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Good Evening Honorable Mayor Cremata,

We have received some very exciting news that I would like to share with you and the Municipality. Here's the official announcement (click the link below) from USDA about Round 3 awards. This is a huge award for use to serve the Chilkat Valley and areas of Skagway including the Dyea valley.

Respectfully,

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NEWS RELEASE

Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$502 Million for High-Speed Internet in Rural Communities

Funding Will Provide High-Speed Internet Access to People and Businesses in Rural and Remote Areas across 20 States; Additional Funding Will Come From President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law in Coming Months

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22, 2022 – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that the Department is awarding [\\$502 million in loans and grants](#) (PDF, 221 KB) to provide high-speed internet access for rural residents and businesses in 20 states. The funding is part of the Biden-Harris Administration's commitment to investing in rural infrastructure and providing reliable, affordable, high-speed internet for all. USDA is making the investments through the third funding round of the [ReConnect Program](#). The Department will make additional investments for rural high-speed internet in the coming months, including funding from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which provides a historic \$65 billion investment to expand affordable, high-speed internet to all communities across the U.S.

To learn more, read the full [news release](#).



**USDA Rural Development
ReConnect Loan/Grant Program**

State	Senators	Representative	Recipient	Loan	Grant	Project Description
AK	Lisa Murkowski Dan Sullivan	Mary Sattler Peltola (At Large)	Alaska Telephone Company		\$33,017,636	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 211 people and five businesses to high-speed internet in Haines Borough, the Hoonah-Angoon Census Area and the Skagway Municipality in Alaska. Alaska Telephone Company will make high-speed internet affordable by implementing the FCC's Lifeline Program. This project will serve Skagway and Chilkat Alaska Native Village Statistical Areas.
AK	Lisa Murkowski Dan Sullivan	Mary Sattler Peltola (At Large)	Arctic Slope Telephone		\$30,970,030	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 476 people, 15 businesses and a public school to high-speed internet in North Slope Borough, Alaska. Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative Inc. will make high-speed internet affordable by participating in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity and Lifeline programs. This project will serve the socially vulnerable communities of North Slope Borough and portions of the Anaktuvuk and the Point Lay Alaska Native Village Tribal Areas.
AL	Richard Shelby Tommy Tuberville	Jerry Carl (01) Terri Sewell (07)	Pine Belt Telephone Company Inc.	\$24,865,787	\$24,865,787	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 15,989 people, 608 businesses, 52 educational facilities and 407 farms to high-speed internet in Choctaw, Clarke, Dallas, Marengo, Perry and Wilcox counties. Pine Belt Telephone Company will make high-speed internet affordable by participating in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program. This project will serve socially vulnerable communities in Choctaw, Dallas and Clarke counties.
AL	Richard Shelby Tommy Tuberville	Barry Moore (02) Terri Sewell (07)	Mon-Cre Telephone Cooperative Inc.		\$3,951,801	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network. This network will connect 1,812 people, 30 businesses, 53 farms and four public schools to high-speed internet in Butler, Crenshaw, Lowndes, and Montgomery counties in Alabama. Mon-Cre Telephone Cooperative Inc. will make high-speed internet affordable by participating in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity and Lifeline programs, providing discounts to qualifying subscribers. This project will serve socially vulnerable communities in Lowndes County.
CA	Dianne Feinstein Alex Padilla	Jay Obernolte (08)	Fort Mojave Telecommunications Inc.	\$3,504,580	\$3,504,580	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network. This network will connect 3,498 people, 137 businesses, and seven schools to high-speed internet in San Bernardino County in California. Fort Mojave Telecommunications Inc. will make high-speed internet affordable by participating in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program. This project will serve socially vulnerable communities in San Bernardino County.



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CO	Michael Bennet John Hickenlooper	Lauren Boebert (03)	Delta-Montrose Electric Association		\$13,885,361	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-home network. This network will connect 3,577 people, 148 businesses, one school, and 765 farms to high-speed internet in the Colorado counties of Delta, Montrose and Gunnison. Delta-Montrose Electrical Association will make high-speed internet affordable by participation in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity and Lifeline programs to provide low-cost internet to its service area. This project will also serve the socially vulnerable community of Delta County.
IL	Tammy Duckworth Richard Durbin	Mike Bost (12)	Egyptian Telephone Cooperative Association	\$25,282,255		This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network. This network will connect 1,140 people, 22 businesses, and 84 farms to high-speed internet in Jackson and Randolph counties in Illinois.
KS/NE	Roger Marshall (KS) Jerry Moran (KS) Deb Fischer (NE) Ben Sasse (NE)	Jake LaTurner (KS 02) Tracey Mann (KS 01) Adrian Smith (NE 03)	JBN Telephone Company Inc.		\$6,319,640	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network. This network will connect 704 people, 17 businesses, and 225 farms to high-speed internet in Jackson, Nemaha, Pottawatomie, Republic, Washington, and Riley counties in Kansas as well as Jefferson and Thayer counties in Nebraska. JBN Telephone Company Inc. will make high-speed internet affordable by participating in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity and Lifeline programs by providing low-income consumers who qualify up to \$30 in monthly service credit.
MI	Gary Peters Debbie Stabenow	Jack Bergman (01)	Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa		\$24,944,355	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 1,217 people and 26 businesses to high-speed internet in Chippewa and Mackinac counties. The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa will make high-speed internet affordable by requiring its service provider to participate in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program. This program provides low-income consumers with discounts on high-speed internet services. This project will serve Sault Ste. Marie Off-Reservation Trust Land, the Sault Ste. Marie Reservation as well as socially vulnerable communities in Chippewa and Mackinac counties.
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Brad Finstad (01)	Winnebago Cooperative Telephone Association	\$12,556,772	\$12,556,772	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the home network. This network will connect 3,597 people, 80 businesses and 458 farms to high-speed internet in Freeborn County in Minnesota. Winnebago Cooperative Telephone Association will make high-speed internet affordable by participating in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity and Lifeline programs.



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MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Tom Emmer (06) Michelle Fischbach (07) Pete Stauber (08)	Upsala Cooperative Telephone Association	\$3,275,879	\$3,275,879	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network. This network will connect 1,595 people, 32 businesses, 101 farms, and one educational facility to high-speed internet in Morrison, Stearns, and Todd counties in Minnesota. Upsala Cooperative Telephone Association will make high-speed internet affordable by participating in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program by providing low-income consumers who qualify up to \$30 monthly service credit.
MN/IA	Amy Klobuchar (MN) Tina Smith (MN) Joni Ernst (IA) Chuck Grassley (IA)	Ashley Hinson (IA 01) Brad Finstad (MN 01)	Spring Grove Communications	\$5,707,048	\$5,707,048	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network. This network will connect 983 people, 42 businesses, and 122 farms to high-speed internet in Allamakee and Winneshiek counties in Iowa and Houston County in Minnesota. Spring Grove Communications will make high-speed internet affordable by participating in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity and Lifeline programs.
MO	Roy Blunt Josh Hawley	Vicky Hartzler (04)	Net Vision Communications LLC	\$12,357,100		This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 4,587 people, 300 businesses, nine farms and 15 public schools to high-speed internet in Barton County. This project will serve socially vulnerable communities in Barton County.
MO	Roy Blunt Josh Hawley	Sam Graves (06) Vicky Hartzler (04)	Chariton Valley Telephone Corporation		\$2,268,109	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network. This network will connect 642 people, eight businesses, and 94 farms to high-speed internet in Monroe and Randolph counties in Missouri. Chariton Valley Telephone Corporation will make high-speed internet affordable by participating in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity and Lifeline programs.
MS	Cindy Hyde-Smith Roger Wicker	Michael Guest (03)	Bay Springs Telephone Company Inc.		\$8,128,534	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-home network. This network will connect 1,123 people, nine businesses and 57 farms to high-speed internet in Jasper and Smith counties in Mississippi. Bay Springs Telephone Company Inc. will make high-speed internet affordable by participating in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity and Lifeline programs.
MS	Cindy Hyde-Smith Roger Wicker	Michael Guest (03) Bennie Thompson (02)	TEC of Jackson Inc.		\$22,210,057	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network that will connect 9,770 people, 92 businesses and 310 farms to high-speed internet in Copiah, Scott, Lawrence, Newton and Simpson counties in Mississippi. TEC of Jackson Inc. will make high-speed internet affordable by participating in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity and Lifeline programs. This project will serve socially vulnerable communities in Newton, Simpson and Lawrence counties.



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MT	Steve Daines Jon Tester	Matt Rosendale (At Large)	Project Telephone Company		\$8,579,820	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network. This network will connect 693 people, 16 businesses, one educational facility, and 23 farms to high-speed internet in Big Horn and Yellowstone counties in Montana. Project Telephone Company will make high-speed internet affordable by implementing the FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program. This project will serve portions of the Crow Reservation, Fort Smith and Pompey's Pillar areas.
NC	Richard Burr Thom Tillis	Dan Bishop (09)	Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation		\$24,664,687	This Rural Development investment will be used to help Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation deploy a fiber-to-the-home network. This network will connect 13,972 people, 198 businesses, 166 farms and 18 public schools to high-speed internet in Robeson and Scotland counties in North Carolina. Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation will make high-speed internet affordable by implementing the FOCUS Broadband's Faster Internet for Robeson and Scotland Today (FIRST) program and offering four internet packages. This project will serve the Lumbee state designated tribal statistical area and the socially vulnerable communities of Scotland and Robeson counties.
ND	Kevin Cramer John Hoeven	Kelly Armstrong (At Large)	Halstad Telephone Company		\$2,815,462	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network. This network will connect 532 people, seven businesses and 86 farms to high-speed internet in Traill County. Halstad Telephone Company will make high-speed internet affordable by participating in FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program.
ND	Kevin Cramer John Hoeven	Kelly Armstrong (At Large)	Consolidated Enterprises Inc.		\$13,814,768	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network. This network will connect 851 people, 38 businesses, 164 farms, and one school to high-speed internet in Billings and Stark counties in North Dakota. Consolidated Enterprises Inc. will make high-speed internet affordable by participating in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity and Lifeline programs.
ND	Kevin Cramer John Hoeven	Kelly Armstrong (At Large)	Griggs County Telephone Co.	\$16,880,472		This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network. This network will connect 2,943 people, 99 businesses, 11 educational facilities, and 173 farms to high-speed internet in Ransom, Cass, and Richland counties in North Dakota.
ND	Kevin Cramer John Hoeven	Kelly Armstrong (At Large)	BEK Communications Cooperative		\$13,942,351	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network. This network will connect 1,496 people, 61 businesses, 257 farms, and four schools to high-speed internet in Barnes, Cass, and Ransom counties in North Dakota. BEK Communications Cooperative will make high-speed internet affordable by continuing to participate in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity and Lifeline programs.



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OK	James Inhofe James Lankford	Markwayne Mullin (02)	Valliant Telephone Company Inc.		\$883,904	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network. This network will connect 200 people, 16 businesses and one educational facility to high-speed internet in Choctaw and McCurtain counties in Oklahoma. Valliant Telephone Company Inc. will make high-speed internet affordable by implementing the FCC's Affordable Connectivity and Lifeline programs, and offering four internet packages. This project will serve the Choctaw Oklahoma Tribal Statistical Area and socially vulnerable communities in McCurtain County.
OK	James Inhofe James Lankford	Frank Lucas (03)	Osage Nation		\$13,907,500	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network. This network will connect 831 people, 18 businesses, and 128 farms to high-speed internet in Osage County in Oklahoma. The Osage Nation will make high-speed internet affordable by participating in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program. This project will serve the Osage Nation and socially vulnerable communities in Osage County.
OK	James Inhofe James Lankford	Tom Cole (04) Frank Lucas (03)	Southern Plains Cable LLC	\$8,134,548	\$8,134,548	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 7,093 people, 230 businesses, six farms and 29 schools to high-speed internet in Caddo, Comanche, Cotton and Grady counties. Southern Plains Cable will make high-speed internet affordable by participating in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity and Lifeline programs. This project will serve the Kiowa-Comanche-Apache-Fort Sill Apache Tribal Statistical Area and socially vulnerable communities in Cotton County.
OR	Jeff Merkley Ron Wyden	Cliff Bentz (02)	Oregon Telephone Corporation	\$10,264,049	\$10,264,049	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network. This network will connect 1,163 people, 41 businesses, 70 farms, and four educational facilities to high-speed internet in Baker, Grant, and Malheur counties in Oregon. Oregon Telephone Corporation will make high-speed internet affordable by participating in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program and the Oregon Telephone Assistance Program, including Oregon Lifeline.
TN	Marsha Blackburn Bill Hagerty	Scott DesJarlais (04) John Rose (06)	Dekalb Telephone Cooperative Inc.		\$11,683,600	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network. This network will connect 6,056 people, 74 businesses, five schools, and 373 farms to high-speed internet in DeKalb, Cannon, Smith and Rutherford counties in Tennessee. The Dekalb Telephone Cooperative will make high-speed internet affordable by participation in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity and Lifeline programs to provide low-cost internet to its service area.
TX	John Cornyn Ted Cruz	Pat Fallon (04)	Blossom Telephone Company	\$2,283,570	\$2,283,570	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 982 people, 14 businesses and 93 farms to high-speed internet in Lamar and Red River counties. Blossom Telephone Company will make high-speed internet affordable by participating in the FCC's Lifeline Program.



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TX	John Cornyn Ted Cruz	Tony Gonzales (23)	Big Bend Telephone Company Inc.		\$24,018,756	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network. This network will connect 98 people, one business and five farms to high-speed internet in Presidio and Terrell counties in Texas. Big Bend Telephone Company Inc. will make high-speed internet affordable by participating in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity and Lifeline programs. This project will serve socially vulnerable communities in Presidio County.
TX	John Cornyn Ted Cruz	August Pfluger (11) Jodey Arrington (19)	Taylor Telephone Cooperative Inc.	\$16,337,880	\$16,337,880	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 1,060 people, 20 businesses and 450 farms to high-speed internet in Coleman, Nolan, Runnels, Taylor counties. Taylor Telephone Cooperative Inc. will make high-speed internet affordable by participating in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program.
TX	John Cornyn Ted Cruz	August Pfluger (11)	Totelcom Communications LLC		\$3,872,775	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network. This network will connect 299 people, nine businesses, 85 farms, and one educational facility to high-speed internet in Comanche County, Texas. Totelcom Communications Inc. will make high-speed internet affordable by participating in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program by providing low-income consumers who qualify up to \$30 in monthly service credit.
WY	Cynthia Lummis John Barrasso	Liz Cheney (At Large)	Tri County Telephone Association Inc.		\$9,592,794	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network. This network will connect 204 people, 15 businesses, and 19 farms to high-speed internet in Big Horn, Hot Springs, Park, Sheridan, Washakie counties in Wyoming. Tri County Telephone Association Inc. will make high-speed internet affordable by implementing the FCC's Affordable Connectivity and Lifeline programs.
				\$141,449,940	\$360,402,053	TOTAL \$501,851,993