

ReConnect3 Final Results: The USDA Gets the Job Done

In this third and final round of awards from more than \$2 billion authorized in 2018, the USDA remains a reliable deployer partner.

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It was worth the wait. The third round of the USDA ReConnect Loan and Grant Program closed this past summer, after awarding \$759 million in rural broadband grants and loans to 49 deployers, mostly small local exchange carriers (LECs). The average cost of passing each home, farm, other business or school was just over \$4,500, compared to \$4,100 in 2019 and almost \$6,000 in 2020. All awardees in this round, and almost all in previous rounds, told USDA they were deploying fiber to the premises. USDA awards typically cover as much as 80 percent of the total deployment cost.

All relevant deployers (some tribal winners are not eligible) pledged to comply with FCC programs subsidizing low-income families, such as the old Lifeline program and the \$30 per month subsidy authorized in the infrastructure bill. Doing so improved their USDA grant application scoring.

ReConnect3 loans and grants are expected to pass 156,601 dwelling units and 11,811 businesses, farms and schools with fiber – a total of about 168,000 premises. This is in line with earlier rounds, strongly suggesting that the need is vast and federal money – U.S. taxpayer money – is not being wasted by chasing ever more problematic projects. The winning awardees are detailed in the accompanying table.

The big difference was in the USDA's enumerating a higher proportion of farms and businesses in this round than in earlier rounds. But I have access to some awardee data from earlier rounds (I provide a bit of free and confidential help with our business models), and it appears that some of the difference may be illusory. What was listed as a farmhouse residence in earlier rounds is now typically listed as what it is – a farm. The USDA likes farms even more than it likes farmers, and the farmers are using more broadband for, well, farming.

In 2020, USDA Rural Utilities Service awarded \$675 million in grants and loans, up from the first round's \$663 million in 2019. In 2020, 113,000 premises were passed with that money, compared with 161,000 in 2019.

In this column, I explore the details. The first three rounds of ReConnect (short for Rural e-Connect) were funded in the multiyear USDA budget President Trump signed during

Christmas Week 2018. The fourth round, already closed, and several rounds to come will be funded through later USDA appropriations, and distributed under slightly different rules. They were discussed in a Bandwidth Hawk column last year, along with the much larger \$42.5 billion Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program established by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The IIJA will be administered by state agencies under National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) supervision. There are also funds targeted specifically for tribal areas. Links to previous relevant columns are in the box on the next page.

PROJECTS BIG AND SMALL

Thirty-nine of the 49 ReConnect3 award winners received grants, five received only loans, and five received awards that were half grants and half loans. Loans distributed totaled almost \$91.5 million; grants totaled more than \$677.6 million. In the first half of 2022, when the USDA was accepting applications for ReConnect3 awards, loans were still fairly easy to get, and interest rates were running around 5 percent for deployers. The noose was tightening, with lenders beginning to demand more deployer "ownership" of their networks and long-term peering-point agreements. But federal loans, at around 2 percent interest, were not always attractive enough to apply for. Indeed, many winners of ReConnect2 loans ended up refusing them while keeping grant awards.

That has now changed – interest rates and fees total more than 7 percent, effectively, once higher interest rates, fees and likely construction delays due to labor and parts shortages are taken into account.

As with previous funding rounds, most awardees are fairly small, competitive local exchange carriers. Thirty-one of them won in this round, and Southwestern Bell, an AT&T subsidiary, won \$16 million to deploy fiber to 999 residences, 100 farms and 33 businesses in Jefferson and Lincoln counties in Arkansas.

This round also had 10 co-op winners, six tribal winners, and one “public corporation” serving Palau, which won the largest grant by a hair. Palau National Communications Corporation was awarded \$34,991,340 to deploy fiber to 7,855 households and three educational facilities in Angaur, Babeldaob, Kayangel, Koro, Meyuns and Peleliu in Palau. The company is owned by the Palau government but is meant to be self-supporting from customer fees. The cost to the USDA works out to be \$4,453 per premises passed.

Just pocket change separated Palau from a much smaller project in New Mexico: deploying fiber to 678 residences, 10 businesses and a farm in Catron, Grant and Hidalgo counties. The grant, to Western New Mexico Telephone Company for \$34,897,442, works out to \$50,649 per premises passed.

The largest loan-only award was also one of the largest projects: connecting 21,289 residences, 569 businesses, 323 farms and 29 educational facilities in Bibb, Crawford, Macon, Marion, Monroe, Talbot and Taylor counties in Georgia. The loan, for \$36,492,568 to the Public Service Telephone Company, works out to a cost of only \$1,643 per premises connected.

Another awardee in that group, Upper Peninsula Telephone Company, received \$34,532,301 to deploy fiber to 1,625 residences, 69 farms, 40 businesses and two educational facilities in Dickinson, Luce, Mackinac, Marquette, Menominee and Ontonagon counties in Michigan. It works out to \$19,892 per premises passed.

The smallest loan and smallest grant went to an Iowa co-op, Kalona Cooperative Telephone Company, serving 463 premises, 59 farms and 11 other businesses in Washington County in Iowa. The loan and matching grant were for \$881,072 each, or \$1,762,144. It works out to \$3,306 per premises passed with fiber.

However, it was not the smallest award overall. That honor goes to a \$1,680,750 grant for the Scott County Telephone Company to connect 89

KEY RECONNECT LINKS

These articles also contain links to detailed data tables on the first two ReConnect rounds.

Fiber Dominates First Batch of ReConnect Awards

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Bandwidth Hawk: Get Ready for USDA ReConnect Round Three

March/April 2021

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Bandwidth Hawk: USDA ReConnect 4: Tips, Tricks, and What You Have to Know

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residences, 17 farms and a business in Scott County, Arkansas. It works out to \$15,708 per premises passed.

A number of awards totaled less than \$4 million each, suggesting that the application process was not unduly burdensome.

The project with the smallest number of premises passed – seven public schools and a single residence – is in Puerto Rico, in Patillas and Arroyo *municipios* (municipalities). VPNet Inc. received a grant of \$8,783,620 to get the job done. It works out to \$1,097,953 per premises.

The project with the largest number of premises passed was also the cheapest per premises as far as USDA was concerned: 24,306 residences, 1,064 businesses, 73 educational facilities and 40 farms in Ellis County and Hill County, Texas. The \$4,815,750 loan went to Legacy ISP LLC. It works out to \$189 per premises passed and is mainly for upgrades to fiber for an existing network.

What next? Press releases announcing individual 2019 and 2020 awards all began by crediting them to President Trump. It is true that he signed the 2018 multiyear funding bill that made the awards possible. But the bill was an amalgam of things Republicans craved (agricultural

subsidies, especially) and those of importance to Democrats, especially food subsidies for the poor. Trump had delayed signing the bill while promising more funding in a state block grant program. The federal government would supply the money, and the states would distribute it as they saw fit. The White House never produced such a program.

When Trump signed the huge agriculture bill, he appeared to express surprise that more than \$2 billion was allocated for broadband.

For this round, USDA press releases announcing awards noted senators and representatives of all parties from affected regions. That was politically astute. But it also reflected the political reality: Both major parties have come to like broadband! 🍷



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RECIPIENT	STATE	DEPLOYER TYPE	TECHNOLOGY	HOUSEHOLDS	OTHER PREMISES	COST TO USDA PER PREMISES PASSED	
Dena' Nena' Henash (Tanana Chiefs Conference)	AK	Tribal	FTTP	301	20	\$94,465	
Hayneville Telephone Company Inc.	AL	LEC	FTTP	4,646	253	\$5,059	
Scott County Telephone Company LLC	AR	LEC	FTTP	89	18	\$15,708	
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company	AR	CLEC	FTTP	999	133	\$14,167	
Navajo Tribal Utility Authority	AZ	Tribal	FTTP	4,784	39	\$1,484	
Tohono O'odham Utility Authority	AZ	Tribal	FTTP	1,624	138	\$5,651	
Cal-Ore Telephone Co.	CA	LEC	FTTP	321	16	\$52,293	
Eastern Slope Rural Telephone Association Inc.	CO	Co-op	FTTP	2,284	1,025	\$5,663	
Public Service Telephone Company	GA	LEC	FTTP	21,289	921	\$1,643	
Teleguam Holdings LLC	GU	LEC	FTTP	8,622		\$3,452	
Complete Communication Services Corp.	IA	LEC	FTTP	2,827	85	\$1,304	
Kalona Cooperative Telephone Company	IA	Co-op	FTTP	463	70	\$3,306	
Columbine Telephone Company Inc.	ID	LEC	FTTP	469	6	\$4,429	
Hamilton County Telephone Co-Op	IL	Co-op	FTTP	3,202	300	\$7,089	
Shelby Electric Cooperative Inc.	IL	Co-op	FTTP	4,057	574	\$5,116	
Blue Valley Tele-Communications Inc.	KS	LEC	FTTP	3,000	273	\$937	

	LOAN	GRANT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
		\$30,323,227	To deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 301 residences, 17 businesses and three educational facilities to high-speed internet in the Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area in Alaska. Dena' Nena' Henash will make high-speed internet affordable by implementing the FCC's Affordable Connectivity and Tribal Lifeline programs. This project will serve the Hughes, Huslia, Alatna and Allakaket Alaska Native Village Statistical Areas as well as the socially vulnerable communities of Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area.
		\$24,781,800	To deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 4,646 residences, 154 farms, 96 businesses and three public schools to high-speed internet in Lowndes County, Alabama. The Hayneville Telephone Company Inc. will participate in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity and Lifeline programs. This project will serve socially vulnerable communities in Lowndes County.
		\$1,680,750	To deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 89 residences, 17 farms and a business to high-speed internet in Scott County, Arkansas. The Scott County Telephone Company will participate in the FCC's Lifeline and Affordable Connectivity programs.
		\$16,036,684	To deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 999 residences, 100 farms and 33 businesses to high-speed internet in Jefferson and Lincoln counties in Arkansas. The Southwestern Bell Telephone Company will participate in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program. This project will serve socially vulnerable communities in Jefferson and Lincoln counties in Arkansas.
		\$7,157,869	To deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 4,784 residences, 27 businesses, 10 educational facilities and two farms to high-speed internet in Navajo County in Arizona. The Navajo Tribal Utility Company will participate in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program. This project will serve the Navajo Nation Reservation and socially vulnerable communities in Navajo County.
		\$9,957,228	To deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 1,624 residences, 123 farms, 11 businesses and four educational facilities in Maricopa, Pima, and Pinal counties in Arizona. The Tohono O'odham Utility Authority will participate in the FCC's Lifeline and Affordable Connectivity programs. This project will serve socially vulnerable communities in Maricopa, Pima and Pinal counties as well as the Tohono O'odham Nation Reservation and the Tohono O'odham Nation Off-Reservation Trust Land.
		\$17,622,667	To deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 321 residences, seven farms, six businesses and three public schools to high-speed internet in Siskiyou County, California. Cal-Ore Telephone will participate in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity and Lifeline programs. This project will serve socially vulnerable communities in Siskiyou County, California.
		\$18,738,398	To deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 2,284 residences, 898 farms, 110 businesses and 17 educational facilities to high-speed internet in Adams, Arapahoe, Cheyenne, Crowley, Elbert, Kiowa, Kit Carson, Lincoln, and Washington counties in Colorado. The Eastern Slope Rural Telephone Association Inc. will participate in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program.
	\$36,492,568		To deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 21,289 residences, 569 businesses, 323 farms and 29 educational facilities to high-speed internet in Bibb, Crawford, Macon, Marion, Monroe, Talbot and Taylor counties in Georgia.
		\$29,767,352	Teleguam Holdings LLC is receiving \$29,767,352 to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 8,622 residences to high-speed internet in Guam. Teleguam Holdings Inc. will participate in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity and Lifeline programs. This project will serve socially vulnerable communities in Guam.
	\$3,797,296		To deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 2,827 residences, 77 businesses, five farms and three educational facilities to high-speed internet in Hamilton County, Iowa.
	\$881,072	\$881,072	To deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 463 residences, 59 farms and 11 businesses to high-speed internet in Washington County, Iowa. The Kalona Cooperative Telephone Company will make high-speed internet affordable by participating in the FCC's Lifeline and E-Rate programs.
		\$2,103,857	To deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 469 residences, two businesses, and four farms to high-speed internet in Madison County, Idaho. The Columbine Telephone Company will participate in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program.
	\$12,413,362	\$12,413,362	To deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 3,202 residences, 248 farms and 52 business to high-speed internet in Franklin, Hamilton, Jefferson, Saline, Wayne and White counties in Illinois. The Hamilton County Telephone Co-Op participates in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity and Lifeline programs.
		\$23,690,245	To deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 4,057 residences, 511 farms, 61 businesses and two educational facilities to high-speed internet in Christian, Cumberland, Effingham, Fayette, Montgomery, Moultrie, and Shelby counties in Illinois. The Shelby Electric Cooperative will participate in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program.
		\$3,066,752	To deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 3,000 residences, 255 businesses, 14 educational facilities and four farms to high-speed internet in Marshall and Washington counties in Kansas. Blue Valley Tele-Communications Inc. will participate in FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program.

RECIPIENT	STATE	DEPLOYER TYPE	TECHNOLOGY	HOUSEHOLDS	OTHER PREMISES	COST TO USDA PER PREMISES PASSED	
Mountain Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation Inc.	KY	Co-op	FTTP	871	97	\$9,688	
Thacker-Grigsby Telephone Company Inc.	KY	LEC	FTTP	4,466	70	\$5,374	
Baraga Telephone Company	MI	LEC	FTTP	362	6	\$8,975	
DMCI Broadband LLC	MI	LEC	FTTP	2,899	154	\$2,046	
Michigan Central Broadband Company LLC	MI	LEC	FTTP	360	59	\$35,675	
Upper Peninsula Telephone Company	MI	LEC	FTTP	1,625	111	\$19,892	
Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative	MN	Co-op	FTTP	473	24	\$7,623	
Tekstar Communications	MN	LEC	FTTP	3,113	275	\$3,720	
Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation	MO	LEC	FTTP	3,107	589	\$4,238	
IAMO Communications Inc.	MO	LEC	FTTP	291	63	\$10,231	
Kingdom Telephone	MO	LEC	FTTP	4,941	695	\$4,082	
Rock Port Telephone Company	MO	LEC	FTTP	1,121	327	\$10,900	
Decatur Telephone Company	MS	LEC	FTTP	1,251	83	\$4,618	
Sledge Telephone Company Inc.	MS	LEC	FTTP	1,115	21	\$2,057	
AccessOn Networks Inc.	NC	LEC	FTTP	5,434	198	\$3,101	
Kit Carson Electric Cooperative Inc.	NM	Co-op	FTTP	2,693	84	\$8,507	
Leaco Rural Telephone Cooperative Inc.	NM	Co-op	FTTP	2,970	56	\$8,262	

	LOAN	GRANT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
		\$9,378,184	To deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 871 residences, 50 farms, 45 businesses and two educational facilities to high-speed internet in Powell County, Kentucky. The Mountain Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation Inc. will participate in the FCC's Lifeline Program.
	\$12,188,991	\$12,188,991	To deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 4,466 residences, 39 businesses, 27 farms and four educational facilities to high-speed internet in Breathitt and Leslie counties in Kentucky. The Thacker-Grisby Telephone Company Inc. will participate in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity and Lifeline programs.
	\$3,302,981		To deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 362 residences, four farms and two businesses to high-speed internet in Houghton County, Michigan.
	\$3,122,745	\$3,122,745	To deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 2,899 residences, 94 farms, 56 businesses and four educational facilities to high-speed internet in Branch and Hillsdale counties in Michigan. DMCI Broadband LLC will participate in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program.
		\$14,948,004	To deploy a fiber-to-the-home network to connect 360 residences, 52 farms and seven businesses to high-speed internet in Crawford, Kalkaska, Otsego and Presque Isle counties in Michigan. The Michigan Central Broadband Company LLC will participate in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity and Lifeline programs.
		\$34,532,301	To deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 1,625 residences, 69 farms, 40 businesses and two educational facilities to high-speed internet in Dickinson, Luce, Mackinac, Marquette, Menominee and Ontonagon counties in Michigan. The Upper Peninsula Telephone Company will participate in FCC's Affordable Connectivity and Lifeline programs.
		\$3,788,680	To deploy a fiber-to-the-home network to connect 473 residences, 15 farms and nine businesses to high-speed internet in Aitkin and Crow Wing counties in Minnesota. The Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative will participate in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program.
		\$12,602,274	To deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 3,113 residences, 171 farms, 103 businesses and a school to high-speed internet in Douglas, Otter Tail, St. Louis, Stearns and Todd counties in Minnesota. Tekstar Communications Inc. will make high-speed internet affordable by offering its "Gig Price for Life" promotion for new services. Tekstar also will participate in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity and Lifeline programs.
		\$15,664,704	To deploy a fiber-to-the-home network to connect 3,107 residences, 521 farms, 59 businesses and nine educational facilities to high-speed internet in Daviess, Gentry, Grundy, Harrison, Livingston, Mercer and Nodaway counties in Missouri. The Grand Mutual Telephone Company will participate in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity and Lifeline programs.
		\$3,621,782	To deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 291 residences, 57 farms and six businesses to high-speed internet in Atchison and Nodaway counties in Missouri. IAMO Communications Inc. will participate in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity and E-Rate programs.
		\$23,007,295	To deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 4,941 residences, 611 farms and 84 businesses to high-speed internet in Audrain, Boone, Callaway, and Montgomery counties in Missouri. The Kingdom Telephone Company will participate in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity and Lifeline programs.
		\$15,783,423	To deploy a fiber-to-the-home network to connect 1,121 residences, 297 farms and 30 businesses to high-speed internet in Holt and Atchison counties in Missouri. The Rockport Telephone Company will participate in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity and Lifeline programs.
		\$6,160,331	To deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 1,251 residences, 48 farms, 34 businesses and an educational facility to high-speed internet in Newton County in Mississippi. The Decatur Telephone Company will participate in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity and Lifeline programs. This project will serve socially vulnerable communities in Newton County.
		\$2,336,547	To deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 1,115 residences, 19 businesses and two educational facilities to high-speed internet in Sunflower County, Mississippi. The Sledge Telephone Company Inc. will participate in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity and Lifeline programs. Sledge will serve socially vulnerable communities in Sunflower County.
		\$17,467,025	To deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 5,434 residences, 100 businesses, 76 farms and 22 educational facilities to high-speed internet in Halifax and Warren counties in North Carolina. AccessOn Networks Inc. will participate in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity and Lifeline programs. This project will serve socially vulnerable communities in Warren and Halifax counties and the Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Statistical Area.
		\$23,624,986	To deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 2,693 residences, 42 businesses, 34 farms and eight educational facilities to high-speed internet in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. The Kit Carson Electric Cooperative Inc. will participate in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity and the Lifeline programs.
		\$24,999,998	To deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 2,970 residences and 56 businesses to high-speed internet in Chaves and Lea counties in New Mexico. The Leaco Rural Telephone Cooperative Inc. will participate in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity and Lifeline programs. This project will serve socially vulnerable communities in Chaves County.

RECIPIENT	STATE	DEPLOYER TYPE	TECHNOLOGY	HOUSEHOLDS	OTHER PREMISES	COST TO USDA PER PREMISES PASSED	
Western New Mexico Telephone Company Inc.	NM	LEC	FTTP	678	11	\$50,649	
WNM Communications Corporation	NM	LEC	FTTP	3,093	39	\$7,959	
Pawnee Nation Of Oklahoma	OK	Tribal	FTTP	3,486	928	\$5,663	
Pine Cellular Phones Inc.	OK	LEC	FTTP	1,901	142	\$5,436	
Pioneer Telephone Cooperative Inc.	OK	Co-op	FTTP	3,975	1,208	\$4,777	
Terral Telephone Company	OK	LEC	FTTP	1,529	133	\$4,511	
The Pine Telephone Company Inc.	OK	LEC	FTTP	2,031	393	\$5,591	
Wyandotte Telephone Company	OK	Tribal	FTTP	1,407	110	\$5,039	
Pioneer Telephone Cooperative	OR	Co-op	FTTP	3,570	630	\$5,941	
Siuslaw Broadband LLC	OR	LEC	FTTP	1,407	51	\$7,295	
VPNet Inc.	PR	LEC	FTTP	1	7	\$1,097,953	
Palau National Communications Corporation	PW	Public Corporation	FTTP	7,855	3	\$4,453	
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone	SD	Tribal	FTTP	488	95	\$29,087	
Legacy ISP LLC	TX	LEC	FTTP	24,306	1,177	\$189	
Kalama Telephone Company	WA	LEC	FTTP	4,330	82	\$1,958	
Silver Star Telephone Company Inc.	WY	LEC	FTTP	475	19	\$12,760	
			TOTALS	156,601	11,811	\$4,507	

Table 1. Summary of all ReConnect3 Awards, 2022

	LOAN	GRANT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
		\$34,897,442	To deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 678 residences, 10 businesses and a farm to high-speed internet in Catron, Grant, and Hidalgo counties in New Mexico. The Western New Mexico Telephone Company will participate in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity and Lifeline programs.
		\$24,926,765	To deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 3,093 residences, 30 businesses, five farms and four educational facilities to high-speed internet in Grant and Luna counties in New Mexico. WNM Communications Corporation will participate in FCC's Affordable Connectivity and Lifeline programs. This project will serve socially vulnerable communities in Luna County.
		\$24,996,065	To deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 3,486 residences, 792 farms, 124 businesses and 12 educational facilities in Noble, Osage, and Pawnee counties in Oklahoma. This project will serve the Pawnee, Ponca and Otoe-Missouria Oklahoma Tribal Statistical Areas in Oklahoma.
		\$11,105,000	To deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 1,901 residences, 95 farms and 47 businesses in McCurtain County, Oklahoma. Pine Cellular Phones Inc. will participate in FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program. This project will serve socially vulnerable communities in McCurtain County in Oklahoma and the Choctaw Oklahoma Tribal Statistical Area.
		\$24,760,303	To deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 3,975 residences, 981 farms, 216 businesses and 11 public schools to high-speed internet in Alfalfa, Harper, Major, Woods and Woodward counties in Oklahoma. Pioneer Telephone Cooperative Inc. will participate in FCC's Lifeline Program.
		\$7,497,965	To deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 1,529 residences, 90 farms, 37 businesses and six educational facilities to high-speed internet in Jefferson County, Oklahoma. Terral Telephone Company will participate in FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program. This project will serve socially vulnerable communities in Jefferson County and the Chickasaw Oklahoma Tribal Statistical Area.
		\$13,552,987	To deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 2,031 residences, 359 farms and 34 businesses to high-speed internet in Le Flore, McCurtain and Pushmataha counties in Oklahoma. The Pine Telephone Company Inc. will participate in FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program. This project will serve the Choctaw Oklahoma Tribal Statistical Area and socially vulnerable communities in Le Flore County.
	\$3,822,049	\$3,822,049	To deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 1,407 residences, 54 farms, 52 businesses and four educational facilities to high-speed internet in Ottawa County, Oklahoma. Wyandotte Telephone Company will participate in FCC's Affordable Connectivity and Lifeline programs. This project will serve the Wyandotte Oklahoma Tribal Statistical Area in Ottawa County in Oklahoma.
		\$24,952,007	To deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 3,570 residences, 558 farms and 72 businesses to high-speed internet in Benton, Lane, Lincoln and Polk counties in Oregon. Pioneer Telephone Cooperative will participate in e FCC's Affordable Connectivity and Lifeline programs.
	\$10,636,789		To deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 1,407 residences, 28 businesses, 21 farms and two educational facilities to high-speed internet in Lane County, Oregon.
		\$8,783,620	To deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect seven public schools and a residence to high-speed internet in Patillas and Arroyo <i>municipios</i> in Puerto Rico. VPNet Inc. will participate in FCC's Lifeline and Affordable Connectivity programs. This enables VPNet to further discount the cost of broadband services to low-income households. This project will serve socially vulnerable communities in Patillas and Arroyo <i>municipios</i> .
		\$34,991,340	To deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 7,855 households and three educational facilities to high-speed internet in Angaur, Babeldaob, Kayangel, Koro, Meyuns and Peleliu in Palau. The Palau National Communications Corporation will participate in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity and Lifeline programs. This project will serve socially vulnerable communities in Palau.
		\$16,957,883	To deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 488 residences, 88 farms and seven businesses to high-speed internet in Corson and Dewey counties in South Dakota. The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone will participate in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity and Lifeline programs. This project will serve socially vulnerable communities in Corson and Dewey counties and on the Cheyenne River and Standing Rock Reservations.
	\$4,815,750		To deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 24,306 residences, 1,064 businesses, 73 educational facilities and 40 farms to high-speed internet in Ellis and Hill counties in Texas.
		\$8,637,540	To deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 4,330 residences, 61 businesses and 21 farms to high-speed internet in rural Cowlitz County. The Kalama Telephone Company will participate in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity and Lifeline programs.
		\$6,303,581	To deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 475 residences, 15 businesses, two farms and two public schools to high-speed internet in Lincoln and Teton counties in Wyoming. The Silver Star Telephone Company Inc. will participate in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program.
	\$91,473,603	\$667,633,080	