



**United States Department of Agriculture  
Rural Development**

## **Community Connect Awards - Maryland**

### **2003 Grant Awards:**

**Allegheny Communications Connect, Inc.; Oakland, Maryland**

**Grant Amount -- \$1,140,772**

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**County: Garrett**

Oakland, Maryland is located in Garrett County, the most western county in Maryland. The leadership of the community has developed a diverse group of initiatives, but still need fast, dependable broadband service to take the economy and quality of life another step forward. The project will enhance educational opportunities for both students and adults, improve health care, increase safety and security of residents, and accelerate Oakland's economic development by featuring telecommunication infrastructure to attract new businesses. A total of 17 community organizations are participating in this project, including major critical community facilities such as the Garrett County Memorial Hospital, the Board of Education, County Emergency Management, County Community Action Committee, and the Ruth Enlow Library.