

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

Program:	Community Connect Grants
State/County:	WV/Upshur, WV/Randolph, WV/Barbour
Congressman:	McKinley, David (WV-01), Mooney, Alex (WV-02)
Senators:	Shelley Capito, Joe Manchin
Recipient:	Central West Virginia Development Association
Recipient Contact:	Robert Hinton
Mailing Address:	30 East Main Street Buckhannon, WV 26201
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Phone Number:	304-472-1757
Project Description:	<p>The Central West Virginia Development Association proposes to provide wireless broadband service to over 3,680 households, businesses and critical community facilities in Barbour, Randolph, and Upshur Counties of north-central West Virginia. These areas currently do not have service. By providing broadband service to these areas, the CWVDA will provide an environment that fosters economic growth and delivers enhanced educational, health care, and public safety services to north-central West Virginia.</p> <p>The system deployed will be based fixed wireless service operating in several frequency bands. The system will have the capability of delivering at least 10 Mbps down and 1 Mbps up to all customers in the PFSA.</p>
People Who Will Benefit:	12,944
Other Funding:	\$450,000.00
Total Project Cost:	\$3,450,000.00
RUS ID:	WV1406-A23

## **USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$1,960,000**

**Program:** Community Connect Grants

**State/County:** WV/Monongalia

**Congressman:** McKinley, David (WV 01)

**Senators:** Capito, Shelley (WV), Manchin, Joe (WV)

**Recipient:** ClearFiber, Inc.

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**Project Description:** ClearFiber, Inc. will construct a fiber-to-the- premises network to 2,308 households in portions of Monongalia and Marion counties in West Virginia with grant funding provided by Rural Development Community Connect. ClearFiber, located in Morgantown, Monongalia County, West Virginia, will construct a broadband network in an area with no access or limited access to the internet. This new broadband network will support service at levels up to 1 Gbps for each subscriber. This broadband network will assist in economic, educational, and healthcare challenges.

**People Who Will Benefit:** 2,308

**Additional Funding:** \$294,000

**Total Project Cost:** \$2,254,000

**RUS ID:** WV1407-A23

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

**Program:** Community Connect Grants

**State/County:** WV/Hardy

**Congressman:** Mooney, Alex (WV 02)

**Senators:** Capito, Shelley (WV), Manchin, Joe (WV)

**Recipient:** Hardy Telecommunications, Inc

**Recipient Contact:** David Sherman

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**Project Description:** Hardy Telecommunications, Inc. will utilize grant funding provided by Community Connect to construct a 56 mile Fiber to-the-Premises network passing 600 establishments located in the Carpers Pike, Hampshire County, West Virginia 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 residents of the service area by improving their economic, educational access and quality of life. A community center will be established in a facility within the proposed funding service area, where residents can access the Internet free of charge for at least two years.

**People Who Will Benefit:** 1,880

**Other Funding:** \$454,997

**Total Project Cost:** \$3,454,997

**RUS ID:** WV1409-A23

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

**Program:** Community Connect Grants

**State/County:** WV/Preston

**Congressman:** McKinley, David (WV 01)

**Senators:** Capito, Shelley (WV), Manchin, Joe (WV)

**Recipient:** Preston County Economic Development Authority

**Recipient Contact:** Roberta Baylor

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**Project Description:** Preston County Economic Development Authority will utilize a Community Connect grant of \$3,000,000 to construct a 83.4 mile Fiber-to-the-Premises network in northern Preston County , West Virginia. The proposed area has a population of 3,545 and the system passes 1,337 households. The service area includes the towns of Clifton Mills, Hazelton, Lenox, and Cuzzart. This network will provide broadband speeds starting at 25 Mbps and going up to 2 Gbps . This project will provide broadband service that fosters economic growth and deliver enhanced educational, healthcare, and public safety services to rural customers. A Community Center will be provided where residents can access the Internet free of charge for at least two years.

**People Who Will Benefit:** 3,545

**Additional Funding:** \$450,000

**Total Project Cost:** \$3,450,000

**RUS ID:** WV1408-A23