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April 24, 2024  
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Total \$5,248,591**

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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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Bracken County Fiscal Court	This Rural Development cooperative agreement will be used to promote the expansion of high-speed internet in four communities across Bracken County, Kentucky. Bracken County Fiscal Court will utilize funding to attain a qualified firm to assist in various broadband planning activities. The selected firm will work with the Bracken County Judge Executive and other stakeholders to conduct a broadband feasibility study and analysis and to create a strategic plan for future broadband implementation. This project will serve Distressed Energy Communities in Kentucky.	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	\$ 125,000.00	Kentucky
Bristol Bay Native Association	This Rural Development cooperative agreement will be used to promote the expansion of high-speed internet across 31 communities in the Bristol Bay Region in Southwest Alaska. Bristol Bay Native Association will utilize funding to develop supporting documentation for fundable, constructable broadband deployment projects. This project will serve Tribal Areas and Distressed Energy Communities in Alaska.	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	\$ 430,451.80	Alaska
Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation	This Rural Development cooperative agreement will be used to promote the expansion of high-speed internet in the Colville Reservation in Washington. The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation will utilize funding to gather stakeholder feedback and develop a Comprehensive Telecommunications Plan to build a fiber-backed broadband network and supporting infrastructure across the Colville Reservation. This project will serve Distressed Energy and Persistent Poverty Communities.	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	\$ 250,000.00	Washington
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation	This Rural Development cooperative agreement will be used to promote the expansion of high-speed internet in Umatilla Indian Reservation in Oregon. Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation will utilize funding to create a strategic and prioritized plan to assist in designing the optimal systems, including hybrid solutions, that will enable the Tribe to expand broadband service to the unserved areas of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	\$ 250,000.00	Oregon
County of Inyo, CA	This Rural Development cooperative agreement will be used to promote the expansion of high-speed internet in the communities of Furnace Creek, Park Village and Inn at Furnace Creek in California. The County of Inyo will utilize funding to develop shovel-ready, last-mile, detailed network engineering designs for broadband Internet service in the rural area of Furnace Creek, California. The project area includes the Park Village residential area and the resort located southeast of Furnace Creek.	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	\$ 110,500.00	California
County of Mono	This Rural Development cooperative agreement will be used to promote the expansion of high-speed internet in the community of Hammil in California. The County of Mono will utilize funding to develop shovel-ready, last-mile, detailed network engineering designs for broadband Internet service in the unincorporated, rural, agricultural area of Hammil.	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	\$ 83,000.00	California

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Fleming County Fiscal Court	This Rural Development cooperative agreement will be used to promote the expansion of high-speed internet in 30 communities across Fleming County, Kentucky. Fleming County Fiscal Court will utilize funding to attain a qualified firm to assist in various broadband planning activities. This project will serve Distressed Energy Communities in Kentucky.	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	\$ 125,000.00	Kentucky
GILA ELECTRONICS OF YUMA, INC.	This Rural Development cooperative agreement will be used to promote the expansion of high-speed internet to the Chemehuevi Reservation in California. Gila Electronics of Yuma Inc. will utilize funding to promote broadband planning, identify resources and formulate a plan to improve the quality of life on the Chemehuevi Reservation through access to broadband.	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	\$ 535,655.00	California
HarvestBeam Inc.	This Rural Development cooperative agreement will be used to promote the expansion of high-speed internet in 13 communities across Pitt, Lenoir, Craven, Greene, Beaufort, Washington and Jones counties in North Carolina. HarvestBeam Inc. will utilize funding to expand broadband access by planning for the construction of new fixed wireless broadband network facilities in the most remote, low income, food insecure communities located in seven of the ten counties where the company owns licensed 5G mid-band spectrum licenses. This project will serve Distressed Energy Communities and Persistent Poverty Communities in North Carolina.	Rural Partners Network; Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	\$ 199,168.78	North Carolina
Hinds County Board of Supervisors	This Rural Development cooperative agreement will be used to promote the expansion of high-speed internet in the towns of Edwards, Learned and Utica and the community of Pocahontas in Hinds County, Mississippi. Hinds County Board of Supervisors will utilize funding to develop a plan including a map, schedule, budget and steps for deployment and operation of broadband service in the targeted areas, as well as a detailed design of the distribution network. This project will serve Distressed Energy Communities in Mississippi.	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	\$ 250,000.00	Mississippi
KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE	This Rural Development cooperative agreement will be used to promote the expansion of high-speed internet in Rawlins, Kiowa, Gove, Kearny, Wilson and Linn counties in Kansas. Kansas Department of Commerce will utilize funding to provide technical assistance to some of the most rural and distressed energy communities in Kansas. Specifically, the Kansas Office of Broadband Development (KOBBD) of the Kansas Department of Commerce will facilitate pre-engineering design and cost studies to determine broadband buildout costs and current barriers to deployment. KOBBD, with RUS staff, will then partner with local governments to understand and analyze the results of these studies, develop mitigation strategies, and identify next steps for effective broadband deployment, including utilization of federal and state funding sources. This project will serve Distressed Energy Communities in Kansas.	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	\$ 997,000.00	Kansas

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Kawerak, Inc.	This Rural Development cooperative agreement will be used to promote the expansion of high-speed internet in the communities of Diomedea, Shishmaref and Wales in Alaska. Kawerak Inc. will utilize funding to support broadband planning and design, so these communities are well positioned to apply for infrastructure funding and move to construction as efficiently as possible to expand broadband to rural areas. This project will serve Tribal Areas and Distressed Energy Communities in Alaska.	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	\$ 124,128.52	Alaska
Merit Network, Inc.	This Rural Development cooperative agreement will be used to promote the expansion of high-speed internet in eight communities across Muskegon, Roscommon, Van Buren, Ogemaw and Saginaw counties in Michigan. Merit Network Inc. will utilize funding to develop a connectivity and digital equity strategy leveraging the Digital Opportunities Compass framework. This will further promote digital equity and inclusion throughout the state. This project will serve Distressed Energy Communities and Persistent Poverty Communities in Michigan.	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	\$ 997,000.00	Michigan
Native Village of Eagle	This Rural Development cooperative agreement will be used to promote the expansion of high-speed internet in the communities of Native Village of Eagle, City of Eagle, and Chicken in Alaska. Native Village of Eagle will utilize funding to continue current progress in the village to plan and design a high-speed broadband network. Native Village of Eagle will engage with subject matter experts to execute the work plan, primarily through contracts. The subject matter experts will include technical, environmental, and grant writing consultants with extensive experience deploying telecommunications projects in rural Alaska. This project will serve Tribal Areas and Distressed Energy Communities in Alaska.	Rural Partners Network; Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	\$ 225,055.80	Alaska
Nez Perce Tribe	This Rural Development cooperative agreement will be used to promote the expansion of high-speed internet within six communities of the Nez Perce Reservation in Idaho. Nez Perce Tribe will utilize funding to support the development and improvement of broadband infrastructure. This project will serve Tribal Areas, Distressed Energy Communities and Persistent Poverty Communities in Idaho.	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	\$ 250,000.00	Idaho
OTZ Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	This Rural Development cooperative agreement will be used to promote the expansion of high-speed internet in the community of Red Dog Mine in Alaska. OTZ Telephone Cooperative Inc. will utilize funding to assess the engineering and financial feasibility of a plan to provide the rural and isolated community of Red Dog Mine with a middle mile fiber route.	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	\$ 194,000.00	Alaska

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Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors Inc.	This Rural Development cooperative agreement will be used to promote the expansion of high-speed internet in 13 communities across Kentucky, Louisiana, Texas, Virginia and Wyoming. The Just Transition Fund in partnership with Rural Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) will utilize funding to deploy a rapid response broadband technical assistance approach. This project will serve Distressed Energy and Persistent Poverty Communities.	Rural Partners Network; Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	\$ 900,000.00	Wyoming, Virginia, Kentucky, Texas, Louisiana
Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc., (RurAL CAP)	This Rural Development cooperative agreement will be used to promote the expansion of high-speed internet in the communities of St. Mary's and Kwigillingokin in Alaska. Rural Alaska Community Action Program Inc. (RurAL CAP) will utilize funding to continue supporting the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta region in achieving its broadband goals. In particular, RurAL CAP's goal is to leverage Technical Assistance to acquire funding for tribes that puts them in the driver's seat in decision making for their broadband goals. This project will serve Tribal Areas in Alaska.	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	\$ 750,000.00	Alaska
Shaping Our Appalachian Region, Inc (SOAR)	This Rural Development cooperative agreement will be used to promote the expansion of high-speed internet across 14 communities in Pike County, Kentucky. Shaping Our Appalachian Region Inc (SOAR) will utilize funding to extend broadband technical assistance activities to the most remote and rural unincorporated communities in this county. These services will be completed by broadband experts and facilitated through SOAR, a 501c3 nonprofit focused on supporting innovative economic development in Appalachia Kentucky. This project will serve Distressed Energy Communities and Persistent Poverty Communities in Kentucky.	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	\$ 371,985.00	Kentucky
Southeast Nebraska Development District	This Rural Development cooperative agreement will be used to promote the expansion of high-speed internet in Nebraska, including 152 communities across 43 counties. Southeast Nebraska Development District will utilize funding to equip communities with the knowledge and tools needed to implement policies and procedures that support potential broadband investment and to create incentives for internet service providers to build out service areas. This project will serve Distressed Energy Communities in Nebraska.	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	\$ 816,794.00	Nebraska

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Tahoe Prosperity Center	This Rural Development cooperative agreement will be used to promote the expansion of high-speed internet in seven communities across Washoe and Douglas counties in Nevada. Tahoe Prosperity Center will utilize funding to identify and initiate projects in Nevada to bring high-speed internet connectivity throughout the entire Tahoe Basin.	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	\$ 200,000.00	Nevada
W Metts Engineering Co., Inc.	This Rural Development cooperative agreement will be used to promote the expansion of high-speed internet in the community of Norway in South Carolina and the community of Blowing Rock in Virginia. W Metts Engineering Co. Inc. will utilize funding to provide technical assistance for two existing Metts Eng clients. This project will serve Distressed Energy Communities and Persistent Poverty Communities in South Carolina and Virginia.	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	\$ 268,400.00	South Carolina, Virginia
Washington County Work Ready Association	This Rural Development cooperative agreement will be used to promote the expansion of high-speed internet in the cities of Hollandale and Leland and the community of Stoneville in Washington County, Mississippi. Washington County Work Ready Association will utilize funding to identify and plan for delivering broadband services along with preparing feasibility studies and technical design information. This project will serve Persistent Poverty Communities in Mississippi.	Rural Partners Network; Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	\$ 250,000.00	Mississippi
West Hills Community College District	This Rural Development cooperative agreement will be used to promote the expansion of high-speed internet in 14 communities across the San Joaquin Valley in California. West Hills Community College District will utilize funding to create a broadband cooperative (Co-Op) under local control that identifies and focuses on underserved and unserved areas with the outcome of providing equitable and affordable broadband service to all. This project will serve Distressed Energy Communities and Persistent Poverty Communities in California.	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	\$ 1,000,000.00	California
<b>Total</b>		<b>24</b>	<b>\$ 9,703,138.90</b>	