

USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$1,309,394

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: WY/Lincoln

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Project Description: Millennium Networks, LLC will use \$1,309,394 received in Community Connect grant funding to expand broadband access to a rural, remote Western Wyoming community known as Buffalo Valley, an area encompassing approximately 4,030 acres, and delivers enhanced broadband services to this unserved community of 143 households and 44 businesses. The community will benefit from broadband speeds exceeding the program speeds, via high-speed, reliable broadband network enabling unrestricted access to educational services, medical services and economic opportunities at the best limited, and sometimes unavailable under existing conditions. The expected benefits contribute to a higher quality of life, improving the health, safety, educational and economic opportunities of the entire community. A Community Center will be provided where residents can access the Internet free of charge for at least two years.

People Who Will Benefit: 239

Other Funding: \$224,011

Total Project Cost: \$1,533,405

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