

## **USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$2,905,201**

**Program:** Community Connect Grants

**State/County:** NC/Brunswick

**Congressman:** Bishop, Dan (NC 09), Rouzer, David (NC 07)

**Senators:** Burr, Richard (NC), Tillis, Thom (NC)

**Recipient:** Atlantic Telephone Membership Corp

**Recipient Contact:** Michael Holden

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**Phone Number:** 910-755-1720

**Project Description:** This Rural Development investment will be used to construct an approximately 60-mile Fiber-to-the-Premises system to benefit 2,505 residents and 19 businesses in the communities of Howellsville, Tolarsville and areas outside of the town of St. Pauls in the Robeson County, North Carolina 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:** 2,505

**Additional funding:** Applicant Contribution: \$512,683.00

**Total project cost:** \$3,417,884.00

**RUS ID:** NC1404 - A51

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

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: MS/Hinds

Congressman: Guest, Michael (MS 03)

Senators: Hyde-Smith, Cindy (MS), Wicker, Roger (MS)

Recipient: Bay Springs Telephone Company, Inc.

Recipient Contact: James Garner

Mailing Address: 236 East Main Street Jackson, MS 39201

Email Address: jgarner@tec.com

Phone Number: 601-354-9070

Project Description: This Rural Development investment will be used to construct an approximately 80-mile Fiber-to-the-Premises system to benefit 1,066 residents and 5 businesses in the Jasper County, Mississippi 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: 1,066

Additional funding: Applicant Contribution: \$1,214,387.00

Total project cost: \$4,214,387.00

RUS ID: MS0506 - N54

## **USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$325,531.00**

**Program:** Community Connect Grants

**State/County:** TN/Warren

**Congressman:** DesJarlais, Scott (TN 04)

**Senators:** Blackburn, Marsha (TN), Haggerty, Bill (TN)

**Recipient:** Ben Lomand Communications, LLC

**Recipient Contact:** Lisa Cope

**Mailing Address:** 111 Smithville Highway McMinnville, TN 37110

**Email Address:** lisacope@benlomand.net

**Phone Number:** 931-668-4131

**Project Description:** This Rural Development investment will be used to construct an approximately 10 mile Fiber-to-the-Premises system to benefit 119 residents and 2 businesses in the Deepwoods service area in Franklin County, Tennessee. 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 a mobile facility placed in the service area as part of the project where residents can access the Internet free of charge for at least two years.

**People Who Will Benefit:** 119

**Additional Funding:** Applicant Contribution \$57,540

**Total Project Cost:** \$382,981.00

**RUS ID:** TN1406 - C23

## **USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$1,357,868.00**

**Program:** Community Connect Grants

**State/County:** AK/Hoonah-Angoon (CA)

**Congressman:** Young, Don (AK 00)

**Senators:** Murkowski, Lisa (AK), Sullivan, Dan (AK)

**Recipient:** Byte Networking LLC dba Fibre Alaska

**Recipient Contact:** Janusz Kunat

**Mailing Address:** 8 Lyne st Gustavus, AK 99826

**Email Address:** liscope@benlomand.net

**Phone Number:** 907-697-2704

**Project Description:** This Rural Development investment will be used to construct a 4.7 mile Fiber-to-the-Premises system to benefit 430 residents and 16 businesses in the Gustavus, Hoonah-Angoon County, Alaska service area. The existing microwave link providing backhaul to the town will be upgraded. Subscribers will have access to service packages up to 50 Mbps down and 10 Mbps up, 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:** 430

**Other Funding:** Applicant Contribution \$204,950.00

**Total Project Cost:** \$1,562,818.00

**RUS ID:** AK1413 - A23

## **USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$2,335,069.00**

**Program:** Community Connect Grants

**State/County:** MN/Crow Wing

**Congressman:** Stauber, Pete (MN 08)

**Senators:** Klobuchar, Amy (MN), Smith, Tina (MN)

**Recipient:** Consolidated Telephone Company

**Recipient Contact:** Joe Buttweiler

**Mailing Address:** 1102 Madison St Brainerd, MN 56401

**Email Address:** joe@goctc.com

**Phone Number:** 218-454-1275

**Project Description:** This Rural Development investment will be used to construct a 67 mile Fiber-to-the-Premises system to benefit 1,102 residents and 20 businesses in the Irondale Township, Crow Wing County, Minnesota 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 a renovated space in the Irondale Township Town Hall where residents can access the Internet free of charge for at least two years.

**People Who Will Benefit:** 1,102

**Other Funding:** Applicant Contribution \$412,071

**Total Project Cost:** \$2,747,140.00

**RUS ID:** MN1403 - B23

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

**Program:** Community Connect Grants

**State/County:** AK/Valdez-Cordova (CA)

**Congressman:** Young, Don (AK 00)

**Senators:** Murkowski, Lisa (AK), Sullivan, Dan (AK)

**Recipient:** Cordova Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

**Recipient Contact:** Lisa Koker

**Mailing Address:** 611 2nd Street Cordova, AK 99574

**Email Address:** lisa@ctcak.net

**Phone Number:** 907-424-2345

**Project Description:** This Rural Development investment will be used to construct a Fiber-to-the-Premises system to benefit the 33 residents of the Chenega, Valdez-Cordova Borough, Alaska service area. There will also be improvements to the existing microwave system to expand bandwidth available to the PFSA to support the higher service levels this system will enable. Subscribers will have access to service of at least 25 Mbps down and 3 Mbps up, 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:** 33

**Other Funding:** \$0

**Total Project Cost:** \$3,000,000.00

**RUS ID:** AK1415 - A23

## **USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$806,897**

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: MD/Talbot

Congressman: Harris, Andy (MD 01)

Senators: Cardin, Benjamin (MD), Van Hollen, Chris (MD)

Recipient: Easton Utilities Commission

Recipient Contact: John Horner

Mailing Address: 201 N Washington St Easton, MD 21601

Email Address: [jhorner@eucmail.com](mailto:jhorner@eucmail.com)

Phone Number: 410-763-9493

Project Description: This Rural Development investment will be used to construct a 17 mile Fiber-to-the-Premises system to benefit 130 residents and 1 business in the Talbot County, Maryland 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 a pre-fabricated building placed as part of this project where residents can access the Internet free of charge for at least two years.

People Who Will Benefit: 130

Other Funding: Contribution Talbot County, MD: \$142,394.00

Total Project Cost: \$949,291.00

RUS ID: MD1402 - A23

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

**Program:** Community Connect Grants

**State/County:** VA/Buchanan

**Congressman:** Griffith, Morgan (VA 09)

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

**Recipient:** iGo Technology, Inc.

**Recipient Contact:** Steven Van Dyck

**Mailing Address:** 1103C Plaza Drive Grundy, VA 24614

**Email Address:** [steve@igotechnology.com](mailto:steve@igotechnology.com)

**Phone Number:** 276-935-8307

**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 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:** 887

**Other Funding:** Applicant Contribution: \$427,500.00, Contribution from Washington County, Virginia: \$22,500.00

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

**RUS ID:** VA1410 - D23

## **USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$2,621,725.00**

**Program:** Community Connect Grants

**State/County:** AK/Anchorage

**Congressman:** Young, Don (AK 00)

**Senators:** Murkowski, Lisa (AK), Sullivan, Dan (AK)

**Recipient:** INTERIOR TELEPHONE COMPANY

**Recipient Contact:** Brett Carter

**Mailing Address:** 201 E. 56th Avenue Anchorage, AK 99518

**Email Address:** bcarter@telalaska.com

**Phone Number:** 907-563-2003

**Project Description:** This Rural Development investment will be used to construct a 19-mile Fiber-to-the-Premises system to benefit 194 residents and 32 businesses in the Port Lions, Kodiak Island Borough, Alaska service area. Subscribers will have access to service of at least 25 Mbps down and 3 Mbps up to every customer in the service area, expanding access to economic, educational, health care, and public safety opportunities in an extremely remote area of Alaska. A Community Center will be constructed next to an already existing Central Office facility Interior Telephone Company owns where residents can access the Internet free of charge for at least two years.

**People Who Will Benefit:** 194

**Other Funding:** Applicant Contribution: \$395,400.00

**Total Project Cost:** \$3,017,125.00

**RUS ID:** AK1414 - A23

## **USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$2,347,300.00**

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: IL/Jo Daviess

Congressman: Bustos, Cheri (IL 17)

Senators: Duckworth, Tammy (IL), Durbin, Richard (IL)

Recipient: Jo-Carroll Energy, Incorporated

Recipient Contact: Jesse Shekleton

Mailing Address: 793 US Route 20 West Elizabeth, IL 61028

Email Address: jshekleton@jocarroll.com

Phone Number: 800-858-5522

Project Description: This Rural Development investment will be used to construct a 41 mile Fiber-to-the-Premises system to benefit 220 residents and 2 businesses in the rural Jo Daviess County Illinois 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 a mobile building placed in the service area as part of this project where residents can access the Internet free of charge for at least two years.

People Who Will Benefit: 444

Additional Funding: Applicant Contribution: \$464,848.00

Total Project Cost: \$2,812,148.00

RUS ID: IL1404 - B23

**USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$2,204,445.00**

Program: Community Connect Grants  
State/County: OK/Stephens, OK/Comanche  
Congressman: Cole, Tom (OK 04)  
Senators: Inhofe, James (OK), Lankford, James (OK)  
Recipient: Medicine Park Telephone Company, Inc.  
Recipient Contact: Dacia Hilliary  
Mailing Address: 1 Big Rock Blvd Medicine Park, OK 73557  
Email Address: dustin.hillary@hillcom.net  
Phone Number: 580-529-5000  
Project Description: This Rural Development investment will be used to construct a 22 mile Fiber-to-the-Premises system benefiting 583 residents and 4 businesses in the Empire, Stephens County, Oklahoma 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 a building constructed as part of the project where residents can access the Internet free of charge for at least two years.

People Who Will Benefit: 583  
Other Funding: Applicant Contribution: \$367,000.00  
Total Project Cost: \$2,571,445.00  
RUS ID: OK1410 - E23

## USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$1,801,556.00

**Program:** Community Connect Grants

**State/County:** NM/San Juan, GA/Fulton, AZ/Apache

**Congressman:** Leger Fernandez, Teresa (NM 03), McBath, Lucy (GA 06), O'Halleran, Tom (AZ01)

**Senators:** Heinrich, Martin (NM), Kelly, Mark (AZ), Lujan, Ben Ray (NM), Ossoff, Jon (GA), Sinema, Kyrsten (AZ), Warnock, Raphael G. (GA)

**Recipient:** NTUA Wireless, LLC

**Recipient Contact:** Rohan Ranaraja

**Mailing Address:** 400 Northridge Road Suite 100 Atlanta, GA 30350

**Email Address:** rranaraja@atni.com

**Phone Number:** 501-448-1249

**Project Description:** This Rural Development investment will be used to construct a network utilizing fixed wireless (LTE based) equipment operating in the 2.65 and 3.65 GHz frequency bands in the Teec Noc Pos and surrounding area of the Navajo Reservation in Apache County, Arizona and San Juan County, New Mexico. 30 miles of fiber will also be constructed to backhaul to the wireless tower sites as well as serve directly via fiber 12 sites (predominantly Essential Community Facilities) along the fiber route. This project will benefit 913 residents. The vast majority of residential subscribers will be served via the fixed wireless system and will have access to at least 25 Mbps down/3 Mbps up service expanding access to economic, educational, health care, and public safety opportunities. A Community Center will be located in the existing Teec Noc Pos Chapter House where residents can access the Internet free of charge for at least two years.

**People Who Will Benefit:** 913

**Additional Funding:** Applicant Contribution: \$317,922.00

**Total Project Cost:** \$2,119,478.00

**RUS ID:** GA1404 - A51

## **USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$1,795,159.00**

**Program:** Community Connect Grants

**State/County:** OK/Comanche, OK/Le Flore

**Congressman:** Cole, Tom (OK 04)

**Senators:** Inhofe, James (OK), Lankford, James (OK)

**Recipient:** Oklahoma Western Telephone Company

**Recipient Contact:** Dustin Hilliary

**Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 105 Lawton, OK 73502

**Email Address:** dustin.hilliary@hillcom.net

**Phone Number:** 580-529-1271

**Project Description:** This Rural Development investment will be used to construct an approximately 14 mile Fiber-to-the-Premises system benefitting 272 residents and 2 businesses in the Summerville, LeFlore County, Oklahoma 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:** 272

**Additional Funding:** Applicant Contribution: \$307,000.00

**Total Project Cost:** \$2,102,159.00

**RUS ID:** OK1417 - B23

## **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: Kaine, Tim (VA), Warner, Mark (VA)  
Recipient: Pembroke Telephone Cooperative  
Recipient Contact: Anthony Eaton  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 549 Pembroke, VA 24136  
Email Address: aceaton@pemt.net  
Phone Number: 540-626-7111  
Project Description: 540-626-7111

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 \$2,752,250.00**

**Program:** Community Connect Grants

**State/County:** OK/McCurtain

**Congressman:** Mullin, Markwayne (OK 02)

**Senators:** Inhofe, James (OK), Lankford, James (OK)

**Recipient:** Pine Telephone Company, Inc.

**Recipient Contact:** John Callaham

**Mailing Address:** 210 W 2nd St Broken Bow, OK 74728

**Email Address:** johncallaham@pine-net.com

**Phone Number:** 580-584-4100

**Project Description:** This Rural Development investment will be used to construct a 32 mile Fiber-to-the-Premises system to benefit 86 residents and 4 businesses in the Little River Ranch, Pushmataha County, Oklahoma 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:** 86

**Additional Funding:** Applicant Contribution: \$432,400.00

**Total Project Cost:** \$3,184,650.00

**RUS ID:** OK1413

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

**Program:** Community Connect Grants

**State/County:** OR/Benton

**Congressman:** DeFazio, Peter (OR 04)

**Senators:** Merkley, Jeff (OR), Wyden, Ron (OR)

**Recipient:** Pioneer Telephone Cooperative

**Recipient Contact:** James Rennard

**Mailing Address:** 1304 Main Street Philomath, OR 97370

**Email Address:** jamesrennard@pioneerconnect.net

**Phone Number:** 541-929-8213

**Project Description:** This Rural Development investment will be used to construct an approximately 40 mile Fiber-to-the Premises system to benefit 670 residents in the rural Lane County, Oregon 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 portable building placed as part of the project where residents can access the Internet free of charge for at least two years.

**People Who Will Benefit:** 670

**Additional Funding:** Applicant Contribution: \$700,554.00

**Total Project Cost: RUS** \$3,700,554.00

**ID:** OR1406 - A23

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

**Program:** Community Connect Grants

**State/County:** WA/Lewis

**Congressman:** Herrera Beutler, Jaime (WA 03)

**Senators:** Cantwell, Maria (WA), Murray, Patty (WA)

**Recipient:** Public Utility District 1 Lewis County

**Recipient Contact:** Jeffrey Baine

**Mailing Address:** 321 NW Pacific Ave Chehalis, WA 98532

**Email Address:** jeff@lcpud.org

**Phone Number:** 360-740-2456

**Project Description:** This Rural Development investment will be used to construct an approximately 70 mile Fiber-to-the-Premises system to benefit 870 residents and 12 businesses in the Lewis County, Washington service area. The Lewis County PUD will construct the system as an open access network whereby partner organizations will provide the retail service. ToledoTel is partnering to provide the retail service over this open access network. 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:** 870

**Additional Funding:** Applicant Contribution: \$502,862.00

**Total Project Cost: RUS** \$3,502,862.00

**ID:** OR1405 - A23

**USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$206,538.00**

Program: Community Connect Grants  
State/County: IA/Tama  
Congressman: Hinson, Ashley (IA 01)  
Senators: Ernst, Joni (IA), Grassley, Chuck (IA)  
Recipient: SAC & FOX TRIBE OF THE MISSISSIPPI IN IA  
Recipient Contact: Judith Bender  
Mailing Address: 349 Meskwaki Rd Tama, IA 52339  
Email Address: gp.exec@meskwaki-nsn.gov  
Phone Number: 641-484-9231  
Project Description: This Rural Development investment will be used to construct a Fiber-to-the-Premises system to benefit 220 residents in the Meskwaki Settlement, Tama County, Iowa. Access to this system will expand 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: 220  
Other Funding: Applicant Contribution: \$36,449.00  
Total Project Cost: RUS \$242,987.00  
ID: IA1404 - A23

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

**Program:** Community Connect Grants

**State/County:** VA/Scott, TN/Grainger

**Congressman:** Burchett, Tim (TN 02), Good, Bob (VA 05)

**Senators:** Blackburn, Marsha (TN), Hagerty, Bill (TN), Kaine, Tim (VA), Warner, Mark (VA)

**Recipient:** Scott County Telephone Cooperative

**Recipient Contact:** Bill Franklin

**Mailing Address:** P. O. Box 487 Gate City, VA 24251

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**Phone Number:** 276-452-7201

**Project Description:** This Rural Development investment will be used to construct an 176 mile Fiber-to-the-Premises system to benefit 2,330 residents and 25 businesses in the Clinch Valley, Grainger County, Tennessee 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:** 2,330

**Additional Funding:** Applicant Contribution: \$450,000.00

**Total Project Cost:** \$3,450,000.00

**RUS ID:** VA1401 - N23

**USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$1,378,820.00**

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: TN/Marion

Congressman: DesJarlais, Scott (TN 04)

Senators: Blackburn, Marsha (TN), Hagerty, Bill (TN)

Recipient: Sequachee Valley Electric Cooperative

Recipient Contact: Michael Partin

Mailing Address: 512 South Cedar Ave South Pittsburg, TN 37380

Email Address: mpartin@svalleyec.com

Phone Number: 423-837-8605

Project Description: This Rural Development investment will be used to construct a 55 mile Fiber-to-the-Premises system to benefit 554 residents and two businesses in the Sherwood/Sinking Cove area of Franklin County, Tennessee. Subscribers will have access to service up to one gigabytes per second (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: 544

Additional Funding: Applicant Contribution: \$243,341.00

Total Project Cost: \$1,622,161.00

RUS ID: TN1407 - A23

## **USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$1,730,345.00**

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: IA/Johnson

Congressman: Miller-Meeks, Mariannette (IA 02)

Senators: Ernst, Joni (IA), Grassley, Chuck (IA)

Recipient: Sharon Telephone Company

Recipient Contact: Scott Havel

Mailing Address: 100 E Main St Hills, IA 52235

Email Address: sharontc@sharontc.net

Phone Number: 319-679-2211

**Project Description:** This Rural Development investment will be used to construct an approximately 35 mile Fiber-to-the Premises system to benefit 403 residents and 14 businesses in unincorporated areas of Washington and Johnson Counties, Iowa, surrounding Riverside. 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 a building the City of Riverside is currently constructing within the grant service area where residents can access the Internet free of charge for at least two years. The facility will also operate as a fitness center, and as such will have wide hours of operation, providing extensive opportunity for the community to access the free computer terminals and WiFi Internet within the Community Center.

People Who Will Benefit: 403

Additional Funding: Applicant Contribution: \$305,355.00

Total Project Cost: \$2,035,700.00

RUS ID: IA1403 - A23

**USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$1,533,621.00**

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: LA/Iberville

Congressman: Graves, Garret (LA 06)

Senators: Cassidy, Bill (LA), Kennedy, John Neely (LA)

Recipient: Star Telephone Company, Inc.

Recipient Contact: Tim May

Mailing Address: 77420 Landry Dr. Maringouin, LA 70757

Email Address: tim@directcom.com

Phone Number: 208-548-2345

Project Description: This Rural Development investment will be used to construct an approximately 22 mile Fiber-to-the Premises system to benefit 434 residents and 8 businesses in the West Baton Rouge Parrish, Louisiana 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: 434

Additional Funding: Applicant Contribution: \$270,639.00

Total Project Cost: \$1,804,260.00

RUS ID: LA1406 - A23

**USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$2,378,241.00**

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: NC/Sampson

Congressman: Rouzer, David (NC 07)

Senators: Burr, Richard (NC), Tillis, Thom (NC)

Recipient: Star Telephone Membership Corporation

Recipient Contact: Jeffrey Nethercutt

Mailing Address: 3900 North US Highway 421 Clinton, NC 28328

Email Address: [jnethercutt@stmc.net](mailto:jnethercutt@stmc.net)

Phone Number: 910-564-7869

Project Description: This Rural Development investment will be used to construct an approximately 120 mile Fiber-to-the-Premises system to benefit 1,849 residents and 15 businesses in the Mingo, Plain View, Dismal and Spivey's Corner areas of Sampson County, North Carolina. 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: 1,849

Additional Funding: Applicant Contribution: \$358,750.00

Total Project Cost: \$2,736,991.00

RUS ID: NC1403 - A23

**USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$2,859,950.00**

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: OK/McCurtain

Congressman: Mullin, Markwayne (OK 02)

Senators: Inhofe, James (OK), Lankford, James (OK)

Recipient: The Pine Telephone Company, Inc.

Recipient Contact: Jerry Whisenhunt

Mailing Address: 210 W 2nd St Broken Bow, OK 74728

Email Address: jwhiz@pine-net.com

Phone Number: 580-584-3355

Project Description: This Rural Development investment will be used to construct a 34-mile Fiber-to-the-Premises system to benefit 198 residents and 2 businesses in the Watson, McCurtain County, Oklahoma 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: 198

Additional Funding: Applicant Contribution: \$442,400.00

Total Project Cost: \$3,302,350.00

RUS ID: OK1413 - F51

## **USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$2,599,863.00**

**Program:** Community Connect Grants

**State/County:** IL/Clay

**Congressman:** Miller, Mary (IL 15)

**Senators:** Duckworth, Tammy (IL), Durbin, Richard (IL)

**Recipient:** Wabash Telephone Cooperative Inc.

**Recipient Contact:** Barry Adair

**Mailing Address:** 210 S. Church Street Louisville, IL 62858

**Email Address:** barryadair@wabash.net

**Phone Number:** 618-665-9924

**Project Description:** This Rural Development investment will be used to construct a Fiber-to-the-Premises system to benefit 542 residents and 8 businesses in the NW Clay County, Illinois service area (along with small portions of Effingham, Fayette Counties, and Marion counties). Galena Territory, Jo Daviess County Illinois 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:** 542

**Additional Funding:** Applicant Contribution: \$458,799.00

**Total Project Cost:** \$3,058,662.00

**RUS ID:** IL1405 - A23

## **USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$2,833,906.00**

**Program:** Community Connect Grants

**State/County:** KY/Graves

**Congressman:** COMER, JAMES (KY 01), Kustoff, David (TN 08)

**Senators:** Blackburn, Marsha (TN), Hagerty, Bill (TN), McConnell, Mitch (KY), Paul, Rand (KY)

**Recipient:** West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.

**Recipient Contact:** Trevor Bonnstetter

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**Project Description:** This Rural Development investment will be used to construct an approximately 70 mile Fiber-to-the-Premises system to benefit 877 residents and 7 businesses in the Pillowville Community, Weakley and Carroll Counties, Tennessee 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 a modular building placed within the service area where residents can access the Internet free of charge for at least two years.

**People Who Will Benefit:** 877

**Additional Funding:** Applicant Contribution: \$500,018.00

**Total Project Cost:** \$3,333,924.00

**RUS ID:** KY1408 - B23

**USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$1,001,885.00**

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: WA/Island

Congressman: DelBene, Suzan (WA 01)

Senators: Cantwell, Maria (WA), Murray, Patty (WA)

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Project Description: This Rural Development investment will be used to construct an approximately 9 mile Fiber-to-the-Premises system to benefit 358 residents and 3 businesses in the Point Roberts, Whatcom County, Washington 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 a mobile facility placed as part of this project where residents can access the Internet free of charge for at least two years.

People Who Will Benefit: 358

Additional Funding: Applicant Contribution: \$150,283.00

Total Project Cost: \$1,152,168.00

RUS ID: WA1410 - A23