Broadband ReConnect Program

Fiscal Year 2020
Funding Opportunity Announcement
Awards Report
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About Rural Utilities Service

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Rural Utilities Service (RUS) provides much-needed infrastructure and infrastructure improvements to rural communities across America. These initiatives include water and waste treatment, electric power, and telecommunications services intended to help expand economic opportunities and improve the quality of life for rural residents.

The Need for the ReConnect Program

Access to high-speed internet is vital for agricultural production, rural manufacturing, mining, and forestry. It acts as a catalyst for rural prosperity by enabling efficient, modern communication between rural American households, schools, and healthcare centers. It also allows rural businesses to connect to customers and markets worldwide.

A recent report by the Federal Communications Commission indicates 22.3 percent of Americans in rural areas and 27.7 percent of Americans in Tribal lands lack coverage from fixed terrestrial 25/3 Mbps broadband, as compared to only 1.5 percent of Americans in urban areas. In addition, according to Cisco, the disparity in service to rural communities is only expected to increase as the average global download speed doubles from 39 Megabits per second (Mbps) to 75 Mbps by next year. Time is of the essence, and USDA is committed to tackling these challenges head-on.

ReConnect Program Background

In the 2018 Consolidated Appropriations Act, Congress authorized $600 million for the Broadband Pilot Program - now the ReConnect Program - to focus on areas that completely lack, or have insufficient access to, broadband service. In FY 2019, Congress added $500 million to the program, and in FY 2020 and 2021, Congress appropriated an additional $555 million and $635 million, respectively.

The ReConnect program offers Federal funding options through loans, grants, and combinations of the two, to bring broadband to rural areas without sufficient access (defined as 10 Mbps downstream and 1 Mbps upstream).
FY 2019 Awardees
Between December 2018 - July 2019, USDA received 146 first round applications seeking $1.4 billion in ReConnect loans, grants, or combinations thereof.

In May 2020, RUS announced the first round of awards under the FY 2019 Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), with 76 awards impacting 33 states.
**FY 2020 Awardees**

Between December 2019 - April 2020, USDA received 172 second round applications seeking $1.57 billion in ReConnect loans, grants, or a combination thereof.

In August 2021, RUS finished announcing the FY 2020 FOA awardees, with 105 awards impacting 37 states.

To date, USDA has invested $1,509,997,454 in ReConnect program funding in 39 states.
FY 2020 ReConnect CARES Act Projects Summary

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) was signed into law in March 2020. Section 11004 of the CARES Act provided an additional $100 million for ReConnect grants to prevent, prepare for, and respond to challenges associated with the coronavirus pandemic. With this additional funding, USDA established a priority processing set-aside for applicants that submitted a first round, 100 percent grant application. To be reconsidered for priority processing, the applicant’s first round attempt must have been unsuccessful as a result of limited broadband access in the proposed service area.

Ultimately, 11 FY 2020 first round ReConnect Program applications were eligible to apply for the $100 million CARES Act allocation. Nine projects were awarded among these applicants.

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7 States Served
$89,866,718 Funded
1,821 Farms
15,669 Households
464 Businesses
27 Educational Facilities
20 Essential Community Facilities
1 Healthcare Facility
FY 2020 ReConnect Projects Summary

USDA is investing in 105 second round ReConnect projects totaling more than $853 million for high-speed broadband infrastructure. This section provides data associated with the second round loan, grant, and half loan / half grant awardees.

ReConnect Funding Type by State

100 percent grant: $546,394,665
100 percent loan: $12,725,398
Half loan, half grant: $294,825,147
Total: $853,945,210
ReConnect Funding by Entity Type

Nonprofit Entities: $7,147,200
States, Local Governments, or Agencies: $31,212,077
Limited Liability Companies: $104,290,527
Cooperative or Mutual Organizations: $330,368,099
For-profit Corporations: $380,927,307

Grand Total $853,945,210
Funding by Entity Type and State

FY 2020 ReConnect awards span 37 states, with for-profit corporations receiving the largest percentage at nearly $381 million. Cooperative and mutual organizations were awarded more than $330.3 million; limited liability companies (LLCs) received more than $104.2 million; state and local governments or agencies received more than $31.2 million, and nonprofits were awarded more than $7.14 million.
Route Miles by State

FY 2020 ReConnect projects include 24,289 approved route miles, illustrating the amount of fiber cable that will be used or upgraded to connect households to reliable broadband service. It also includes fiber cable connected to a system's common network facilities.
Households by State

FY 2020 ReConnect awardees are projected to serve a total of 141,451 households that currently lack access to reliable broadband service.
Farms and Businesses by State

FY 2020 ReConnect awardees’ approved service areas include an estimated 9,914 farms and 5,545 businesses, all of which will have an opportunity to gain access to reliable broadband service.
Facilities by State

FY 2020 ReConnect awardees’ approved service areas cover an estimated 245 educational facilities, 254 essential community facilities, and 38 healthcare facilities. These include schools, libraries, hospitals, nursing homes, fire stations, and other essential public facilities that will have the opportunity to gain access to reliable broadband service.

Facilities within the Approved Service Areas

Educational Facilities: 245
Essential Community Facilities: 254
Healthcare Facilities: 38
Total: 537
Awardee Contribution by State

FY 2020 ReConnect awardees contributed more than $185.9 million in matching funds. Awardees receiving a 100 percent grant are required to make a match equal to 25 percent of the cost of the overall project. Awardees receiving a half loan / half grant were allowed to substitute the 50 percent loan amount with matching funds.

Total: $185,933,465
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**Project Details by State**

**Alabama Projects**

**Central Alabama Electric Cooperative**

Funding Type: 100% Grant  
Award Amount: $8,626,876

This Rural Development investment will be used to expand fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Alabama. The funded service areas include 5,365 households and one essential community facility spread over 415.1 square miles.

**Hayneville Telephone Company, Inc.**

Funding Type: 100% Grant  
Award Amount: $1,519,631

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Alabama. The funded service area includes 542 households and four educational facilities spread over 27.03 square miles.

**Millry Telephone Company, Inc.**

Funding Type: 100% Grant  
Award Amount: $8,372,785

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Alabama. The funded service areas include 1,789 households and five essential community facilities spread over 250.26 miles.

**Mon-Cre Telephone Cooperative, Inc.**

Funding Type: 100% Grant  
Award Amount: $5,700,046

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Alabama. The funded service area includes 1,085 households and three essential community facilities spread over 47.84 square miles.
Moundville Telephone Company, Inc.
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award Amount: $166,688
This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Alabama. The funded service area includes 51 households spread over 1.88 square miles.

Pine Belt Telephone Company, Inc.
Funding Type: 50% Loan / 50% Grant
Award amount: $13,074,590
This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Alabama. The funded service areas include 2,331 households, five educational facilities, and 10 essential community facilities spread over 288.42 square miles.

Alaska Projects
AP&T Wireless, Inc.
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award Amount: $21,545,167
This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy an all-fiber network in rural Alaska. The funded service areas include 112 households, one educational facility, and two essential community facilities spread over 3.95 square miles.

Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Inc.
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award Amount: $5,376,263
This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Alaska. The funded service area includes 72 households, one educational facility, and one essential community facility spread over 1.02 square miles.

Matanuska Telephone Association, Inc.
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award Amount: $1,964,380
This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Alaska. The funded service area includes 203 households spread over 2.4 square miles.

Mukluk Telephone Company, Inc.
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award Amount: $4,119,428
This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Alaska. The funded service area includes 173 households, two educational facilities, and five essential community facilities spread over 149.99 square miles.

Nushagak Electric & Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award Amount: $16,783,726
This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Alaska. The funded service area includes 944 households, nine educational facilities, eight essential community facilities, and three healthcare facilities spread over 48.75 square miles.

Unicom, Inc.
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award Amount: $25,000,000
This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Alaska. The funded service areas include 1,456 households, 10 educational facilities, and 15 essential community facilities spread over 18.1 square miles.
Arizona Projects

Gila Local Exchange Carrier, Inc.
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award amount: $14,888,466

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Arizona. The funded service areas include 5,547 households, one educational facility, nine essential community facilities, and one healthcare facility spread over 59.41 square miles.

Arkansas Projects

Arkansas Telephone Company, Inc.
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award amount: $4,111,317

This Rural Development investment will be used to upgrade broadband service to fiber-to-the-premises in rural Arkansas. The funded service area includes 218 households spread over 94.85 square miles.

Mountain View Telephone Company
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award amount: $2,985,701

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Arkansas. The funded service area includes 554 households and three essential community facilities spread over 44.58 square miles.

Northern Arkansas Telephone Company
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award amount: $4,758,862

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Arkansas. The funded service area includes 526 households spread over 69.47 square miles.

Colorado Projects

Delta-Montrose Electric Association
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award amount: $10,595,446

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Colorado. The funded service area includes 2,410 households and three educational facilities spread over 125.58 square miles.

Emery Telecommunications & Video, Inc.
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award Amount: $6,302,196

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Colorado. The funded service areas include 684 households and five essential community facilities spread over 354.54 square miles.

Yampa Valley Electric Association, Inc.
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award Amount: $6,029,248

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Colorado. The funded service areas include 264 households and three essential community facilities spread over 121.89 square miles.

Georgia Projects

Altamaha Electric Membership Corporation
Funding Type: 50% Loan / 50% Grant
Award amount: $21,184,164

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Georgia. The funded service area includes 6,665 households, 25 educational facilities, 17 essential community facilities, and 10 healthcare facilities spread over 246.27 square miles.
DoveTel Communications, LLC  
Funding Type: 100% Grant  
Award amount: $12,575,317

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network in rural Georgia. The funded service areas include 2,779 households, one educational facility, and four essential community facilities spread over 125.31 square miles.

Pembroke Telephone Company, Inc.  
Funding Type: 100% Grant  
Award Amount: $4,564,575

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Georgia. The funded service area includes 1,326 households spread over 79.14 square miles.

Oregon-Idaho Utilities, Inc.  
Funding Type: 100% Grant  
Award Amount: $12,867,781

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Idaho, Nevada, and Oregon. The funded service areas include 255 households spread over 1,284.48 miles.

Illinois Projects

Adams TelSystems, Inc.  
Funding Type: 100% Grant  
Award amount: $1,601,730

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Illinois. The funded service area includes 164 households spread over 22.18 square miles.

Flat Rock Telephone Co-op, Inc.  
Funding Type: 50% Loan / 50% Grant  
Award amount: $6,544,394

This Rural Development investment will be used to extend an existing broadband service network in rural Illinois. The funded service areas include 567 households and one essential community facility spread over 38.22 square miles.

Hamilton County Telephone Co-op  
Funding Type: 50% Loan / 50% Grant  
Award amount: $40,352,682

This Rural Development investment will be used to expand fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Illinois. The funded service areas include 7,942 households, 16 educational facilities, and 12 essential community facilities spread over 272.96 square miles.

Idaho Projects

Direct Communications Rockland, Inc.  
Funding Type: 50% Loan / 50% Grant  
Award amount: $19,645,246

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Idaho. The funded service areas include 690 households and two essential community facilities spread over 378.67 square miles.

Midvale Telephone Company  
Funding Type: 50% Loan / 50% Grant  
Award amount: $10,982,232

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-home broadband service in rural Idaho. The funded service areas include 119 households and one essential community facility spread over 22.34 square miles.
**Jo-Carroll Energy, Inc.**
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award Amount: $14,046,745

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband services in rural Illinois. The funded service area includes 3,076 households, one healthcare facility, six essential community facilities, and 10 educational facilities spread over 250.96 miles.

*The total project cost is $1,463,000. Citizens Mutual Telephone Cooperative substituted the 50% loan amount with matching funds of $731,500.*

**Indiana Projects**

**Jackson County Rural Electric Membership Corporation**
Funding Type: 50% Loan / 50% Grant
Award amount: $3,915,788

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Indiana. The funded service area includes 1,927 households and one essential community facility spread over 117.26 square miles.

**Tipmont Rural Electric Membership Corporation**
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award Amount: $1,040,872

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Indiana. The funded service area includes 109 households spread over 12.37 square miles.

**Iowa Projects**

**Citizens Mutual Telephone Cooperative**
Funding Type: 50% Loan / 50% Grant
Award amount: $731,500

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Iowa. The funded service area includes 388 households spread over 23.86 square miles.

**C-M-L Telephone Cooperative Association**
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award Amount: $744,004

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Iowa. The funded service area includes nine households spread over 1.99 square miles.

**Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Company of Moulton, Iowa**
Funding Type: 50% Loan / 50% Grant
Award amount: $9,967,506

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Iowa. The funded service areas include 1,334 households and two healthcare facilities spread over 167.7 square miles.

**Farmers Mutual Telephone Company of Stanton, Iowa**
Funding Type: 50% Loan / 50% Grant
Award amount: $4,778,520

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Iowa. The funded service areas include 383 households spread over 89.35 square miles.

**Harmony Telephone Company**
Funding Type: 50% Loan / 50% Grant
Award amount: $9,753,122

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Iowa. The funded service area includes 619 households spread over 51.65 square miles.
**Osage Municipal Utilities**
Funding Type: 100% Grant  
Award Amount: $368,845

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Iowa. The funded service area includes 154 households and one essential community facility spread over 16.03 square miles.

**South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company**
Funding Type: 50% Loan / 50% Grant  
Award amount: $5,412,960

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Iowa. The funded service area includes 763 households spread over 74.29 square miles.

**Kentucky Projects**

**Peoples Telecom, LLC**
Funding Type: 50% Loan / 50% Grant  
Award amount: $4,908,864

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Kentucky. The funded service areas include 642 households, one educational facility, and two essential community facilities spread over 3.92 square miles.

**West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.**
Funding Type: 100% Grant  
Award Amount: $11,797,050

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Kentucky and Illinois. The funded service areas include 3,125 households, two educational facilities, nine essential community facilities, and two healthcare facilities spread over 167.96 square miles.

**Louisiana Projects**

**Star Telephone Company, Inc.**
Funding Type: 50% Loan / 50% Grant  
Award amount: $12,321,244

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Louisiana. The funded service areas include 1,472 households, five educational facilities, and two essential community facilities spread over 191.64 square miles.

**Maryland Projects**

**Easton Utilities Commission**
Funding Type: 100% Grant  
Award amount: $13,108,229

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Maryland. The funded service areas include 3,447 households, eight educational facilities, one essential community facility, and one healthcare facility spread over 122.36 square miles.

**Michigan Projects**

**Allband Multimedia, LLC**
Funding Type: 100% Grant  
Award Amount: $3,570,997

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fixed wireless broadband service in rural Michigan. The funded service areas include 1,534 households, four educational facilities, and one essential community facility spread over 128.6 square miles.

**Southwest Michigan Communications, Inc.**
Funding Type: 50% Loan / 50% Grant  
Award amount: $6,718,680

This Rural Development investment will be used to...
deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service to rural Michigan. The funded service areas include 1,193 households spread over 26.02 square miles.

**Minnesota Projects**

**Consolidated Telephone Company**  
Funding Type: 100% Grant  
Award Amount: $3,061,502  
This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Minnesota. The funded service areas include 599 households spread over 36.63 square miles.

**Mississippi Projects**

**Bay Springs Telephone Company, Inc.**  
Funding Type: 100% Grant  
Award amount: $4,692,817  
This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Mississippi. The funded service areas include 2,037 households, five educational facilities, seven essential community facilities, and two healthcare facilities spread over 96.71 square miles.

**Tallahatchie Valley Electric Power Association**  
Funding Type: 100% Grant  
Award amount: $16,091,872  
This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-home network in rural Mississippi. The funded service areas include 878 households and nine essential community facilities spread over 474.74 square miles.

**Missouri Projects**

**Big River Broadband, LLC**  
Funding Type: 100% Grant  
Award amount: $2,932,365  
This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband utilizing Gigabit Passive Optical Network (GPON) technology in rural Missouri. The funded service areas include 1,746 households, five educational facilities, and one essential community facility spread over 28.11 square miles.

**Gascosage Electric Cooperative**  
Funding Type: 100% Grant  
Award amount: $701,985  
This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Missouri. The funded service areas include 163 households spread over 0.69 square miles.

**Kingdom Telephone Company**  
Funding Type: 100% Grant  
Award amount: $4,222,260  
This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Missouri. The funded service area includes 906 households and one essential community facility spread over 80.99 square miles.

**Marshall Municipal Utilities**  
Funding Type: 100% Grant  
Award Amount: $7,578,843  
This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Missouri. The funded service area includes 1,527 households, five educational facilities, and two essential community facilities spread over 370.46 square miles.
Steelville Telephone Exchange, Inc., DBA STE Communications
Funding Type: 50% Loan / 50% Grant
Award amount: $29,794,472
This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Missouri. The funded service area includes 1,942 households and three essential community facilities spread over 394.28 square miles.

The Stoutland Telephone Company, DBA Missouricom
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award Amount: $4,676,807
This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Missouri. The funded service areas include 953 households spread over 54.37 square miles.

Total Highspeed, LLC
Funding Type: 50% Loan / 50% Grant
Award amount: $49,991,954
This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Missouri. The funded service areas include 9,783 households, six educational facilities, and 10 essential community facilities spread over 300.17 square miles.

Nebraska Projects
Rock County Telephone Company
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award Amount: $3,105,462
This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-home broadband service in rural Nebraska. The funded service area includes 115 households spread over 287.88 square miles.

Nevada Projects
Beehive Telephone Company, Inc. - Nevada
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award Amount: $2,744,812
This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Nevada. The funded service area includes 26 households and one essential community facility spread over 15.6 square miles.

New Mexico Projects
Continental Divide Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award Amount: $1,186,426
This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural New Mexico. The funded service area includes 38 households spread over 29.6 square miles.

Leaco Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award Amount: $4,508,250
This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural New Mexico. The funded service areas include 69 households spread over 232.93 square miles.
Penasco Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Funding Type: 100% Loan
Award amount: $8,191,650

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural New Mexico. The funded service areas include 496 households and four essential community facilities spread over 89.14 square miles.

SWC Telesolutions, Inc.
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award Amount: $6,152,235

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural New Mexico. The funded service area includes 811 households and seven essential community facilities spread over 154.33 square miles.

New York Projects

Empire Long Distance Corporation
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award Amount: $11,304,241

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural New York. The funded service areas include 3,797 households, one educational facility, and two essential community facilities spread over 107.39 square miles.

Madison County
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award Amount: $10,156,160

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural New York. The funded service area includes 798 households spread over 48.21 square miles.

North Carolina Projects

Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award amount: $21,681,087

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises to serve rural North Carolina. The funded service areas include 6,853 households, 15 essential community facilities, 19 educational facilities, and nine healthcare facilities spread over 539.44 square miles.

French Broad Electric Membership Corporation
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award amount: $3,231,412

This Rural Development investment will be used to construct a 100% fiber-to-the-home solution for Southwest Madison County in Western North Carolina. The funded service area includes 1,740 households and two essential community facilities spread over 133.03 square miles.

Randolph Telephone Membership Corporation
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award Amount: $2,301,262

This Rural Development investment will be used to close the digital divide in northern Moore County, North Carolina by providing quality and reliable broadband. The funded service areas include 1,302 households and nine educational facilities spread over 16.24 square miles.

Randolph Telephone Membership Corporation
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award Amount: $2,305,855

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural North Carolina. The funded service areas
include 2,244 households spread over 30.43 square miles.

**North Dakota Projects**

**Halstad Telephone Company**
Funding Type: 50% Loan / 50% Grant
Award Amount: $4,761,764

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural North Dakota. The funded service area includes 458 households spread over 200.67 square miles.

**Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corporation**
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award Amount: $3,944,111

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural North Dakota. The funded service areas include 209 households spread over 10.80 square miles.

**Reservation Telephone Cooperative**
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award Amount: $6,959,459

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Montana and North Dakota. The funded service areas include 563 households, one essential community facility, and one educational facility spread over 541.69 square miles.

**Oklahoma Projects**

**Cimarron Telephone Company, LLC**
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award amount: $5,492,137

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Oklahoma. The funded service area includes 287 households spread over 125.24 square miles.

**Cross Cable Television, LLC**
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award Amount: $15,830,392

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service to rural Oklahoma. The funded service area includes 1,078 households, one educational facility, and one essential community facility spread over 88.45 square miles.

**Medicine Park Telephone Company**
Funding Type: 100% Loan
Award amount: $3,783,748

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-home broadband service in rural Oklahoma. The funded service area includes 460 households spread over 20.82 square miles.

**Oklahoma Western Telephone Company**
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award amount: $23,344,336

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Oklahoma. The funded service area includes 947 households, one educational facility, and two essential community facilities spread over 297.08 square miles.
Pine Telephone Company, Inc.  
Funding Type: 100% Grant  
Award Amount: $6,955,500  
This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-home broadband service in rural Oklahoma. The funded service area includes 802 households, three essential community facilities, and one educational facility spread over 75.77 square miles.

Pioneer Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  
Funding Type: 100% Grant  
Award amount: $24,299,824  
This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-home broadband service in rural Oklahoma. The funded service areas include 1,832 households and two essential community facilities spread over 826.04 square miles.

Southern Plains Cable, LLC  
Funding Type: 50% Loan / 50% Grant  
Award amount: $4,457,378  
This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy an FTTP and Hybrid-Fiber-Coax network in rural Oklahoma. The funded service area includes 123 households and one essential community facility spread over 4.73 square miles.

Terral Telephone Company  
Funding Type: 100% Grant  
Award amount: $1,854,675  
This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Oklahoma. The funded service area includes 105 households, two educational facilities, three essential community facilities, and one healthcare facility spread over 132.21 square miles.

Texhoma Fiber, LLC  
Funding Type: 100% Grant  
Award amount: $2,648,931  
This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Oklahoma. The funded service areas include 353 households, three educational facilities, two essential community facilities, and two healthcare facilities spread over 1.24 square miles.

Oregon Projects  
Casco Communications, Inc.  
Funding Type: 50% Loan / 50% Grant  
Award amount: $13,215,266  
This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Oregon. The funded service areas include 2,011 households and two educational facilities spread over 10.58 square miles.

Pennsylvania Projects  
Youngsville Television Corporation, DBA Blue Fiber Corporation  
Funding Type: 100% Loan  
Award amount: $750,000  
This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Pennsylvania. The funded service area includes 237 households, two educational facilities, and four essential community facilities spread over 7.1 square miles.
South Carolina Projects

Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award amount: $9,833,035

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural South Carolina. The funded service areas include 2,889 households, 11 educational facilities, and three essential community facilities spread over 184.27 square miles.

TruVista Communications, Inc.
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award amount: $3,254,703

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy an FTTP and Hybrid-Fiber-Coax network in rural South Carolina. The funded service areas include 755 households spread over 22.64 square miles.

South Dakota Projects

Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc.
Funding Type: 50% Loan / 50% Grant
Award amount: $1,588,183

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural South Dakota. The funded service areas include 413 households spread over 23.28 square miles.

*The total project cost is $3,176,366. Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc. substituted the 50% loan amount with matching funds of $1,588,183.

Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award amount: $1,731,630

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in southwest South Dakota and eastern Wyoming. The funded service area includes 100 households and one essential community facility spread over 404.74 square miles.

South Dakota Network, LLC, DBA SDN Communications
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award Amount: $6,014,940

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural South Dakota. The funded service area includes 487 households spread over 8.11 square miles.

Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association, Inc.
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award amount: $5,582,176

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural South Dakota. The funded service areas include 599 households, six educational facilities, and three essential community facilities spread over 260.21 square miles.

Tennessee Projects

Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc.
Funding Type: 50% Loan / 50% Grant
Award amount: $9,834,300

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy an Active Optical Ethernet Network (AOEN), fiber-to-the-home solution, which will provide broadband connection to underserved locations in rural Tennessee. The funded service areas include 1,658 households, four educational facilities, and one essential community facility spread over 128.55 square miles.
Ben Lomand Holdings, Inc.
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award Amount: $1,936,789
This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband services in rural Tennessee. The funded service areas include 67 households spread over 25.37 square miles.

DeKalb Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award Amount: $940,224
This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Tennessee. The funded service areas include 342 households spread over 17.4 square miles.

Highland Communications, LLC
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award Amount: $6,470,108
This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Tennessee. The funded service area includes 1,147 households, eight educational facilities, and one essential community facility spread over 102.23 square miles.

United Communications, Inc.
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award Amount: $1,768,646
This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Tennessee. The funded service area includes 711 households spread over 4.23 square miles.

Volunteer Energy Cooperative
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award Amount: $3,731,558
This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-home broadband service in rural Tennessee. The funded service area includes 1,058 households spread over 43.61 square miles.

West Tennessee Telephone Company, Inc.
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award Amount: $2,709,600
This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Tennessee. The funded service areas include 1,125 households and one essential community facility spread over 35.63 square miles.

Texas Projects
Tatum Telephone Company
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award Amount: $4,488,894
This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Texas. The funded service area includes 986 households, three educational facilities, one healthcare facility, and two essential community facilities spread over 41.31 square miles.

Utah Projects
All West Communications, Inc.
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award Amount: $5,666,692
This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Utah, Idaho, and Wyoming. The funded service areas include 74 households spread over 82.6 square miles.
**Beehive Telephone Company, Inc.**
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award Amount: $2,379,000

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Utah. The funded service area includes two households spread over 19.27 square miles.

**UBTA-UBET Communications, Inc.**
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award Amount: $24,563,757

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Utah. The funded service areas include 3,472 households spread over 118.86 square miles.

**Virginia Projects**

**Central Virginia Services, Inc.**
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award Amount: $14,123,917

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Virginia. The funded service areas include 4,139 households, 37 educational facilities, 3 healthcare facilities, and 14 essential community facilities spread over 64.75 square miles.

**Mecklenburg Electric Cooperative**
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award Amount: $1,532,367

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Virginia. The funded service areas include 884 households and three essential community facilities spread over 28.49 square miles.

**Scott County Telephone Cooperative**
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award amount: $9,000,000

This Rural Development investment will be used to construct a fiber-to-the-premises over-lash to upgrade current broadband infrastructure in rural Virginia. The funded service areas include 3,005 households, two essential community facilities, and two educational facilities spread over 195.88 square miles.

**Washington Projects**

**Whidbey Telephone Company**
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award Amount: $596,781

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Washington. The funded service area includes 144 households spread over 0.16 square mile.

**West Virginia Projects**

**Citynet, LLC**
Funding Type: 100% Grant
Award Amount: $7,623,751

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-home broadband service in rural West Virginia. The funded service areas include 2,360 households, two educational facilities, and seven essential community facilities spread over 55.11 square miles.
**Wisconsin Projects**

**Ntera, LLC**  
Funding Type: 100% Grant  
Award Amount: $3,095,922

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fiber-to-the-home broadband service in rural Wisconsin. The funded service areas include 746 households spread over 26.28 square miles.

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**Wyoming Projects**

**Union Telephone Company**  
Funding Type: 100% Grant  
Award Amount: $252,786

This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy fixed wireless broadband service in rural Wyoming. The funded service area includes 49 households, one educational facility, and three essential community facilities spread over 30.46 square miles.

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**Industry Terms**

AOEN - Active Optical Ethernet Network  
FOA - Funding Opportunity Announcement  
FTTH - Fiber-to-the-Home  
FTTP - Fiber-to-the-Premises  
GPON - Gigabit Passive Optical Network  
Mbps - Megabits per Second  
RD - Rural Development  
RUS - Rural Utilities Service  
USDA - United States Department of Agriculture

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