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CONSUMER AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS BUREAU ANNOUNCES SECOND ROUND OF ACP TRIBAL OUTREACH GRANT PROGRAM AWARDS

WC Docket No. 21-450

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) today is announcing final funding allocations for the Affordable Connectivity Outreach Grant Program (ACP Outreach Grant Program), Tribal Competitive Outreach Program (TCOP) Round 2. The total amount of final funds announced today for TCOP Round 2 is over \$1.2 million.

In March 2023, the FCC adopted the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) Fifth Report & Order making available a second funding opportunity for the ACP Outreach Grant Program.¹ The ACP plays an integral role in helping to bridge the digital divide, which remains a top priority for the Commission.² As part of its efforts to encourage participation in the ACP, the Commission established the ACP Outreach Grant Program in order to engage with partners around the country to help inform ACP-eligible households about the program in their local communities, with funding and resources to support such outreach and community engagement.³ The extensive demand for ACP outreach funding so far underscores the need for these funds and the importance of reaching the eligible households that have not yet enrolled in the ACP.⁴ This new funding opportunity for ACP outreach is intended to provide funding to five additional Tribal organizations, beyond the 20 TCOP grant recipients that were announced as part of the Commission's March 10, 2023 funding announcement.⁵

In determining funding allocations for the second round of TCOP final allocations, the FCC reviewed seven grant applications to determine the impact of proposed projects against the grant program's goal, objectives, and priorities. Submitted applications were assessed using the following three-step review process:

- 1. Eligibility** review to determine if the applicant is eligible and submitted a complete application package as required in the TCOP Round 2 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO);

¹ *Affordable Connectivity Program*, Fifth Report and Order, WC Docket No. 21-450, FCC 23-15 (rel. Mar. 15, 2023) (*ACP Fifth Report and Order*).

² See *Affordable Connectivity Program*, *Emergency Broadband Benefit Program*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, WC Docket Nos. 21-450, 20-445, FCC 22-2, at 98, para. 211 (2022) (*ACP Order*) ("Narrowing the digital divide has been an ongoing priority for the Commission....").

³ *Affordable Connectivity Program*, Second Report and Order, WC Docket No. 21-450, FCC 22-64, at 2, para. 2 (2022).

⁴ *Id.* at 4-6, paras. 4-6 (discussing the need for and importance of ACP outreach).

⁵ *Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau Announces ACP Outreach Grant Program Target Funding*, Public Notice, WC Docket No. 21-450, DA 22-194 (CGB Mar. 10, 2023).

2. **Merit** review to determine the quality of proposed projects against program objectives, activities, and costs/budget using pre-determined criteria; and
3. **Risk** review to determine the fiscal stability of an applicant using many factors including the quality of the management systems, history of grant performance, and audit reports and findings.

At the conclusion of the three-step review process, applicants were selected for funding consistent with the funding determination process outlined in the TCOP Round 2 NOFO.

Entity-specific final funding allocations are enclosed as part of the Appendix contained within this Public Notice. Following today's announcement, the FCC's Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau will contact applicable entities over the course of the next few weeks to prepare for and issue Notices of Award (NOAs). Entities that have been selected for funding do not need to reach out to the FCC as the FCC will initiate outreach and coordination for award issuance. Once NOAs are issued, entities will have no more than 30 days to accept their award which will mark the start of their one-year (12 months) period of performance for TCOP Round 2.

Further questions regarding today's announcement can be directed to: acpgrants@fcc.gov.

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The FY 2023 TCOP Round 2 funding recipients announced on September 6, 2023 and final funding amounts are provided in the table below. Eligibility for TCOP Round 2 was limited to governmental and non-governmental Tribal entities that will conduct ACP outreach and enrollment assistance to eligible households on qualifying Tribal Lands.

ACP Outreach Grant Program Tribal Competitive Outreach Program (TCOP) Round 2			
#	Applicant Name	State	Final Award Amount
1	Shoshone-Bannock Tribes	Idaho	\$305,571
2	Waimanalo Hawaiian Homes Association	Hawaii	\$309,103
3	Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Radio	South Dakota	\$282,046
4	Burns Paiute Tribe	Oregon	\$87,360
5	Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation	Washington	\$231,959
TOTAL:			\$1,216,039



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CONSUMER AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS BUREAU ANNOUNCES ACP OUTREACH GRANT PROGRAM TARGET FUNDING

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The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is announcing today target funding allocations for the Affordable Connectivity Outreach Grant Program (ACP Outreach Grant Program). Combined, the total amount of targeted funds announced today is \$66 million.

In August 2022, the FCC adopted an order establishing the ACP Outreach Grant Program to facilitate the promotion and awareness of and participation in the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) among eligible households.¹ In November 2022, the FCC released a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the ACP Outreach Grant Program.² The ACP continues to play an integral role in helping to bridge the broadband affordability gap. Today, as part of this announcement, the FCC is enlisting partners nationwide to serve as trusted community messengers and providing those partners with the funding and resources needed to implement innovative strategies to reach historically underserved and unserved communities. With these expanded efforts to promote the ACP, the FCC is also working on enhancements to the online consumer application system. Upcoming changes will make the application and enrollment process easier by reducing the number of steps required to apply and improving language clarity. This work incorporates feedback from navigators and other stakeholders, and the FCC will continue making improvements to the ACP system based on future feedback.

The ACP Outreach Grant Program includes the following sub-programs: National Competitive Outreach Program (NCOP); Tribal Competitive Outreach Program (TCOP); Your Home, Your Internet Outreach Grants; and the ACP Navigator Pilot Program Outreach Grants. Today's funding announcement is for NCOP and TCOP; funding announcements for YHYI and the ACP NPP will be forthcoming.

In determining funding allocations for NCOP and TCOP, the FCC reviewed 350 grant applications to determine the impact of proposed projects against the grant program's goal, objectives, and priorities. Submitted applicants were assessed using the following three-step review process:

1. **Eligibility** review to determine if the applicant is eligible and submitted a complete application package as required in the NOFO;

¹ See generally *Affordable Connectivity Program*, Second Report and Order, WC Docket No. 21-450, FCC 22-64 (2022) (*Second ACP Order*) (establishing ACP Outreach Grant Program).

² FCC, *Affordable Connectivity Outreach Grant Program*, Funding Opportunity No. FCC-ACOGP-23-001, Notice of Funding Opportunity at 4 (Nov. 10, 2022) (*ACP Outreach Grant Program NOFO*) available at https://www.fcc.gov/sites/default/files/acp_outreach_grant_program_nof.pdf.

2. **Merit** review to determine the quality of proposed projects against program objectives, activities, and costs/budget using pre-determined criteria; and
3. **Risk** review to determine fiscal stability of an applicant using many factors including the quality of the management systems, history of grant performance, and audit reports and findings.

At the conclusion of the three-step review process, applicants were selected for funding consistent with the funding determination process outlined in the ACP Outreach Grant Program NOFO. This includes consideration for State and U.S. Territory minimums for NCOP to remain compliant with the Second Report and Order establishing the program.³

Target Funding Allocations

Target funding allocations for the two complementary sub-programs:

- **NCOP:** \$60,000,000
- **TCOP:** \$6,022,243

Entity-specific target funding allocations are enclosed as part of the Appendices contained within this Public Notice. Following today's announcement, the FCC's Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau will contact applicable entities to finalize allocations and subsequently issue Notices of Award (NOAs). Once NOAs are issued, entities will have no more than 30 days to accept their award which will mark the start of their two-year (24 months) period of performance for NCOP and TCOP.

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³ See *Second ACP Order*, 26, para. 45 (2022) (reserving \$27 million for States and U.S. Territories, with minimum allocations to each state and territory).

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The FY 2023 NCOP recipients and target funding amounts are provided in the table below. Note, “ * ” denotes entities that plan to conduct multi-state and/or national ACP outreach.

National Competitive Outreach Program			
Name	City	State	Target Funding Amount
Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc.	Anchorage	AK	\$500,000
Community Action Association of Alabama	Birmingham	AL	\$250,000
City of Montgomery	Montgomery	AL	\$250,000
Heartland Forward	Bentonville	AR	\$400,000
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences	Little Rock	AR	\$450,000
Boston Mountain Rural Health Center, Inc.	Marshall	AR	\$130,000
ARVAC, Inc.	Russellville	AR	\$190,000
PLUM, Peace Love Understanding Mercy	West Memphis	AR	\$500,000
Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc.*	Phoenix	AZ	\$715,000
City of Phoenix, Community and Economic Development Dept	Phoenix	AZ	\$700,000
Promise Arizona	Phoenix	AZ	\$251,000
City of Bell Gardens	Bell Gardens	CA	\$300,000
California Emerging Technology Fund	Concord	CA	\$490,000
County of Los Angeles	Los Angeles	CA	\$700,000
Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles	Los Angeles	CA	\$700,000
Korean American Federation of Los Angeles (KAFLA)	Los Angeles	CA	\$250,000
Southern California Association of Governments	Los Angeles	CA	\$500,000
Mexican American Opportunity Foundation	Montebello	CA	\$420,000
Women Organized to Respond to Life-threatening Diseases	Oakland	CA	\$200,000
State of California	Rancho Cordova	CA	\$750,000
County of San Diego	San Diego	CA	\$500,000
San Francisco Consumer Action*	San Francisco	CA	\$200,000
Community Action Partnership of Sonoma County	Santa Rosa	CA	\$200,000
Sonoma, County of	Santa Rosa	CA	\$300,000
United Ways of California	South Pasadena	CA	\$345,000
Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura	Ventura	CA	\$87,000
Ethiopian Community Television	Aurora	CO	\$200,000
Denver Community Ventures	Denver	CO	\$125,000
Hunger Free Colorado	Denver	CO	\$110,000
Colorado Community Action Association	Nederland	CO	\$200,000
City of Pueblo	Pueblo	CO	\$300,000
Town of East Hartford	East Hartford	CT	\$250,000
City of New Haven	New Haven	CT	\$250,000
Byte Back*	Washington	DC	\$400,000
Council for Opportunity in Education*	Washington	DC	\$740,000
DC Government	Washington	DC	\$500,000
Multicultural Media Telecom and Internet Council (MMTC)*	Washington	DC	\$600,000
National Council of Negro Women	Washington	DC	\$740,000
Organization of Chinese Americans, Inc.*	Washington	DC	\$740,000
The Arc of the United States Inc.*	Washington	DC	\$740,000
The Aspen Institute*	Washington	DC	\$500,000
UnidosUS*	Washington	DC	\$740,000
Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc.	Fort Myers	FL	\$200,000
Community Health of South Florida, Inc.	Miami	FL	\$450,000
Blueprint2000Beyond	Tallahassee	FL	\$214,355
Diversity Cyber Council	Atlanta	GA	\$500,000
The Blackbottom Group*	Talbotton	GA	\$500,000
Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism	Honolulu	HI	\$740,000

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National Competitive Outreach Program			
Name	City	State	Target Funding Amount
Elepaio Social Services	Waianae	HI	\$350,000
City of Muscatine, Muscatine Municipal Housing Authority	Muscatine	IA	\$83,234
Regional Office of Education #9 DBA LTC IL	Champaign	IL	\$100,000
Alianza Americas*	Chicago	IL	\$360,000
Board of Education City of Chicago	Chicago	IL	\$100,000
SGA Youth & Family Services	Chicago	IL	\$360,000
State of Illinois Dept of Commerce and Economic Opportunity	Chicago	IL	\$700,000
Young Men's Christian Association of Chicago	Chicago	IL	\$120,994
ConnectWaukegan NFP	Waukegan	IL	\$122,725
United Way of Central Indiana, Inc. (UWCI)	Indianapolis	IN	\$350,000
Legacy Foundation, Inc.	Merrillville	IN	\$125,000
City of South Bend	South Bend	IN	\$300,000
Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission	Versailles	IN	\$500,000
TOPEKA, CITY OF	Topeka	KS	\$90,200
Wichita State University	Wichita	KS	\$409,800
Shaping Our Appalachian Region, Inc (SOAR)	Pikeville	KY	\$500,000
Imperial Calcasieu Regional Planning and Development Commiss	Lake Charles	LA	\$150,000
City of Natchitoches	Natchitoches	LA	\$100,000
City of New Orleans	New Orleans	LA	\$370,950
St. Landry Parish Government	Opelousas	LA	\$320,000
City of Boston	Boston	MA	\$250,000
Baystate Medical Center, Inc.	Springfield	MA	\$300,000
CASA, Inc.*	Hyattsville	MD	\$740,000
Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development	Lanham	MD	\$250,000
Prince George's County Memorial Library System	Largo	MD	\$500,000
Goodwill Industries International*	Rockville	MD	\$500,000
National Association of the Deaf*	Silver Spring	MD	\$740,000
Sunrise County Economic Council	Machias	ME	\$200,000
Aroostook County Action Program Inc	Presque Isle	ME	\$200,000
National Digital Equity Center	Wiscasset	ME	\$400,000
United Way for Southeastern Michigan	Detroit	MI	\$300,000
Wayne County	Detroit	MI	\$664,125
City of Flint	Flint	MI	\$100,000
Literacy Center of West Michigan	Grand Rapids	MI	\$200,000
Neighborhood House	St. Paul	MN	\$350,000
Ramsey County	St. Paul	MN	\$150,000
Tri-County Action Program, Inc.	Waite Park	MN	\$150,000
Bootheel Regional Planning Commission	Dexter	MO	\$150,000
Missouri Coalition for Primary Health Care	Jefferson City	MO	\$300,000
KC Digital Drive Inc.*	Kansas City	MO	\$500,000
Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments	Maryville	MO	\$250,000
Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments	Perry	MO	\$100,000
Ripley County Public Housing Agency	Poplar Bluff	MO	\$125,000
Meramec Regional Planning Commission	St. James	MO	\$150,000
Boonslick Regional Planning Commission	Warrenton	MO	\$100,000
STRATEGIC SOLUTIONS FOR FAMILIES INC	Booneville	MS	\$250,000
Mississippi Center for Justice	Jackson	MS	\$300,000
State of Mississippi	Jackson	MS	\$500,000
Family Wellness outreach Center of MS Inc.	Mooreville	MS	\$400,000
The University of Mississippi*	University	MS	\$350,000

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Name	City	State	Target Funding Amount
Human Resource Council	Missoula	MT	\$500,000
Kramden Institute, Inc	Durham	NC	\$200,000
Executive Office of the State of North Carolina	Raleigh	NC	\$500,000
Goler Depot Street Renaissance Corporation	Winston-Salem	NC	\$300,000
United Way of Forsyth County	Winston-Salem	NC	\$200,000
Community Action Partnership of North Dakota*	Fargo	ND	\$500,000
University of North Dakota	Grand Forks	ND	\$300,000
Southeast Nebraska Development District	Lincoln	NE	\$500,000
Computers For People Inc.*	Hoboken	NJ	\$326,920
HOPES Community Action Partnership Incorporated	Hoboken	NJ	\$300,000
Invest Newark f/k/a Newark Community Economic Development Co	Newark	NJ	\$400,000
Thomas Edison State University	Trenton	NJ	\$400,000
City of Albuquerque	Albuquerque	NM	\$400,000
New Mexico Black Leadership Council	Albuquerque	NM	\$400,000
State of Nevada	Carson City	NV	\$450,000
Clark, County Of	Las Vegas	NV	\$400,000
Northern Nevada Institute of Public Health	Reno	NV	\$350,000
Albany County Opportunity, Inc.	Albany	NY	\$250,000
National Urban League*	New York	NY	\$740,000
Journey's End Refugee Services, Inc.	Buffalo	NY	\$150,000
Mission: Ignite Powered by Computers for Children, Inc.	Buffalo	NY	\$155,000
Livingston County, New York	Geneseo	NY	\$50,000
NYS Community Action Association	Guiderland	NY	\$500,000
City of Jamestown	Jamestown	NY	\$150,000
Iris House*	New York	NY	\$250,000
The International Rescue Committee Inc.,	New York	NY	\$330,000
The New York Public Library, Astor, Lenox, and Tilden Founda	New York	NY	\$500,000
Ashtabula County Community Action Agency	Ashtabula	OH	\$150,000
United Way of Greater Cincinnati*	Cincinnati	OH	\$200,000
Urban League of Greater Southwestern Ohio*	Cincinnati	OH	\$400,000
Cuyahoga County	Cleveland	OH	\$250,000
Famicos Foundation	Cleveland	OH	\$300,000
University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center	Cleveland	OH	\$300,000
City of Columbus	Columbus	OH	\$300,000
The Executive Office of the State of Oklahoma	Oklahoma City	OK	\$500,000
Oregon Institute for A Better Way*	Cottage Grove	OR	\$420,000
Josephine County	Grants Pass	OR	\$209,780
South Central Oregon Economic Development District	Klamath Falls	OR	\$150,000
Pennsylvania Department of Human Services	Harrisburg	PA	\$500,000
Technology Learning Collaborative	Philadelphia	PA	\$300,000
Computer Reach	Pittsburgh	PA	\$350,000
Oficina de Gerencia y Presupuesto	San Juan	PR	\$740,000
Rhode Island Commerce Corporation	Providence	RI	\$300,000
United Way of Rhode Island, Inc	Providence	RI	\$150,000
City of Rock Hill	Rock Hill	SC	\$225,750
Northeast South Dakota Community Action Program Inc.	Sisseton	SD	\$200,000
The Enterprise Center, Inc.	Chattanooga	TN	\$250,000
City of Memphis	Memphis	TN	\$300,000
Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency	Nashville	TN	\$450,000
Nashville Public Library Foundation	Nashville	TN	\$200,000

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Name	City	State	Target Funding Amount
Goodwill Industries of Central Texas	Austin	TX	\$160,200
City of Dallas	Dallas	TX	\$700,000
El Paso Community Foundation*	El Paso	TX	\$300,000
United Way of Tarrant County	Fort Worth	TX	\$350,000
East Harris County Empowerment Council	Houston	TX	\$350,000
Harris County, Texas	Houston	TX	\$450,000
SER Jobs for Progress National, Inc.*	Irving	TX	\$600,000
South Plains Association of Governments	Lubbock	TX	\$250,000
Housing Authority of the City of San Antonio, Texas	San Antonio	TX	\$125,000
Utah Community Action Partnership Association Inc.	Layton	UT	\$400,000
Utah State University	Logan	UT	\$400,000
Catholic Community Services of Utah	Salt Lake City	UT	\$135,140
Santaquin City Library	Santaquin	UT	\$26,760
County of Albemarle	Charlottesville	VA	\$248,550
Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development	Richmond	VA	\$189,000
Prince William County	Woodbridge	VA	\$251,440
viNGN, Inc.	Christiansted	VI	\$250,000
North East Kingdom Community Action Inc.	Newport	VT	\$500,000
The Prison Scholar Fund*	Lakewood	WA	\$350,000
City of Seattle	Seattle	WA	\$400,000
Martin Luther King Jr County	Seattle	WA	\$141,000
West Central Wisconsin Community Action Agency, Inc.	Glenwood City	WI	\$50,000
Herzing University, LTD*	Madison	WI	\$150,000
Pamela Andros/Dane County	Madison	WI	\$86,500
United Way of Wisconsin	Madison	WI	\$350,000
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction	Madison	WI	\$264,800
Milwaukee Board of School Directors	Milwaukee	WI	\$400,000
Council of Community Services	Gillette	WY	\$150,000
Compass Center For Families/Community Services Network of Wyoming	Sheridan	WY	\$324,777
Total			\$60,000,000

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The FY 2023 TCOP recipients and target funding amounts are provided in the table below.

Tribal Competitive Outreach Program (TCOP)				
#	Name	City	State	Target Funding Amount
1	Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska	Juneau	AK	\$433,507
2	Qizhjah Heritage Institute	Anchorage	AK	\$878,128
3	Navajo County	Holbrook	AZ	\$215,140
4	Lily of the Valley Emmanuel Church of Jesus Christ	Lemoore	CA	\$100,000
5	San Francisco Consumer Action	San Francisco	CA	\$109,659
6	Nez Perce Tribe	Lapwai	ID	\$280,641
7	Four Directions Development Corporation	Orono	ME	\$429,198
8	Leech Lake Reservation Business Committee	Cass Lake	MN	\$62,041
9	MN Chippewa Tribe-White Earth Band of Chippewa Indians	White Earth	MN	\$331,370
10	Pueblo of Jemez	Jemez	NM	\$379,234
11	Pueblo of Zuni	Zuni	NM	\$325,000
12	Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma	Durant	OK	\$592,341
13	Delaware County Community Partnership, Inc.	Grove	OK	\$67,209
14	Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma	McCloud	OK	\$420,446
15	Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma	Pawnee	OK	\$292,529
16	The ARC Foundation: Strengthening Communities	Oklahoma City	OK	\$316,376
17	Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians	Siletz	OR	\$245,000
18	Utah State University	Logan	UT	\$66,689
19	Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation	Nespelem	WA	\$389,235
20	Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction	Madison	WI	\$88,500
Total:				\$6,022,243