

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

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: WV/Upshur, WV/Randolph, WV/Barbour

Congressman: McKinley, David (WV 01), Mooney, Alex (WV 02)

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

Recipient: Central West Virginia Development Association

Recipient Contact: Robert Hinton

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Project Description: The Central West Virginia Development Association proposed 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. The system deployed will be based on 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 service area.

People Who Will Benefit: 12,944

Additional Funding: Applicant Contribution: \$450,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$3,450,000.00

RUS ID: WV1406-A23

USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$1,960,000.00

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 services at levels up to 1Gbps for each subscriber. This broadband network will assist in economic, educational, and health care challenges.

People Who Will Benefit: 2,308

Additional Funding: Applicant Contribution: \$294,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$2,254,000

RUS ID: WV1407-A23

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

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: WV/Hardy

Congressman: Mooney, Alex (WV 02)

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

Recipient: Hardy Telecommunications, Inc.

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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 options, access to education, and quality of life. A Community Center will be established in a facility within the proposed service area, where residents can access the Internet free of charge for at least two years.

People Who Will Benefit: 1,880

Additional Funding: Applicant Contribution: \$454,997.00

Total Project Cost: \$3,454,997.00

RUS ID: WV1409-A23

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

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

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Project Description: Preston County Economic Development Authority will utilize a Community Connect grant of \$3,000,000 to construct an 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, health care, 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: Applicant Contribution: \$450,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$3,450,000.00

RUS ID: WV1408-A23