

USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$3,000,000.00

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: VA/Buchanan

Congressman: Griffith, Morgan (VA 09)

Senators: Warner, Mark (VA), Kaine, Tim (VA)

Recipient: iGo Technology, Inc.

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Project Description: iGo Technology, Inc. recieved \$3,000,000 from Community Connect to extend their existing 2016/2017 Community Connect grants to enhance broadband opportunities to an additional 820 homes and businesses. Central Appalachia and southwest Virginia is beautiful but has a rugged mountainous terrain which causes unique challenges when installing infrastructure. The people of the area have struggled for decades because of a century-old reliance on coal as an economic driver. Average household incomes are far below the national average and even farther below wages offered in other parts of Virginia. This investment in broadband infrastructure will in turn increase opportunities for employment, education, and services along these rural communities located in far southwest Virginia in the Appalachian Mountains. The Bee Community Center will used to fulfill the grant's purpose.

People Who Will Benefit: 1,941

Additional Funding: Applicant Contribution: \$450,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$3,450,000.00

RUS ID: VA1410-C23

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Project Description: This Rural Development investment will be used to construct a 56-mile Fiber-to-the-Premises system to benefit 887 residents and 7 businesses in the Washington County, Virginia service area. Subscribers will have access to service up to 1Gbps, expanding access to economic, educational, health care, and public safety opportunities. 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: 887

Additional Funding: Applicant Contribution: \$427,500.00. Contribution from Washington County, Virginia: \$22,500.00

Total Project Cost: \$3,450,000.00

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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
Additional Funding: Applicant Contribution: \$450,000.00
Total Project Cost: \$3,450,000.00
RUS ID: VA1410-B23

USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$1,825,026.00

Program: Community Connect Grants
State/County: VA/Buchanan, VA/Russell
Congressman: Griffith, Morgan (VA 09)
Senators: Warner, Mark (VA), Kaine, Tim (VA)
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Project Description: IGo Technology to construct new state of the art Fiber to the Premise (FTTP) facilities in a PFSA located in Buchanan and Russell Counties, Virginia. 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 Strike Force counties. Residents will also have access to free broadband service at a community center established as part of the project.

People Who Will Benefit: 1,099
Additional Funding: Applicant Contribution: \$273,754.00
Total Project Cost: \$2,098,780.00
RUS ID: VA1410-A23

USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$1,204,502.00

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: VA/Giles

Congressman: Griffith, Morgan (VA 09)

Senators: Warner, Mark (VA), Kaine, Tim (VA)

Recipient: Pembroke Telephone Cooperative

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Project Description: This Rural Development investment will be used to construct a 20.5-mile Fiber-to-the-Premises system to benefit 311 residents and 1 business in the Springdale, Giles County, Virginia service area. Subscribers will have access to service up to 1 Gbps, expanding access to economic, educational, health care, and public safety opportunities. 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: 311

Additional Funding: Applicant Contribution: \$180,800.00

Total Project Cost: \$1,385,302.00

RUS ID: VA1411-B23

USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$1,895,000.00

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: VA/Giles

Congressman: Griffith, Morgan (VA 09)

Senators: Warner, Mark (VA), Kaine, Tim (VA)

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Project Description: Pembroke Telephone Cooperative will provide funds to Southern Rural Giles County Proposed Funded Service Area (PFSA), a sparsely populated area primarily inhabited by farms and rural homesteads. This PFSA is located in southwestern Virginia. Pembroke will construct a Fiber-to-the-Premises system to the approximately 160 households within the PFSA providing speeds at up to 1 Gbps to customers, all of whom presently lack access to broadband service. A community center will also be established where customers can access computer terminals and WiFi service free of charge with extended hours during the week and Saturday hours. This project will provide much needed access to state of the art broadband Internet service, bringing the opportunity to improve economic development in the area, increased educational opportunities, and access to health care and other services that a broadband connection enables.

People Who Will Benefit: 1,013

Additional Funding: Applicant Contribution: \$293,290.00

Total Project Cost: \$2,188,290.00

RUS ID: VA1411-A23

USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$3,000,000.00

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: VA/Scott

Congressman: Griffith, Morgan (VA 09)

Senators: Warner, Mark (VA), Kaine, Tim (VA)

Recipient: Scott County Telephone Cooperative, Inc

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Project Description: Scott County Telephone Cooperative will utilize grant funding provided by Community Connect to construct a Fiber-to-the-Premise over-lash to upgrade its current broadband infrastructure in the Dungannon area of Scott County, Virginia where there is not 10/1 Mbps service available. The proposed project upgrade will provide 592 customers a more robust broadband infrastructure with greater reliability and higher networking speeds of up to 1 Gig to each location. This development will promote health care facilities and the County Government to consider locating in this community. With more robust infrastructure in place, more businesses may now consider locating to this area which should create jobs and promote economic development.

People Who Will Benefit: 592

Additional Funding: Applicant Contribution: \$450,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$3,450,000.00

RUS ID: VA1401-M23

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State/County: VA/Scott

Congressman: Griffith, Morgan (VA 09)

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Project Description: Scott County Telephone Cooperative (SCTC) will utilize funding provided by Community Connect to construct a Fiber-to-the-home broadband system providing state-of-the-art services to 554 households and 20 businesses in the Nickelsville, Scott County, Virginia area. A Community Center will also be established 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. SCTC, headquartered in Gate City, Scott County, Virginia provides advanced telecommunications services to 6 exchanges in Southwestern Virginia as the incumbent local exchange carrier, providing service to approximately 4,900 customers. SCTC also provides services as a competitive local exchange carrier in several other southwestern Virginia counties.

People Who Will Benefit: 1,125

Additional Funding: Applicant Contribution: \$450,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$3,450,000.00

RUS ID: VA1401-L23

USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$3,000,000.00

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: VA/Dickenson

Congressman: Griffith, Morgan (VA 09)

Senators: Warner, Mark (VA), Kaine, Tim (VA)

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Project Description: Scott County Telephone Cooperative will receive funding to construct a broadband Ethernet Fiber-to-the-Premises network providing access to service at up to 1 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

Additional Funding: Applicant Contribution: \$450,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$3,450,000.00

RUS ID: VA1401-K23

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State/County: VA/Dickenson

Congressman: Griffith, Morgan (VA 09)

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Project Description: Scott County Telephone Cooperative, Inc. will utilize \$3,000,000 in Community Connect grant funds to construct a broadband IP Ethernet network with 1 gigabyte of bandwidth for 512 locations in Caney Ridge and surrounding area in Dickenson County, Virginia. This broadband service would tremendously benefit the Caney Ridge and surrounding area by boosting their economy and help promote economic development.

People Who Will Benefit: 2,061

Additional Funding: Applicant Contribution: \$450,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$3,450,000.00

RUS ID: VA1401-G23