their homes, while business customers will be able to access up to 100 Mbps service. The project will also deploy voice service to the entire area. With the severe weather in Oklahoma, constant communication with local TV stations via the Internet is vital. Medicine Park will also offer a "Lifeline" type service for broadband to those who meet the same qualifications as the FCC Telephone Lifeline Service.

**People Who Will Benefit:** 1,150

**Total Project Cost:** \$655,796

**RUS ID:** OK1410-A23

## **USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$1,473,767**

**Program:** Community Connect Grants

**State/County:** OK/Kamanche and Kiowa

**Congressman:** OK-04 (project); OK-04 (awardee)

**Senators:**

**Recipient:** Medicine Park Telephone Company

**Recipient Contact:** Dustin Hiliary

**Mailing Address:**

**Email Address:**

**Phone Number:** 580-529-2700

**Project Description:** Medicine Park Telephone Company (Medicine Park) will utilize RUS Community Connect grant funding to deploy advanced Fiber-to-the-Home service. Residential customers will be able to receive service with speeds up to 100 Mbps from their homes, while business customer will have access up to 1 Gig. The project will also provide voice service and cable TV service. With the severe weather in Oklahoma, constant communication with local TV stations via cable and the Internet is vital. Medicine Park will also offer a "Lifeline" type service for broadband to those who meet the same qualifications as the FCC Telephone Lifeline Service.

**People Who Will Benefit:** 425

**Total Project Cost:** \$1,473,767

**RUS ID:** OK1410-B23

## **USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$933,000**

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: OK/Grady

Congressman: OK-04 (project); OK-04 (awardee)

Senators:

Recipient: Medicine Park Telephone Company

Recipient Contact: Dustin Hiliary

Mailing Address:

Email Address:

Phone Number: 580-529-2700

Project Description: Medicine Park Telephone Company (Medicine Park) will utilize RUS grant funding to deploy advanced Fiber-to-the-Home service to the Acme area. The service area is located in the Rush Springs Sandstone Mountains in southwestern Oklahoma. Through this project residential customers will be able to enjoy speeds of up to 100 Mbps from their homes, while business customers will have access to speeds of up to 1 Gig service, if needed. The project will also deploy voice and video service to the entire service area. Medicine Park will also offer a "Lifeline" type service for broadband to those who meet the same qualifications as the FCC Telephone Lifeline Service. The project will provide free service at the Broadband Grant Speed of 5 Mbps (upload and download speeds combined) to all Critical Community Facilities, including a fire station, sheriff's office and school.

People Who Will Benefit: 1,122

Total Project Cost: \$933,000

RUS ID: OK1410-C23

## **USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$728,662**

**Program:** Community Connect Grants

**State/County:** OK/Cotton

**Congressman:** OK-04 (project); OK-04 (awardee)

**Senators:**

**Recipient:** Medicine Park Telephone Company

**Recipient Contact:** Dustin Hiliary

**Mailing Address:**

**Email Address:**

**Phone Number:** 580-529-2700

**Project Description:** Medicine Park Telephone Company (Medicine Park) will utilize RUS grant funding to deploy advanced Fiber-to-the-Home service to the Cookietown area. The service area is located in the southern portion of the Wichita Mountains in Southwestern Oklahoma. Residential customer will be able to receive service with speeds up to 100 Mbps from their homes, while business customer will have access up to 1 Gig. The project will also provide voice service and cable TV service. Medicine Park will also offer a "Lifeline" type service for broadband to those who meet the same qualifications as the FCC Telephone Lifeline Service. The project will provide service at the Broadband Grant Speed of 5 Mbps (upload and download speeds combined) for free for two years to all Critical Community Facilities in the service area.

**People Who Will Benefit:** 643

**Total Project Cost:** \$728,662

**RUS ID:** OK1410-D23

## **USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$412,529**

**Program:** Community Connect Grants

**State/County:** OK/McCurtain

**Congressman:** Mullin, OK-02

**Senators:** Inhofe and Coburn

**Recipient:** Valliant Telephone Company, Inc.

**Recipient Contact:** Mr. Tommy Dorries, Vice President

**Mailing Address:** 100 East Wilson Valliant, Oklahoma 74764

**Email Address:** telephon@valliant.net

**Phone Number:** 580-933-4400

**Project Description:** Valliant Telephone Company, Inc. will utilize Rural Development funds to deploy advanced fixed wireless internet service to the entire Proposed Funded Service Area. Residential & Business customers can enjoy speeds up to 10 Mbps. Garvin, once a small timber town in McCurtain County, OK, was originally home to the Choctaw nation. Garvin also suffers from the lack of modern telephone communications services. There is no reliable wireless cellular phone service in the area which compounds the difficulty in responding to Public Safety issues. A remote and rural area such as Garvin is often threatened with severe weather conditions, drought, and other natural disasters. Through funding provided by a Community Connect Broadband Grant, the community's fire and rescue personnel would have the ability to receive virtual real-time warnings as well as bringing online educational and work from home opportunities to all citizens. Broadband services would bridge the digital divide between Garvin and the surrounding communities. The community center and all critical community facilities will receive free broadband internet access for 2 years.

**People Who Will Benefit:** 683

**Other Funding:** \$57,354

**Total Project Cost:** \$469,883

**RUS ID:** OK1412-A23

## USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$1,471,676

**Program:** Community Connect Grants

**State/County:** OK/Seminole

**Congressman:** OK-05

**Senators:**

**Recipient:** @Link Services, LLC.

**Recipient Contact:** Ms. Kerry Conn, Managing Member

**Mailing Address:**

**Email Address:**

**Phone Number:** 405-343-8232

**Project Description:** @Link Services, LLC will utilize Community Connect grant funding to provide broadband at speeds surpassing those required by the RUS Community Connect Grant program to all homes, businesses, and critical community facilities in the Seminole County Proposed Funded Service Area. The proposal will provide a free community center that will be open to the public, accessible on weekends and outside normal business hours. The center will be proctored by trained, knowledgeable staff that will be able to assist and train guests of the center. The project will connect the existing @Link network that currently service approximately 10,000 subscribers to two communications towers constructed in and near the PFSA.

**People Who Will Benefit:** 279

**Total Project Cost:** \$1,471,676

**RUS ID:** OK1408-D23

## **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

**Recipient Contact:** Mr. Lee Brown, CTO

**Mailing Address:** 210 West 2nd Street Broken Bow, Oklahoma 74728

**Email Address:** leebrown@pine-net.com

**Phone Number:** 580-584-3300

**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

## 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
Recipient:	Osage Innovative Solutions, LLC
Recipient Contact:	Jill Jones
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Email Address:	jjones@tallgrass-osage.com
Phone Number:	918-645-5466
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 \$1,838,385**

**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**

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: OK/Bryan

Congressman: Mullin, Markwayne (OK 02)

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

Recipient: Cherokee Telephone Company

Recipient Contact: Samuel Sanchez

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Phone Number: 580-434-5375

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 \$2,049,500

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

Recipient Contact: Tommy Dorries

Mailing Address: 100 East Wilson Valliant, OK 74764

Phone Number: 405-843-9966

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

**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

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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 \$2,987,850**

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: OK/Le Flore, OK/Bryan

Congressman: Mullin, Markwayne (OK 02)

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

Recipient: Choctaw Nation

Recipient Contact: Dara McCoy

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1210 Durant, OK 74702

Email Address: [grants@choctawnation.com](mailto:grants@choctawnation.com)

Phone Number: 580-924-8280

Project Description: Choctaw Nation will utilize funds from Rural Development to construct a hybrid fiber-to-the-home and fixed wireless system on unserved portions of the Choctaw Nation and the Hodgen, Le Flore County, Oklahoma service area, passing approximately 300 households and 15 businesses. All customers will receive at least 25 Mbps/3 Mbps data service with service tiers up to 1 Gbps/100 Gbps available on the FTTH system. This project will increase access to high quality broadband Internet service, increase economic development, health care, educational, and public safety opportunities for this unserved community. The project will also deploy a Community Center in the Hodgen School, where members of the community can access computer terminals and WiFi service, free of charge. The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, headquartered in Durant, Bryan County, Oklahoma, is a sovereign tribal government covering approximately 10,613 square miles in Southeastern Oklahoma.

People Who Will Benefit: 1,515

Other Funding: \$450,000

Total Project Cost: \$3,437,850

RUS ID: OK1416-A23

## USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$2,128,950

**Program:** Community Connect Grants

**State/County:** OK/McCurtain, OK/Pushmataha

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

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

**Recipient:** Pine Telephone Company

**Recipient Contact:** Lee Brown

**Mailing Address:** 210 W 2nd St Broken Bow, OK 74728

**Email Address:** leebrown@pine-net.com

**Phone Number:** 580-584-3300

**Project Description:** Pine Telephone Company (Pine) will utilize funding provided by Community Connect to construct a fiber to the home broadband system providing state of the art services to 163 households in 16 businesses in Moyers, Pushmataha County, Oklahoma. A community center will also be established within the service area, where residents can access computer terminals and WiFi, free of charge. This project will allow the residents and businesses in this area to access high quality voice, video, 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. Pine headquartered in Broken Bow, McCurtain, Oklahoma provides advanced telecommunications services to 5 exchanges in Southeastern Oklahoma as the incumbent local exchange carrier and also provides services as a competitive local exchange carrier in several areas surrounding their ILEC exchanges with a total of approximately 4,500 customers.

**People Who Will Benefit:** 381

**Other Funding:** \$340,400

**Total Project Cost:** \$2,469,350

**RUS ID:** OK1413-B23

## USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$1,391,949

**Program:** Community Connect Grants

**State/County:** OK/McCurtain, OK/Pushmataha

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

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

**Recipient:** Pine Telephone Company

**Recipient Contact:** Lee Brown

**Mailing Address:** 210 W 2nd St Broken Bow, OK 74728

**Email Address:** leebrown@pine-net.com

**Phone Number:** 580-584-3300

**Project Description:** Pine Telephone Company (Pine) will utilize funding provided by Community Connect to construct a fiber to the home broadband system providing state of the art services to 163 households in 16 businesses in the Cloudy/Little River Range, Pushmataha County, Oklahoma area. A community center will also be established within the service area, where residents can access computer terminals and WiFi, free of charge.

This project will allow the residents and businesses in this area to access high quality voice, video, 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. Pine headquartered in Broken Bow, McCurtain, Oklahoma provides advanced telecommunications services to 5 exchanges in Southeastern Oklahoma as the incumbent local exchange carrier and also provides services as a competitive local exchange carrier in several areas surrounding their ILEC exchanges with a total of approximately 4,500 customers.

**People Who Will Benefit:** 247

**Other Funding:** \$265,400

**Total Project Cost:** \$1,657,349

**RUS ID:** OK1413-C23

**USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$2,528,001.00**

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: OK/McCurtain, OK/Pushmataha

Congressman: Mullin, Markwayne (OK 02)

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

Recipient: Pine Telephone Company

Recipient Contact: Lee Brown

Mailing Address: 210 W 2nd St Broken Bow, OK 74728

Email Address: leebrown@pine-net.com

Phone Number: 580-584-3300

Project Description: Pine Telephone Company (Pine) will use grant funding provided by Community Connect to construct a fiber to the home broadband system providing state of the art services to 167 households in 6 businesses in the Snow/Finley, Pushmataha County, Oklahoma area. A community center will also be established within the service area, where residents can access computer terminals and WiFi, free of charge. This project will allow the residents and businesses in this area to access high quality voice, video, 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. Pine, headquartered in Broken Bow, McCurtain, Oklahoma provides advanced telecommunications services to 5 exchanges in Southeastern Oklahoma as the incumbent local exchange carrier and also provides services as a competitive local exchange carrier in several areas surrounding their ILEC exchanges with a total of approximately 4,500 customers.

People Who Will Benefit: 374

Other Funding: \$450,400

Total Project Cost: \$2,978,401

RUS ID: OK1413-D23



## **USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$845,400**

**Program:** Community Connect Grants

**State/County:** OK/Pushmataha, OK/Le Flore

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

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

**Recipient:** Oklahoma Western Telephone Company

**Recipient Contact:** Dustin Hillary

**Mailing Address:** 102 E Choctaw Street Clayton, OK 74536

**Email Address:** dustin.hillary@hillcom.net

**Phone Number:** 580-529-2700

**Project Description:** Oklahoma Western Telephone Company will use funding provided by Community Connect to construct a 11.2 mile Fiber-s located in the LeFlore County, Oklahoma service area. This network will support service at levels up to 1 Gbps for each subscriber. This broadband network will provide significant benefits to LeFlore County by improving their economy, educational access and quality of life. A community center will be provided where residents can access the internet free of charge for at least two years.

**People Who Will Benefit:** 297

**Other Funding:** \$164,000

**Total Project Cost:** \$1,009,400

**RUS ID:** OK1417-A23

## **USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$2,643,900**

**Program:** Community Connect Grants

**State/County:** OK/McCurtain

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

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

**Recipient:** Pine Cellular Phones, Inc.

**Recipient Contact:** John Callaham

**Mailing Address:** 210 N Park Dr. Broken Bow, OK 74728

**Email Address: '** johncallaham@pine-net.com

**Phone Number:** 580-584-4100

**Project Description:** Pine Cellular Phones, Inc. will utilize Persistent Poverty funds to finance a Community Connect grant of \$2,643,900 to construct a 21 mile Fiber-to-the-Premises network passing 153 households and four businesses located in the Divide, Pushmataha County, Oklahoma service area. This network will support service at levels up to one gigabit per second for each subscriber. This broadband network will provide significant benefits to the service area by improving their economy, educational access and quality of life. A community center will be provided in an existing building where residents can access the Internet free of charge for at least two years.

**People Who Will Benefit:** 367

**Additional Funding:** Applicant Contribution: \$408,400

**Total Project Cost:** \$3,052,300

**RUS ID:** OK1419-A51

## **USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$2,544,250**

**Program:** Community Connect Grants

**State/County:** OK/McCurtain

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

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

**Recipient:** Pine Telephone Company, Inc.

**Recipient Contact:** Jerry Whisenhunt

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**Phone Number:** 580-584-3355

**Project Description:** Pine Telephone Company, Inc. will utilize Persistent Poverty funds to finance a Community Connect grant of \$2,544,250 to construct a 32 mile Fiber-to-the-Premises network passing 168 households and eight businesses located in McCurtain County, Oklahoma service area. This network will support service at levels up to one gigabit per second for each subscriber. This broadband network will provide significant benefits to McCurtain County by improving their economy, educational access and quality of life. A community center will be provided where residents can access the Internet free of charge for at least two years.

**People Who Will Benefit:** 416

**Additional Funding:** \$394,400

**Total Project Cost:** \$2,938,650

**RUS ID:** OK1413-E51