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Community Connect Awards – Washington

2008 Grant Awards:

Wired or Wireless, Inc.

Malden, Washington

Grant Amount: \$671,008

Contact: William Geibel, (509) 892-5877

County: Whitman; 5th Congressional District

Rural Development funding given to Wired or Wireless, Inc. will provide broadband services to Malden, Washington. With broadband, regional services can locate offices within the town and offer better health care, postal service, police service, retirement facilities, dental care, and correctional services. Malden City Hall, Malden Police Station, Malden Fire Station, and a new Community Center will receive broadband free for two years.

2007 Grant Awards:

Ecliptixnet Broadband, Inc.

Northport, Washington

Grant Amount: \$997,780

Contact: Jeff Tamietti, 509-954-2400

County: Stevens

Rural Development funds will be used to deliver Broadband Service in Northport, Washington using a wireless network. Many will benefit from such a project, including: Town Hall, Public Works, the Fire Station, Public School District #211, Public Library, and the Community Health Center will all be receiving two years of free broadband access as a result of this grant. In addition grant funds will be used to build a Community Center housing ten computers with Broadband access free for the community to use.

Ecliptixnet Broadband, Inc.

Marcus, Washington

Grant Amount: \$834,881

Contact: Jeff Tamietti, 509-954-2400

County: Stevens

Rural Development funds will be used to deliver Broadband Service in Marcus, Washington using a wireless network. Many will benefit from this project, including: The Volunteer Fire Department and the Post Office in town will enjoy the benefits from two years of free broadband service. In addition grant funds will be used to build a Community Center housing ten computers with Broadband access free to the community.



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2006 Grant Awards:

Ecliptixnet Broadband, Inc.

Springdale, Washington

Grant Amount: \$529,340

Contact: Jeff Tamietti, 509-954-2400

County: Washington

Rural Development funds will be used to deliver Broadband Service in Springdale, Washington using a wireless network. Many will benefit from such a project, including: Steven County Fire District, Springdale Police Department, Local School, and a medical center, not to mention the 283 residences and 26 businesses. In addition grant funds will be used to build a Community Center housing ten computers with Broadband access free for the community to use.

2005 Grant Awards:

The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Indian Reservation

Nespelem, WA

Grant Amount: \$359,828

Contact: Joseph Pakootas, 509-634-2215

County: Okanogan

Nespelem (population 212) is located in rural Okanogan County, WA, and is on the Colville Indian Reservation. Nespelem has suffered from high unemployment, persistent poverty and declining population. The grant will fund delivery of fiber optic broadband service to a terminus at Nespelem, connecting the proposed Community Technology Center to the terminus, and distributing broadband services to critical and other facilities, businesses and residences in and around Nespelem via a wireless network. Services available at the Center will include free public Internet access, classes and workshops, and access to a new community portal. In addition to the Community Technology Center, the project will provide connectivity to the Town of Nespelem, Nespelem Elementary School, Nespelem Emergency Medical Services/Fire Station and the Nespelem Senior Center.

2003 Grant Awards:

Town of Concrete

Concrete, Washington

Grant Amount: \$440,000

Contact: Robin Feetham, 360-424-7104

County: Skagit

The town of Concrete, Washington, population 93, will use these grant funds to establish



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the broadband infrastructure necessary to support a Community Network and help to jump-start a stalled local economy. This local network will provide critical community facilities, businesses and residents with affordable and reliable access to the world market through the Internet. In addition, the project will provide free public access to information technology resources, initiate adult education, family literacy and workforce development, support development of local partnerships with other organizations and governments, as well as promoting small and home-based E-business opportunities to help stimulate local economic development.

2002 Grant Awards:

Hood Canal Telephone Company, Inc.

Squaxin Island Tribe, Washington

Grant Amount: \$735,250

Contact: Mike Oblizalo, 360-898-2481

County: Mason

Hood Telephone Company, Inc, through the use of RUS Grant funds will provide a Hybrid Fiber Coax (HFC) network to the Squaxin Island Tribe. Many services will be made available to the residents and facilities within this community such as broadband access, cable television service and telephone services. The availability of broadband services will allow a learning center to be established at the Tribal Center including computers and associated equipment. The ability to access vital health information through the use of these services will enhance the quality of care and life for the residents. In addition, law enforcement's capability of obtaining vital information would result in better serving and protecting the community.

Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe

Port Gamble Reservation, Washington

Grant Amount: \$498,503

Contact: Mr. Phil Dorn, 360-297-6247

County: Port Gamble Indian Reservation

The applicant proposes to use grant funds to develop a community oriented connectivity network on the Port Gamble Indian Reservation. A newly built fiber optic network will be extended to the Tribe's Community Center and governmental campus allowing broadband connections to serve several key Tribal facilities and organizations, including: the Little Boston Library; the Education Center; the S'Klallam Housing Authority; the Port Gamble Development Authority; the Health Services Center; the Northwest Indian College/Evergreen State College higher education programs on the Reservation; and the Community Center, which is the primary government headquarters. The Tribe will provide connections to scattered Tribal residential locations allowing broadband access to all households in a hybrid fiber optic-wireless network.