

**USDA Rural Development
Broadband Technical Assistance
April 24, 2024
Projects: 14
Total \$5,248,591**

State	Senators	Applicant Name	Funding Type	Award	Initiative	Project Description
AK	Lisa Murkowski Dan Sullivan	Connecting Alaska Consortium	Technical Assistance Providers	\$1,000,000	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	This Rural Development cooperative agreement will be used to promote the expansion of high-speed internet in 122 rural communities across Alaska. Connecting Alaska Consortium will utilize funding to deliver technical assistance and training including planning and engagement support, coordinating partnerships, providing grant-related training, assisting with data collection and reporting and hosting technical assistance and training conferences. This project will serve Tribal communities in Alaska.
AK	Lisa Murkowski Dan Sullivan	City of Chevak	Technical Assistance Recipients	\$185,933	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	This Rural Development cooperative agreement will be used to promote the expansion of high-speed internet in the Alaska Tribal communities of Chevak, Scammon Bay, Hooper Bay and Paimiut in Alaska. City of Chevak, in partnership with the tribal council of Native Village of Chevak, will utilize funding to develop a comprehensive implementation plan that will optimize the ability of Chevak and its partners to attain the primary objectives of accessing affordable middle mile fiber and obtaining financial support to accomplish sustainability in providing high quality broadband services to the community.
AL	Tommy Tuberville Katie Britt	South Central Alabama Broadband Cooperative District	Project Supporting Cooperatives	\$820,000	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	This Rural Development cooperative agreement will be used to promote the expansion of high-speed internet in 45 communities across 15 counties in South Central Alabama. South Central Alabama Broadband Cooperative District (SCABCD), in partnership with Ready.net, will utilize funding to perform community needs assessments and project planning, provide grant assistance, support construction planning and engineering and provide federal resource management and oversight. This project will serve Distressed Energy Communities and Persistent Poverty Communities in Alabama.
FL	Marco Rubio Rick Scott	IBT Group USA, LLC	Technical Assistance Providers	\$325,923	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	This Rural Development cooperative agreement will be used to promote the expansion of high-speed internet in 10 communities across DeSoto county in Florida. IBT Group USA LLC will utilize funding to identify, study and report on the existing barriers to broadband access in DeSoto County; design and engineer feasible networks to bring broadband access to areas that currently lack existing access to broadband services; and create a strategic plan for the County to target public and private resources to finance broadband facilities. This project will serve Distressed Energy Communities in Florida.

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ID	Mike Crapo James Risch	County of Shoshone	Technical Assistance Recipients	\$80,000	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	This Rural Development cooperative agreement will be used to promote the expansion of high-speed internet in 13 communities across Shoshone County in Idaho. The County of Shoshone will utilize funding to prepare feasibility studies, financial forecasts, market surveys, environmental studies and technical design information to support broadband services. This project will serve Distressed Energy Communities in Idaho.
ID	Mike Crapo James Risch	Imagine Idaho Foundation Inc	Technical Assistance Providers	\$578,748	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	This Rural Development cooperative agreement will be used to promote the expansion of high-speed internet in Camas, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Teton and Valley counties in Idaho. Imagine Idaho Foundation Inc will utilize funding to provide broadband technical assistance including project management, technical consulting, contracting, community outreach and application assistance necessary to secure federal broadband infrastructure funding.
MO	Josh Hawley Eric Schmitt	The Curators of the University of Missouri	Technical Assistance Recipients	\$191,038	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	This Rural Development cooperative agreement will be used to promote the expansion of high-speed internet in Carter and Shannon counties in Missouri. The Curators of the University of Missouri will utilize funding to conduct a community planning process, a broadband economic analysis study, an environmental study and a technical design study. This project will serve Distressed Energy Communities and Persistent Poverty Communities in Missouri.
MS	Roger Wicker Cindy Hyde-Smith	Communities Unlimited	Technical Assistance Providers	\$772,400	Rural Partners Network; Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	This Rural Development cooperative agreement will be used to promote the expansion of high-speed internet in the communities of Gore Springs, D'Lo, Mendenhall, Sartaria, Bentonia and Ethel in Mississippi. Communities Unlimited will utilize funding to provide broadband technical assistance including community engagement, project planning, accessing federal resources and data collection. This project will serve Distressed Energy Communities and Persistent Poverty Communities in Mississippi.

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NE	Deb Fischer Pete Ricketts	South Central Economic Development District, Inc.	Technical Assistance Providers	\$190,700	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	This Rural Development cooperative agreement will be used to promote the expansion of high-speed internet in 25 communities across Buffalo, Franklin, Harlan, Kearney, Nuckolls and Webster counties in Nebraska. South Central Economic Development District Inc. will utilize funding to increase availability and adoption of affordable high-speed internet by implementing Broadband Action Teams, compiling community feedback and supporting Community Anchor Institutions. This project will serve Distressed Energy Communities in Nebraska.
NM	Martin Heinrich Ben Ray Luján	Pueblo of Jemez	Technical Assistance Recipients	\$237,000	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	This Rural Development cooperative agreement will be used to promote the expansion of high-speed internet in the Tribal community of Jemez Pueblo, as well as the nearby towns of San Ysidro, Canon and Ponderosa, New Mexico. Pueblo of Jemez will utilize funding to create a construction plan for a broadband network, perform feasibility studies, conduct market research and provide training to local community members. This project will serve Distressed Energy Communities in New Mexico.
NM	Martin Heinrich Ben Ray Luján	Pueblo of Laguna Utility Authority	Technical Assistance Recipients	\$74,162	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	This Rural Development cooperative agreement will be used to promote the expansion of high-speed internet in the Tribal community of Laguna Pueblo in Northern New Mexico. Pueblo of Laguna Utility Authority will utilize funding to complete an application for financial assistance to support building a fiber to the premise network. The fiber build will provide low-cost internet options to the communities within the Pueblo. This project will serve Distressed Energy Communities and Persistent Poverty Communities.



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OK	James Lankford Markwayne Mullin	Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma	Technical Assistance Providers	\$56,000	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	This Rural Development cooperative agreement will be used to promote the expansion of high-speed internet across the Choctaw Nation, including over 60 communities in southeastern Oklahoma. Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma will utilize funding to prepare a comprehensive feasibility study to plan and design for future delivery of broadband services. The study will determine fiber optic routes and equipment specifications necessary for highspeed internet connectivity, as well as provide community deployment strategies to expand the coverage areas for future growth. This project will serve Distressed Energy Communities and Persistent Poverty Communities in Oklahoma.
TX	John Cornyn Ted Cruz	Ciomperlik Enterprises, LLC	Technical Assistance Recipients	\$126,571	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	This Rural Development cooperative agreement will be used to promote the expansion of high-speed internet in 10 communities across Duval, Frio, Jim Hogg, La Salle and Zavala counties in Texas. Ciomperlik Enterprises LLC dba Bluebonnet Fiber will utilize funding to prepare reports, feasibility studies, financial forecasts, market surveys, environmental studies, and technical design to support the expansion of broadband access in the Northern portion of the South Texas Plains. This project will serve Distressed Energy Communities, Persistent Poverty Communities and Colonias in Texas.
WV	Joe Manchin Shelley Moore Capito	Generation West Virginia	Technical Assistance Providers	\$610,116	Rural Partners Network; Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	This Rural Development cooperative agreement will be used to promote the expansion of high-speed internet in Lincoln, McDowell, Webster and Fayette counties in West Virginia. Generation West Virginia, in partnership with Thrasher Engineering and Regional Optical Communications Inc., will utilize funding to provide technical assistance to support the expansion of broadband services in rural areas of southern West Virginia, including developing concrete, viable fiber development projects and securing federal funds for the projects. This project will serve Distressed Energy Communities and Persistent Poverty Communities in West Virginia.
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