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Mr. Jay Hartz, Director
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Dear Mr. Hartz,

Pursuant to KRS 224A.1118 (4), the Office of Broadband Development is required to submit a report of its activities on a semiannual basis to the Legislative Research Commission. This report summarizes the activities of the Office of Broadband Development from July through December 2025.

If you have any questions about this report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Office of Broadband Development Semi-Annual Report

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In accordance with KRS 224A.1118, the Office of Broadband Development is issuing a semi-annual report to the Legislative Research Commission regarding its activities.

Program Updates

Kentucky's Better Internet Program Grant Round 1

Grant awards were made for 47 projects for an \$89.6 million, combined with matching funds, totals \$203 million in broadband investments in the Commonwealth during the period. Four projects were voluntarily withdrawn by the applicant. The remaining contracts total \$88.1 million. Disbursement are steadily increasing since all projects are now in the construction phase. Total disbursements to date total \$22,200,828.43. All projects funded during the first round are estimated to be completed ahead of the December 31, 2026 deadline for ARPA funds. Two projects have been closed out. Projects are listed in **Appendix 1**.

Kentucky's Better Internet Program Awards Round 2

In November 2022, the Office opened the Better Internet Program up for applications and closed it in February 2023. The program requirements follow the federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Funds requirements set forth by the U.S. Treasury Department and the requirements established by the Kentucky Legislature.

This round of funding made \$206 million available, which is comprised of the remaining ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) allocation from Round 1 and Kentucky's entire allotment of Capital Projects Funds.

A total of 57 projects were awarded for more than \$206 million dollars. An entity receiving funding was required to provide matching funds, which added over \$204 million for a total investment of nearly \$411 million dollars. Funds were awarded to 48 counties to serve nearly 46,000 households and businesses that currently lack high speed internet service. To date, \$16,199,925 has been disbursed, with \$11,542,566 pending disbursement in January 2026. A list of awarded projects can be found in **Appendix 2**. Eleven awards, totaling \$11.8 million, made to 2 internet providers were voluntarily declined by the awardee. The Office is working to award these declined funds to eligible projects. One additional contract has been executed and one is in process, these two contracts will award \$6.6 million of the declined funds. The locations impacted by the withdrawn projects remained eligible for BEAD or other federal funding for broadband deployment.

Rural Infrastructure Improvement Program

In the 2024-2026 biennial budget, \$19.9 million was appropriated from the General Fund for pole replacement which included:

- \$4 million for pole owners to hire temporary workers to help manage the increased volume of pole attachment permits has been awarded and is being disbursed.
- \$2 million to the Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives (KAEC) to administer pole replacement activities has been awarded and disbursed.
- \$2 million to the Office of Broadband Development to support hiring temporary workers for investor-owned utilities and other pole owners has been awarded and is being disbursed.

The balance of funds will be used for the reimbursement grant program for pole replacement costs. Pole replacement funds are intended to provide reimbursement for 50% of the cost of pole replacement up to \$5,000 in unserved areas of the state to facilitate the construction of broadband networks and minimize the potential for disputes between broadband providers and utility pole owners that could delay broadband deployment projects. Of the \$11,988,100 available, \$6,653,000 has been disbursed and an additional \$2,010,775 is being processed with only \$3,324,000 remaining to be processed.

Broadband Equity, Access, and Development (BEAD)

In June 2023, NTIA announced that Kentucky would receive nearly \$1.1 billion in BEAD funds. The Office submitted its Five-Year Action Plan to NTIA in August 2023, which established the goals and priorities and serves as a comprehensive needs assessment for Kentucky's BEAD program. The next step in planning for BEAD was completion of the Initial Proposal, which was submitted in December 2023. The Initial Proposal (IP) was divided into two parts: Volume I, which describes the challenge process by which the Office determines eligibility for BEAD funding on a location-by-location basis, and Volume II, which sets forth the subgrantee selection process and requirements.

Volume I was approved by NTIA in March 2024, which allowed the Office to begin the Challenge Process. The Challenge Process opened on May 6, 2024. The Office received over 400,000 challenges to the data through its online challenge portal.

Volume II was approved on June 17, 2024, which allows the Office to proceed with the subgrantee selection process and award funds. The Office opened its grants portal for pre-qualification of prospective subgrantees on August 14 and closed it on September 13. The Office received 46 prequalification submissions from internet providers, non-profits, and local governments interested in applying for BEAD funds. The first round of BEAD applications was open from January 15 until March 14, 2025. During the application process, prequalified entities could submit applications for funding to serve the eligible unserved and underserved locations identified during the challenge process. The Office received 278 applications covering 98% of locations.

On April 22, 2025, NTIA granted a blanket 90 day waiver of the BEAD Final Proposal submission deadline for all 56 eligible entities while the Department of Commerce and NTIA

conducted a review of the BEAD program. During this time, NTIA did not advance any state spending plans through the approval process, effectively pausing the program.

On June 6, 2025, NTIA issued its BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice, which modified and replaced certain requirements outlined in the BEAD NOFO. The Policy Notice addressed the following elements in the BEAD NOFO:

- Eliminated and scaled back requirements
 - Labor, Employment, and Workforce Development
 - Climate Resiliency
 - Open Access and Net Neutrality
 - Local Coordination and stakeholder engagement
 - Non-traditional broadband providers
 - Middle class affordability
 - Low-cost service option
- "Technology Neutrality"
 - Removed explicit fiber preference
 - Restored IIJA definition of "Priority Broadband Project" to any technology that can meet performance standards
- Technologies Eligible for Participation
 - Allows Unlicensed Fixed Wireless and Low-Earth Orbit satellite to request Priority Broadband Project status
- Subgrantee Selection
 - Required all states to re-open pre-qualification and application processes for all BEAD eligible locations
- Scoring Rubric
 - Revised scoring rubric to focus on cost minimization
 - States are required to prioritize Priority Broadband Project (PBP) proposals unless a proposal would incur excessive costs
 - Excessive cost proposals must be rejected to select a lower cost non-PBP proposal
- Optimizing BEAD Locations

- Required to give unlicensed fixed wireless (ULFW) providers an opportunity to remove the locations they serve from BEAD eligibility if they meet specific performance standards
- States must investigate and account for locations identified as eligible that do not require BEAD funding
- Required revision of Community Anchor Institution (CAI) list to conform with IIJA definition
- Non-Deployment Funding & Permitting
 - Requires use of NTIA's Environmental Screening and Permitting Tracking Tool
 - Non-Deployment funding is under review
- Final Proposal
 - Rescinded previous approvals of Final Proposals
 - Provided states with 90 days to comply with Policy Notice terms and submit Final Proposal

The Office accepted applications under the new requirements from July 7-28, 2025 and subsequently reviewed and scored applications. The Office received 163 applications covering 100% of eligible locations. Provisional awards were announced on August 28, 2025 and released for public comment. The list of provisional subgrantees and the breakdown of the technologies provisionally selected are listed below. The Final Proposal was prepared and submitted by the September 4, 2025 deadline established by the Policy Notice.

Kentucky's Final Proposal is currently pending approval by NTIA. On December 16, 2025, the U.S. Government Accounting Office (GAO) issued a decision that the June 6, 2025 Policy Notice was a rule and subject to the Congressional Review Act's submission requirements. The GAO concluded that the Policy Notice must be submitted to Congress and the Comptroller General before it can take effect.

Provisional Awardee	Technology	BEAD Grant	Matching Funds	Locations Served
Space Exploration Technologies Corp.	Low Earth Orbit Satellite	\$ 30,121,973.82	\$ 27,588,545.78	18,283
Strategic Management LLC	Fiber to the Premises	\$ 97,877,288.85	\$ 32,625,781.03	13,050
Spectrum Mid-America LLC	Fiber to the Premises	\$ 87,470,287.10	\$ 36,118,488.90	12,908
ZiTEL	Fiber to the Premises	\$ 22,323,027.73	\$ 18,261,735.81	10,160
Comcast Cable Communications Management LLC	Fiber/Coaxial	\$ 17,959,917.82	\$ 40,550,973.96	5,743

BellSouth Telecommunications LLC	Fiber to the Premises	\$ 9,030,497.58	\$ 23,880,492.41	4,218
Amazon Kuiper Commercial Services LLC	Low Earth Orbit Satellite	\$ 2,171,400.00	\$ 723,800.00	3,619
Conexon Connect LLC	Fiber to the Premises	\$ 18,757,804.76	\$ 18,498,350.80	3,294
White Cloud Communications US LLC	Fiber to the Premises	\$ 24,206,513.27	\$ 8,068,838.16	3,040
Foothills Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation Inc.	Fiber to the Premises	\$ 16,959,534.48	\$ 5,653,177.88	2,455
IBT Group USA LLC	Licensed Fixed Wireless	\$ 3,865,936.48	\$ 1,288,647.23	2,228
Telecast Communications LLC	Licensed Fixed Wireless	\$ 1,138,398.78	\$ 379,468.39	1,911
Virginia Everywhere LLC	Fiber to the Premises	\$ 4,381,975.06	\$ 2,241,942.48	1,893
Tri-County Electric Membership Corporation	Fiber to the Premises	\$ 17,237,000.00	\$ 16,006,058.21	1,567
Bluegrass Fiber LLC	Licensed Fixed Wireless	\$ 3,112,653.46	\$ 1,037,549.34	1,528
Pennyroyal Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation	Fiber to the Premises	\$ 5,848,623.34	\$ 1,949,541.80	686
Thacker-Grigsby Telephone Company Incorporated	Fiber to the Premises	\$ 2,624,520.64	\$ 909,839.75	240
Crystal Broadband Networks Inc	Fiber to the Premises	\$ 174,228.80	\$ 58,118.38	160
Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation Inc.	Fiber to the Premises	\$ 858,000.00	\$ 1,116,683.24	78
Gibson Connect LLC.	Fiber to the Premises	\$ 715,000.00	\$ 293,243.98	65
South Central Rural Telecommunications Cooperative Inc.	Fiber to the Premises	\$ 291,692.05	\$ 960,597.73	35

The above provisional awards cover all BEAD-eligible locations for a total of \$367.1 million of Kentucky's nearly \$1.1 billion BEAD allocation. The remaining funds may be used by states for eligible "non-deployment" activities¹, but to date, NTIA has not outlined allowable non-deployment activities and disallowed states from including non-deployment activities in Final Proposals.

¹ 47 U.S. Code § 1702 (e) (4) (D) (ii) (III) if the [Assistant Secretary](#) approves the final proposal under clause (ii)(II), shall make available to the [eligible entity](#) the remainder of the grant funds allocated to the [eligible entity](#) under subsection (c)

Other Federal Programs

Digital Equity Act Program (DEA)

The \$2.75 billion Digital Equity Act (DEA) Program focuses on planning and implementing programs that promote digital equity, support digital inclusion activities, and build capacity related to broadband adoption. The Education and Labor Cabinet (ELC) is leading this program, which will establish a framework for the future Digital Equity Capacity Building Grant Program. Kentucky's Digital Equity State Plan was approved by the NTIA, and the Commonwealth was awarded \$12 million in Capacity Building funds.

On May 9, 2025 the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) sent termination of funding letters to recipients of grants authorized under the Digital Equity Act.

Enhanced A-CAM

In August, the FCC announced Enhanced A-CAM support to existing A-CAM carriers and other carriers receiving legacy support to fund the deployment of voice and broadband-capable networks in rural areas. The Enhanced A-CAM program extends the period of time that a carrier is eligible to receive support for constructing broadband networks in their service territories and increased the speed requirement to 100/20 Mbps instead of 25/3 which was required under the earlier program. In Kentucky, six (6) carriers accepted the FCC's offers, impacting over 7,000 locations which must be served with high-speed internet by December 2028.

FCC Affordable Connectivity Program

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) was an FCC benefit program that helped to ensure that households have access to affordable broadband services. The program, while beneficial to over 430,000 households in Kentucky, was discontinued in June of 2024 when it did not receive additional congressional funding.

USDA ReConnect Loan and Grant Program

The ReConnect Loan and Grant Program furnishes loans and grants to provide funds for the costs of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment needed to provide broadband services in eligible rural areas. In facilitating the expansion of broadband services and infrastructure, the program will fuel long-term rural economic development and opportunities in rural America. The program is divided into five sections.

- The 100% grant program has \$150 million allocated nationally with the max grant of \$25 million for a location or project.
- \$350 million has been allocated for Tribal Governments, persistent poverty, and socially vulnerable communities.

- An additional \$150 million is available under a 50/50 loan or grant program, where the grantee provides a 50% match.
- The 100% loan program has \$150 million and allows a maximum request of \$50 million
- \$200 million is available for projects where 90% of the households lack sufficient access to broadband

In June 2023, the Biden-Harris Administration announced the most recent awards under ReConnect 4, including two projects in Kentucky. People's Rural Telephone Cooperative was awarded \$18,815,588 in a combination of grant and loan funds to serve 2,462 people, 32 businesses and 72 farms in Breathitt and Lee Counties. Duo County Telephone Cooperative was awarded a grant of \$24,963,158 to serve 897 people, eight businesses and 121 farms in Cumberland County.

USDA recently announced awards under ReConnect 5 and the Community Connect program. Two Kentucky projects were selected - a ReConnect award to Foothills Rural Telephone Cooperative, and a Community Connect grant to West Kentucky & Tennessee Rural Telephone Cooperative. Locations included in these projects were removed from BEAD funding requests.

Appalachian Regional Commission

Kentucky continues to seek ways to work with the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) to bring broadband to Eastern Kentucky, and specifically the 54 federally designated ARC counties. The partnership of ARC and nonprofits, including the Center for Rural Development and Shaping Our Appalachian Region (SOAR), have created necessary leadership in the region to educate and normalize the conversation of broadband development in Eastern Kentucky and serve as a model for other rural communities in the Commonwealth.

ARC has funding programs that can contribute to broadband development programs offered through state and ARC-regional competitive applications. The Commonwealth receives an annual investment from ARC that is used to fund the competitive Area Development program administered by the Department for Local Government. Local governments and nonprofit entities can apply for grants to fund economic development projects to create jobs, develop the workforce, and provide health care and education services. Matching funds are required to make up between 20% to 50% of project funds, depending on the distress status of the county in which the project is located. NTIA will permit ARC funds to be used as a match for BEAD project grants.

The Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER) Initiative targets federal resources to help communities and regions that have been affected by job losses in coal mining, coal power plant operations, and coal-related supply chain

industries due to the changing economics of America's energy production. POWER grants have supported economic development projects in the ARC region since 2015.

Appalachian Regional Initiative for Stronger Economies (ARISE) is a new ARC initiative created through IIJA to fund multi-state collaborative projects to promote economic transformation across the Appalachian region.

A list of federal awards for Kentucky broadband and digital equity projects can be found in **Appendix 3**.

Appendix 1
Kentucky Broadband Development Fund Grants
Round 1

Awardee	County/ Counties	Grant Amount	Matching Amount	Total Project Amount	Number of Unserved Locations
Charter	Anderson A	\$ 3,696,373	\$ 3,710,800	\$ 7,407,173	776
Charter	Anderson B	\$ 2,929,099	\$ 2,942,200	\$ 5,871,299	634
Charter	Anderson C	\$ 2,873,850	\$ 3,000,600	\$ 5,874,450	682
Boone County Fiscal Court	Boone	\$ 808,832	\$ 4,071,600	\$ 4,880,432	2,130
Charter	Bourbon A	\$ 3,232,164	\$ 3,722,981	\$ 6,955,145	1,058
Charter	Bourbon B	\$ 3,406,835	\$ 3,480,000	\$ 6,886,835	884
Charter	Boyle	\$ 2,224,589	\$ 4,053,000	\$ 6,277,589	1,158
Pennyrite Rural Electrical Cooperative	Caldwell	\$ 1,362,738	\$ 1,362,738	\$ 2,725,475	339
West Kentucky Rural Telephone Coop Corp	Calloway	\$ 2,116,445	\$ 2,116,445	\$ 4,232,890	594
Charter	Carroll	\$ 1,659,687	\$ 1,920,000	\$ 3,579,687	600
Cumberland Cellular	Casey	\$ 1,012,879	\$ 1,012,879	\$ 2,025,758	290
Pennyrite Rural Electrical Cooperative	Christian- Northeast	\$ 1,827,239	\$ 1,827,239	\$ 3,654,477	574
Pennyrite Rural Electrical Cooperative	Christian- Northwest	\$ 1,310,179	\$ 1,310,179	\$ 2,620,358	381
Pennyrite Rural Electrical Cooperative	Christian- Southwest	\$ 1,433,494	\$ 1,433,494	\$ 2,866,988	421
South Central Telcom	Edmonson, Warren	\$ 1,885,000	\$ 1,825,000	\$ 3,710,000	215
Charter	Fayette	\$ 387,238	\$ 413,994	\$ 809,422	135
Frankfort Water & Plant Board	Franklin-Bald Knob	\$ 1,613,885	\$ 1,613,885	\$ 3,227,770	318
Withdrawn - Frankfort Water & Plant Board	Franklin- Benson Valley	\$ 185,804	\$ 185,804	\$ 371,608	47
Frankfort Water & Plant Board	Franklin- Hickory Ridge	\$ 192,092	\$ 192,092	\$ 384,184	44
Frankfort Water & Plant Board	Franklin- Highway 1472	\$ 28,354	\$ 28,354	\$ 56,708	8

Awardee	County/ Counties	Grant Amount	Matching Amount	Total Project Amount	Number of Unserved Locations
Withdrawn - Frankfort Water & Plant Board	Franklin- Keaton Lane	\$ 54,249	\$ 54,248	\$ 108,497	8
Frankfort Water & Plant Board	Franklin- Ninevah Road	\$ 61,329	\$ 61,329	\$ 122,658	11
Frankfort Water & Plant Board	Franklin- Northern Peaks Mill	\$ 1,547,742	\$ 1,547,743	\$ 3,095,485	334
Withdrawn - Frankfort Water & Plant Board	Franklin- Northwest	\$ 778,661	\$ 778,661	\$ 1,557,322	193
Withdrawn - Frankfort Water & Plant Board	Franklin- Swallowfield	\$ 648,978	\$ 648,979	\$ 1,297,957	140
Frankfort Water & Plant Board	Franklin- Switzer	\$ 873,294	\$ 873,294	\$ 1,746,588	221
Frankfort Water & Plant Board	Franklin- Western	\$ 2,061,354	\$ 2,061,354	\$ 4,122,708	594
Gibson	Fulton, Graves, Hickman	\$ 4,650,880	\$ 6,422,672	\$ 11,073,552	1,763
Charter	Henry A	\$ 3,849,938	\$ 3,882,500	\$ 7,732,438	1,105
Charter	Henry B	\$ 3,463,513	\$ 4,406,000	\$ 7,869,513	1,256
Charter	Jefferson, Oldham	\$ 1,747,750	\$ 3,591,906	\$ 5,339,656	1,126
Charter	Jessamine	\$ 730,126	\$ 730,126	\$ 1,460,252	150
Charter	Lincoln	\$ 3,484,048	\$ 7,577,500	\$ 11,061,548	2,165
Pennyrite Rural Electrical Cooperative	Lyon	\$ 934,808	\$ 934,808	\$ 1,869,615	333
Charter	Madison	\$ 3,812,338	\$ 4,450,207	\$ 8,262,545	1,284
West Kentucky Rural Telephone Coop Corp	Marshall	\$ 1,249,260	\$ 1,249,260	\$ 2,498,519	249
Tri-County	Monroe	\$ 900,000	\$ 900,000	\$ 1,800,000	97
Bardstown Connect	Nelson, Spencer, Washington, Bullitt	\$ 1,090,982	\$ 2,214,082	\$ 3,305,064	1,061
Crystal	Powell	\$ 255,835	\$ 260,000	\$ 515,835	1,006
Duo County Telephone Cooperative	Russell, Wayne	\$ 3,368,826	\$ 3,368,826	\$ 6,737,652	550

Awardee	County/ Counties	Grant Amount	Matching Amount	Total Project Amount	Number of Unserved Locations
Charter	Shelby A	\$ 2,400,900	\$ 3,696,900	\$ 6,097,800	848
Charter	Shelby B	\$ 840,530	\$ 4,085,785	\$ 4,926,315	966
Charter	Shelby C	\$ 2,456,556	\$ 4,562,556	\$ 7,019,112	1,053
Charter	Spencer	\$ 2,557,686	\$ 4,273,280	\$ 6,830,966	1,261
Pennyrite Rural Electrical Cooperative	Todd	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,251,700	\$ 10,251,700	2,750
Pennyrite Rural Electrical Cooperative	Trigg	\$ 1,958,864	\$ 1,958,863	\$ 3,917,727	800
Charter	Trimble	\$ 4,614,712	\$ 4,741,000	\$ 9,355,712	1,547
Total		\$ 89,579,933	\$ 114,806,861	\$ 204,394,984	34,159

Appendix 2
Kentucky Broadband Development Fund Grants
Round 2

Awardee	County/ Counties	Grant Amount	Matching Amount	Total Project Amount	Number of Unserved Locations
Cumberland Cellular, LLC dba DUO Broadband	Adair	\$7,244,132	\$3,104,628	\$10,348,760	378
Spectrum Mid- America, LLC	Anderson	\$1,058,647	\$1,619,232	\$2,677,879	184
Spectrum Mid- America, LLC	Bath	\$3,604,309	\$3,715,271	\$7,319,580	725
Spectrum Mid- America, LLC	Bell	\$128,619	\$85,746	\$214,365	27
Spectrum Mid- America, LLC	Bourbon	\$3,010,097	\$2,404,500	\$5,414,597	687
Cellular Services, LLC dba Foothills Connect	Boyd & Carter	\$11,254,111	\$7,502,742	\$18,756,853	2,798
Spectrum Mid- America, LLC	Bullitt	\$2,689,992	\$3,320,014	\$6,010,006	664
Spectrum Mid- America, LLC	Butler	\$784,072	\$3,278,531	\$4,062,603	562
Pennyrile Rural Electric Cooperative Corp	Caldwell	\$330,390	\$330,390	\$660,780	32
Spectrum Mid- America, LLC	Carroll	\$911,823	\$607,882	\$1,519,705	171
Spectrum Mid- America, LLC	Casey	\$12,112,908	\$12,727,094	\$24,840,002	2,142
Pennyrile Rural Electric Cooperative Corp	Christian	\$1,276,595	\$1,276,595	\$2,553,189	270
South Central Telecom, LLC	Edmonson	\$1,905,264	\$1,905,264	\$3,810,528	809
Spectrum Mid- America, LLC	Fayette	\$3,799,297	\$4,746,973	\$8,546,270	878
Spectrum Mid- America, LLC	Fleming	\$6,769,997	\$8,544,553	\$15,314,550	1,504
Spectrum Mid- America, LLC	Garrard	\$3,726,428	\$5,145,291	\$8,871,719	799
Spectrum Mid- America, LLC	Greenup	\$3,351,112	\$2,294,780	\$5,645,892	491
Spectrum Mid- America, LLC	Harrison	\$22,306,134	\$9,559,771	\$31,865,905	2,639

Awardee	County/ Counties	Grant Amount	Matching Amount	Total Project Amount	Number of Unserved Locations
Spectrum Mid-America, LLC	Henry	\$1,508,647	\$646,563	\$2,155,210	138
Spectrum Mid-America, LLC	Hopkins	\$4,945,826	\$5,518,500	\$10,464,326	817
Spectrum Mid-America, LLC	Jessamine	\$1,628,441	\$7,278,103	\$8,906,544	1,282
South Central Telecom, LLC	LaRue	\$2,958,682	\$2,958,682	\$5,917,364	582
Spectrum Mid-America, LLC	LaRue & Nelson	\$1,308,889	\$1,205,926	\$2,514,815	239
Spectrum Mid-America, LLC	Laurel	\$1,163,392	\$2,492,955	\$3,656,347	448
Spectrum Mid-America, LLC	Lewis	\$17,191,102	\$10,657,679	\$27,848,781	2,121
Spectrum Mid-America, LLC	Lincoln	\$971,320	\$5,175,122	\$6,146,442	1,117
Pennyrite Rural Electric Cooperative Corp	Logan	\$2,593,295	\$2,593,296	\$5,186,591	801
Pennyrite Rural Electric Cooperative Corp	Lyon	\$398,646	\$398,646	\$797,292	70
Spectrum Mid-America, LLC	Marion	\$1,963,377	\$7,083,249	\$9,046,626	1,029
APB Partners Mercer LLC	Mercer	\$15,131,674	\$10,966,505	\$26,098,179	3,332
Spectrum Mid-America, LLC	Montgomery	\$2,516,406	\$5,863,222	\$8,379,628	1,431
Pennyrite Rural Electric Cooperative Corp	Muhlenberg	\$2,756,505	\$2,756,504	\$5,513,009	902
Withdrawn - Broadlinc	Muhlenberg	\$594,040	\$396,027	\$990,067	225
South Central Telecom, LLC	Nelson	\$1,110,242	\$1,110,243	\$2,220,485	159
South Central Telecom, LLC	Nelson	\$254,143	\$254,143	\$508,286	22
Spectrum Mid-America, LLC	Nicholas	\$4,586,921	\$3,528,000	\$8,114,921	882
Spectrum Mid-America, LLC	Ohio	\$1,247,667	\$2,461,582	\$3,709,249	627
Withdrawn - Broadlinc	Owen	\$2,448,672	\$1,632,448	\$4,081,120	687
Withdrawn - Broadlinc	Owen	\$1,377,165	\$918,111	\$2,295,276	425

Awardee	County/ Counties	Grant Amount	Matching Amount	Total Project Amount	Number of Unserved Locations
Withdrawn - Broadlinc	Owen	\$794,893	\$529,929	\$1,324,822	229
Withdrawn - Broadlinc	Owen	\$608,446	\$405,630	\$1,014,076	175
Withdrawn - Broadlinc	Owen	\$583,483	\$388,989	\$972,472	163
Withdrawn - Broadlinc	Owen	\$908,618	\$389,408	\$1,298,026	158
Withdrawn - Broadlinc	Owen	\$540,119	\$360,079	\$900,198	135
Withdrawn - Broadlinc	Owen	\$461,640	\$307,760	\$769,400	120
Withdrawn - Broadlinc	Owen	\$577,129	\$247,341	\$824,470	86
Withdrawn - Broadlinc	Owen	\$336,259	\$224,173	\$560,432	68
Withdrawn -Inter Mountain Cable, Inc	Pike	\$2,622,048	\$1,748,032	\$4,370,080	263
Spectrum Mid- America, LLC	Pulaski	\$10,016,712	\$9,940,481	\$19,957,193	1,904
Spectrum Mid- America, LLC	Robertson	\$957,707	\$2,166,738	\$3,124,445	228
APB Partners Shelby LLC	Shelby	\$1,480,009	\$3,516,464	\$4,996,473	663
Pennyrite Rural ElectricCooperative Corp	Todd	\$2,368,626	\$2,368,626	\$4,737,252	634
Pennyrite Rural Electric Cooperative Corp	Trigg	\$2,345,005	\$2,345,005	\$4,690,009	659
North Central Communications, Inc	Warren, Edmonson, Grayson, Butler	\$9,170,682	\$3,930,292	\$13,100,974	1,767
Spectrum Mid- America, LLC	Washington	\$2,558,800	\$1,705,867	\$4,264,667	433
APB Partners Woodford LLC	Woodford	\$4,954,394	\$11,671,090	\$16,625,484	1,850
Spectrum Mid- America, LLC <i>late approval</i>	Spencer-2	\$4,028,400	\$2,685,600	\$6,714,000	1,364
People's RTC <i>late approval</i>	Rockcastle	\$2,662,457	\$1,141,053	\$3,803,510	168
		\$191,041,894	\$186,589,393	\$377,631,285	41,429

Appendix 3

Federal Awards for Broadband Deployment and Digital Equity Projects

Fiscal Year	Award Amount	Funding Agency	Grantee	Program/Project
2007	\$ 65,710	USDA	FNS, Inc.	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans And Grants
2008	\$ 136,830	USDA	Liberty Communications, Inc.	Community Connect Grant Program
2008	\$ 97,097	USDA	The Center For Rural Development, Inc.	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans And Grants
2009	\$ 535,308	NTIA	City of Williamstown	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
2009	\$ 365,318	USDA	Carter County School District	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans And Grants
2009	\$ 90,469	USDA	Communicare, Inc.	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans And Grants
2009	\$ 108,013	USDA	Eastern Kentucky University	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans And Grants
2009	\$ 896,717	USDA	Inter Mountain Cable, Inc.	Community Connect Grant Program
2009	\$ 16,693	USDA	Mountain Comprehensive Health Corporation	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans And Grants
2009	\$ 146,613	USDA	Mountain Comprehensive Health Corporation	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans And Grants
2010	\$ 16,048	USDA	Crystal Broadband Networks, Inc.	Broadband Initiatives Program
2010	\$ 12,739,679	USDA	Foothills Rural Telephone Cooperative	Broadband Initiatives Program
2010	\$ 4,861,538	USDA	Leslie County Telephone Company	Broadband Initiatives Program
2010	\$ 829,812	USDA	Mikrotec CATV LLC	Broadband Initiatives Program
2010	\$ 38,281,044	USDA	Mountain Rural Telephone Cooperative	Broadband Initiatives Program
2010	\$ 17,859,928	USDA	Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative	Broadband Initiatives Program
2010	\$ 1,934,474	USDA	Salem Telephone Company	Broadband Initiatives Program
2010	\$ 5,185,932	USDA	Thacker-Grigsby Telephone Company, Inc.	Broadband Initiatives Program

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2010	\$ 55,502,299	USDA	West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative	Broadband Initiatives Program
2011	\$ 461,347	USDA	Bath County School District Finance Corporation	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans And Grants
2011	\$ 478,025	USDA	Crystal Broadband Networks, Inc.	Community Connect Grant Program
2011	\$ 490,859	USDA	Crystal Broadband Networks, Inc.	Community Connect Grant Program
2011	\$ 504,549	USDA	Crystal Broadband Networks, Inc.	Community Connect Grant Program
2011	\$ 561,842	USDA	Crystal Broadband Networks, Inc.	Community Connect Grant Program
2011	\$ 563,400	USDA	Crystal Broadband Networks, Inc.	Community Connect Grant Program
2011	\$ 112,751	USDA	Ephraim McDowell Health Care Foundation, Inc.	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans And Grants
2011	\$ 70,010	USDA	Grace Community Health Center	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans And Grants
2011	\$ 773,445	USDA	Inter Mountain Cable, Inc.	Community Connect Grant Program
2011	\$ 117,560	USDA	Kentucky River Community Care, Inc.	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans And Grants
2011	\$ 236,394	USDA	Norton Healthcare Foundation, Inc.	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans And Grants
2011	\$ 132,522	USDA	Pendleton County Board of Education	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans And Grants
2012	\$ 230,294	USDA	Hazard Community and Technical College	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans And Grants
2012	\$ 1,059,704	USDA	Inter Mountain Cable, Inc.	Community Connect Grant Program
2012	\$ 87,914	USDA	Professional Home Health Care Agency	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans And Grants
2013	\$ 442,515	USDA	Crystal Broadband Networks, Inc.	Community Connect Grant Program
2013	\$ 646,263	USDA	Crystal Broadband Networks, Inc.	Community Connect Grant Program
2014	\$ 701,221	USDA	Crystal Broadband Networks, Inc.	Community Connect Grant Program

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2014	\$ 241,951	USDA	Norton Healthcare Foundation, Inc.	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans And Grants
2015	\$ 568,000	ARC	Kentucky Labor Cabinet	ARC Grant - Teleworks Hub
2015	\$ 255,046	ARC	Memorial Hospital, Inc.	ARC Telemedicine Access to Pediatric Care
2015	\$ 278,254	USDA	Appalachian Regional Healthcare Inc	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans And Grants
2015	\$ 182,566	USDA	Baptist Healthcare System	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans And Grants
2015	\$ 112,830	USDA	Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital, Inc.	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans And Grants
2016	\$ 361,543	USDA	Baptist Health Foundation - Corbin	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans And Grants
2016	\$ 231,177	USDA	Mountain Comprehensive Health Corporation	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans And Grants
2017	\$ 499,544	USDA	Berea College	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans And Grants
2017	\$ 449,031	USDA	Hazard Community and Technical College	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans And Grants
2017	\$ 495,851	USDA	Northeast Kentucky Regional Health Information Organization Inc	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans And Grants
2018	\$ 186,645	USDA	Primary Care Centers of Eastern Kentucky	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans And Grants
2018	\$ 2,584,621	USDA	West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative	Community Connect Grant Program
2019	\$ 76,000	ARC	Lewis County Fiscal Court	POWER Grant - Lewis County Broadband Strategic Plan and Feasibility Study
2019	\$ 155,500	DRA	Hopkins County Fiscal Court	Delta Area Economic Development - Hopkins County Broadband
2019	\$ 368,970	USDA	Addiction Recovery Care LLC	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans And Grants
2019	\$ 2,386,350	USDA	Crystal Broadband Networks, Inc.	Community Connect Grant Program

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2019	\$ 128,321	USDA	Kentucky Community and Technical College System	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans And Grants
2019	\$ 460,820	USDA	Owensboro Health Regional Hospital	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans And Grants
2019	\$ 158,622	USDA	Pikeville Medical Center Inc	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans And Grants
2020	\$ 2,409,351	USDA	Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative	ReConnect 1 - 100% Grant
2020	\$ 207,083	USDA	CAFCA Cares Inc	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans And Grants
2020	\$ 785,791	USDA	Cumberland Family Medical Center, Inc.	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans And Grants
2020	\$ 18,676,528	USDA	Duo County Telephone Cooperative	ReConnect 1 - 100% Grant
2020	\$ 790,400	USDA	Grace Community Health Center	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans And Grants
2020	\$ 468,483	USDA	Hospice of the Bluegrass, Inc.	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans And Grants
2020	\$ 141,250	USDA	Kentucky Community and Technical College System	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans And Grants
2020	\$ 689,222	USDA	Kentucky Rural Health Information Technology Network, Inc.	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans And Grants
2020	\$ 1,000,000	USDA	Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, Inc.	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans And Grants
2020	\$ 4,908,864	USDA	Peoples Telecom, LLC	ReConnect 2 - 50/50 Grant/Loan
2020	\$ 2,308,257	USDA	Thacker-Grigsby Telephone Company, Inc.	ReConnect 1 - 100% Grant
2020	\$ 11,797,050	USDA	West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative	ReConnect 2 - 100% Grant
2021	\$ 362,981	USDA	Big Sandy Healthcare	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans And Grants
2021	\$ 60,461	USDA	Clover Fork Outpatient Medical Project	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans And Grants

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2021	\$ 167,802	USDA	Kentucky Community and Technical College System	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans And Grants
2021	\$ 234,775	USDA	Memorial Hospital, Inc.	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans And Grants
2021	\$ 869,604	USDA	Saint Joseph Hospital Foundation	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans And Grants
2022	\$ 1,937,475	ARC	Harlan County Fiscal Court	POWER Grant - Harlan County Connected
2022	\$ 50,000	ARC	Shaping Our Appalachian Region, Inc.	POWER Grant - Robertson County Broadband Feasibility Study
2022	\$ 50,000	ARC	Robertson County Fiscal Court	POWER Grant - Last-Mile Broadband: A Collaborative Approach
2022	\$ 3,123,999	NTIA	Scott County Fiscal Court	Broadband Infrastructure Program
2022	\$ 9,378,184	USDA	Mountain Rural Telephone Cooperative	ReConnect 3 - 100% Grant
2022	\$ 939,588	USDA	Rockcastle County Board of Education	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans And Grants
2022	\$ 24,377,982	USDA	Thacker-Grigsby Telephone Company, Inc.	ReConnect 3 - 50/50 Grant/Loan
2023	\$ 24,963,158	USDA	Duo County Telephone Cooperative	ReConnect 4 - 100% Grant
2023	\$ 18,815,588	USDA	Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative	Reconnect 4 - 50/50 Grant/Loan

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