

USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$2,546,393

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: TN/Hawkins

Congressman: TN-01 (project); VA-09 (awardee)

Senators:

Recipient: Scott County Telephone Cooperative

Recipient Contact: William Franklin

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Project Description: Scott County Telephone Cooperative will utilize RUS grant funding to construct a broadband IP Ethernet network with one gigabyte of bandwidth for locations throughout Stanley Valley, Tennessee. The system will tremendously benefit the community by boosting the local economy and promoting long term economic development. All Critical Community Facilities in the service area will receive free service at the Broadband Grant Speed of 5 Mbps (upload and download speeds combined) for two years and a community center will be established in the community where local residents will also have access to free service for at least two years.

People Who Will Benefit: 1,611

Total Project Cost: \$2,546,393

RUS ID: VA1401-F23

USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$571,613

Program: Community-Oriented Connectivity Broadband Grant Program

State/County: TN/Grundy, TN/Marion

Congressman: Scott Dejarlais (TN-04)

Senators: Lamar Alexander, Bob Corker

Recipient: Ben Lomand Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Recipient Contact: Mrs. Lisa Cope, General Manager

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Project Description: Ben Lomand Rural Telephone Cooperative desires to deploy their advanced high speed broadband network to the residents of the Palmer Mountain community in Grundy County, Tennessee and the Greentown community in Marion County, Tennessee. Grundy County, Tennessee has been designated by the USDA as a “Strike Force Persistent Poverty” county. Although the small communities of Palmer Mountain and Greentown are currently served by the Company’s copper network, the residents are limited in their service offerings due to the physical constraints inherent in the existing network only allowing data speeds of approximately 1.5Mbps downstream and 768 Kbps upstream. The communities are situated in the rugged terrain of a remote location approximately 20 miles from the nearest city. Through this project, residents will gain access to improved service at levels of up to 1 Gbps over the proposed Fiber-to-the-Premises network. Residents will also have access to broadband service, free of charge, at a new community center established as part of the project.

People Who Will Benefit: 322

Other Funding: \$114,760

Total Project Cost: \$686,373

RUS ID: TN1403-A23

USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$723,593

Program: Community-Oriented Connectivity Broadband Grant Program

State/County: TN/Morgan

Congressman: Chuck Fleischmann (TN-03)

Senators: Lamar Alexander, Bob Corker

Recipient: Highland Communications, LLC.

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Project Description: Highland Communications proposes to construct new state of the art Fiber to the Premise (FTTP) facilities in a PFSA located in the southern end of Morgan County, Tennessee. This will enable customers to receive state of the art broadband service currently unavailable to them, benefiting a community of significant economic need. The proposed area lies within an area designated as a Strike Force county. Residents will also have access to free broadband service at a community center established as part of the project.

People Who Will Benefit: 1,549

Other Funding: \$157,794

Total Project Cost: \$881,387

RUS ID: TN1404-A23

USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$850,032

Program: Community-Oriented Connectivity Broadband Grant Program

State/County: TN/Trousdale

Congressman: Diane Black (TN-06)

Senators: Lamar Alexander, Bob Corker

Recipient: North Central Communications, Inc.

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Project Description: North Central Communications (NCC) proposes to construct new state of the art Fiber to the Premise (FTTP) facilities in a PFSA located in the northern portion of Trousdale County, Tennessee. This will enable customers to receive state of the art broadband service currently unavailable to them, benefiting a community of significant economic need. The proposed area lies within an area designated as a Strike Force county. Residents will also have access to free broadband service at a community center established as part of the project.

People Who Will Benefit: 838

Other Funding: \$150,006

Total Project Cost: \$1,000,038

RUS ID: TN1405-A23

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 \$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 \$1,813,443

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: TN/Marion, TN/Franklin, TN/Warren

Congressman: DesJarlais, Scott (TN 04)

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

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Project Description: Ben Lomand Communications , LLC (Ben Lomand) will utilize Community Connect grant funding to construct new state of the art Fiber to the Premises (FTTP) facilities to facilitate offering high speed broadband, voice, and video in a service area remotely located at the northernmost adjoining borders of Franklin and Marion Counties in Tennessee. Ben Lomand, headquartered in McMinnville, Warren County, Tennessee, is a competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC) for the PFSA area. Through this grant, state of the art voice, video, and data services will be available to all 265 households within the service area, bringing positive economic benefits to all by increasing educational, health care, and public safety opportunities and facilitating 21st century lifestyles within the community. A community center will also be established within the service area where residents can access computer terminals and WiFi free of charge for at least two years.

People Who Will Benefit: 1,044

Other Funding: \$320,021

Total Project Cost: \$2,133,464

RUS ID: TN1406-B23