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CC <via email>: Randall Hughes Randall.Hughes@oglala.org



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11-16-2023 SD NTIA Virtual Tribal Consultation Invites

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Cc: Gutierrez, Margaret; Kinkoph, Douglas; Feinman, Evan; Owen, Kim; Madison, Robyn; Seewald, Rebecca; Henning, Stephanie; Schilken, Chris; Overseth, Haleigh
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South Dakota NTIA Tribal Broadband Consultation

<u>Agenda</u>

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Zoom Link for attendees:

https://ntia-gov.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItduGprj0oGOATnKHGwAxu0zyTA6A0Tk0

9:00 a.m. Introductions (ConnectSD Team and NTIA Staff)

ConnectSD and BEAD Overview (ConnectSD Team)

Digital Opportunity Overview (Department of Labor and Regulations)

Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program/BEAD Overview (NTIA Staff)

Tribal Leaders/Representatives

- Cheyenne River Crow Creek Flandreau Lower Brule Oglala Rosebud Sisseton Wahpeton Standing Rock
- Yankton

Closing - Feedback and Next Steps



National Telecommunications and Information Administration

United States Department of Commerce





SOUTH DAKOTA/NTIA TRIBAL BROADBAND CONSULTATION (VIRTUAL)

BROADBAND EQUITY, ACCESS, AND DEPLOYMENT (BEAD)

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NOVEMBER 28, 2023

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INTRODUCTIONS

SOUTH DAKOTA CONVECTSD TEAM

- Mike Waldner, Broadband Program Manager
- Haleigh Overseth, BEAD Coordinator
- Tricia Hinseth, Assistant Broadband Program Manager
- Sage Swenson, Broadband Program Intern
- DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND REGULATIONS (DLR) TEAM
 - Bill Wendling, Digital Opportunity Coordinator
 - Kendra Ringstmeyer, Director of Workforce Training
- NTIA STAFF
 - Kim Owen, Federal Program Officer
 - Robyn Madison, Northern Plains Regional Director
 - Margaret Gutierrez, National Tribal Government Liaison

PROGRAM OVERMEW

CONNECTSD AND BEAD (BROADBAND, EQUITY, ACCESS AND DEPLOYMENT)

• Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) Broadband Team

DIGITAL OPPORIUNTY

• Department of Labor and Regulations (DLR) Team

TRIBAL BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM (TECP)

National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Team



QUESTIONS FOR EACHTRIBE

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CONNECT SOUTH DAKOTA

Tribal Leaders/Representatives Input: Cheyenne River

- NTIA Eligible Entity Planning Toolkit Data::
 - Total Broadband Serviceable Location (BSL): 3,953
 - Served with Fiber or Cable Modem: 3,728
 - Unserved locations (Less than 25/3): 225
 - Underserved locations (Less than 100/20): 0

ISP Providers	Website	Exchange Territory
West River Cooperative Telephone Company	www.sdplains.com	Meadow, Mobridge
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority	www.crstta.com	Isabel, Dupree, South Dupree, Eagle Butte, La Plant
Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative	www.goldenwest.com	Faith
Qwest/Lumen	https://www.lumen.com/en- us/home.html	Timber Lake



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Tribal Leaders/Representatives Input: Crow Creek

- NTIA Eligible Entity Planning Toolkit Data:
 - Total Broadband Serviceable Location (BSL): 710
 - Served with Fiber or Cable Modem: 692
 - Unserved locations (Less than 25/3): 18
 - Underserved locations (Less than 100/20): 0

Providers	Website	Exchange Territory
Midstate Communications	https://web.midstatesd.net/	Gannvalley, Pukwana, Ft. Thompson
Qwest/Lumen	https://www.lumen.com/en- us/home.html	Chamberlain
Venture Communications Cooperative, Inc.	www.venturecomm.net	Highmore, Harrold


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Tribal Leaders/Representatives Input: Flandreau

- NTIA Eligible Entity Planning Toolkit Data:
 - Total Broadband Serviceable Location (BSL): 126
 - Served with Fiber or Cable Modem: 126
 - Unserved locations (Less than 25/3): 0
 - Underserved locations (Less than 100/20):0

Providers	Website	Exchange Territory
Qwest/Lumen	h <u>https://www.lumen.com/en-us/home.html</u>	Flandreau



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Tribal Leaders/Representatives Input: Lower Brule

- NTIA Eligible Entity Planning Toolkit Data:
 - Total Broadband Serviceable Location (BSL): 536
 - Served with Fiber or Cable Modem: 534
 - Unserved locations (Less than 25/3): 2
 - Underserved locations (Less than 100/20): 0

Providers	Website	Exchange Territory
Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative	www.goldenwest.com	Reliance
Qwest/Lumen	https://www.lumen.com/en- us/home.html	Chamberlain, Pierre
Kennebec Telephone Company, Inc.	www.kennebectelephone.com	Kennebec, Presho



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- Tribal Leaders/Representatives Input: Oglala
- NTIA Eligible Entity Planning Toolkit Data:
 - Total Broadband Serviceable Location (BSL): 5,058
 - Served with Fiber or Cable Modem: 4,025
 - Unserved locations (Less than 25/3): 828
 - Underserved locations (Less than 100/20): 205

Providers	Website	Exchange Territory
Golden West Telecommunication Cooperative	www.goldenwest.com	Pine Ridge, Oelrichs, Buffalo Gap, Kyle, Interior, Long Valley, Belvidere, Martin
Fort Randall Telephone Company	www.fortrandall.hcinet.net	Hermosa
Great Plains Communication (NE)	www.gpcom.com	Cody, Merriman, Gordon



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Tribal Leaders/Representatives Input: Rosebud

- NTIA Eligible Entity Planning Toolkit Data:
 - Total Broadband Serviceable Location (BSL): 2,992
 - Served with Fiber or Cable Modem: 1,595
 - Unserved locations (Less than 25/3): 846
 - Underserved locations (Less than 100/20): 551

Providers	Website	Exchange Territory
Golden West Telecommunication Cooperative	www.goldenwest.com	Long Valley, Rosebud, Matin, Mission, Wood, Witten, Clearfield
Qwest/Lumen	https://www.lumen.com/en- us/home.html	Valentine
Great Plains Communication (NE)	www.gpcom.com	Crookston, Kilgore, Cody



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Tribal Leaders/Representatives Input: Sisseton Wahpeton

- NTIA Eligible Entity Planning Toolkit Data:
 - Total Broadband Serviceable Location (BSL): 6,278
 - Served with Fiber or Cable Modem: 6,261
 - Unserved locations (Less than 25/3): 16
 - Underserved locations (Less than 100/20): 1

Providers	Website	Exchange Territory
Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative	www.itc-web.com	Florence, Waubay
RC Communications Inc (Roberts)	https://www.tnics.com/	Summit, Peever, Wilmot, Weblen
Red River Communications	https://redrivercomm.com/	Solidgerwd
Qwest/Lumen	https://www.lumen.com/en-us/home.html	Watertown
Venture Communications Cooperative, Inc	www.venturecomm.net	Roslyn, Sisseton, Britton, Rosholt
Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association	https://www.tnics.com/	New Effington, Claire City
Valley Telephone Company - Valley FiberCom	www.valleytel.net	West Browns Valley
Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative	www.drn.coop	So Forman

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Tribal Leaders/Representatives Input: Standing Rock

- NTIA Eligible Entity Planning Toolkit Data:
 - Total Broadband Serviceable Location (BSL): 2,048
 - Served with Fiber or Cable Modem: 1,671
 - Unserved locations (Less than 25/3): 377
 - Underserved locations (Less than 100/20): 0

Providers	Website	Exchange Territory
West River Cooperative Telephone Company	www.sdplains.com	Lemmon, Meadow
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority	www.crstta.com	Isabel
Qwest/Lumen	https://www.lumen.com/en -us/home.html	Morristown, McIntosh, Timber Lake
West River Telecommunications Cooperative	www.westriv.com	Mobridge, McLaughlin



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Tribal Leaders/Representatives Input: Yankton

- NTIA Eligible Entity Planning Toolkit Data:
 - Total Broadband Serviceable Location (BSL): 3,155
 - Served with Fiber or Cable Modem: 2,739
 - Unserved locations (Less than 25/3): 74
 - Underserved locations (Less than 100/20): 342

Providers	Website	Exchange Territory
Midstate Communications	https://web.midstatesd.net/	Platte, New Holland, Delmont
Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative	www.goldenwest.com	Armour, Avon
Fort Randall Telephone Company	www.fortrandall.hcinet.net	Wagner, Lake Andes
Santel Communications Cooperative	www.santel.coop	Tripp



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CLOSING - FEEDBACK AND NEXT STEPS

- Initial Proposal Drafts available on the BEAD page at: <u>https://sdgoed.com/partners/connectsd/bead/</u>
- Challenge Process in Initial Proposal Volume 1
- Subgrantee Requirements in Initial Proposal Volume 2
- To report unserved locations, contact GOED or your local ISP
 - Can submit report form here:

https://www.sd.gov/cs?id=sc_cat_item&sys_id=92b382d11bf3b8101c4fa9 7ae54bcb75







CONTACT

PROGRAMMANAGER

- Mike.Waldner@state.sd.us
 - <u>https://sdgoed.com/partners/connectsd/</u>
 - Office: (605) 773-2483
 - Cell: (605) 295-0821 (call/text)
 - GOED Main Line: (605) 773-4633

STAY INFORMED

- ConnectSD Broadband Development Program Listserv
 This is a listserv we will use to communicate with anyone interested in the program
 Sign up at:
 - https://sdgoed.com/partners/connectsd/



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South Dakota NTIA Tribal Consultation (Virtual) Meeting Minutes November 28th, 2023

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In Attendance:

Mike Waldner Haleigh Overseth Sage Swenson Kim Owen **Robyn Madison Bill Wendling** Kendra Ringstmeyer Matt Rogotzke (NTIA) Andrew Orosco - NTIA Rebecca Seewald (NTIA tribal with Margaret) Isabel Lopez (NTIA tribal with Margaret) JD (NTIA tribal with Margaret) Mykah Alverson (With Margaret – NTIA) Sonia Whalen – Oglala Telecom (briefly) **Randall Hughes - Rosebud** Tawny Zimiga – Oglala Victoria Canales -

Program Overviews

ConnectSD (Mike)

- Overview of ConnectSD projects and allocated funding from state projects from 2019 to date.
- Overview of NTIA BEAD eligible locations mapping for each of the 9 Tribes
- BEAD Application process will be difficult final note

Bill Overview for Digital Opportunity



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- 2.75 billion nationally for funding we won't know our allocation until 2024
- State Planning Grants 60 million, state capacity 1.44 million, 1.25 million Capacity Grants
- Conducting stakeholder engagement to determine needs and assets
 - Listening sessions with stakeholders and orgs representing stakeholders
 - DO Plan public comment period closed, received good feedback
- Potential Focuses have current wish list of how funding may be used once allocations are received.
 - Mike digital citizenship want people online, not standing in line we have shifted government services to online portals, want to have citizens who can use these tools
 - Want Tribes to train citizens to be good remote workers, can help with job access

Kim – Internet for All Bipartisan Infrastructure and Jobs Bill

- SD allocated for BEAD, DE, Tribal, but did not receive Middle Mile allocations
 - BEAD Timeline
 - End 2023 letters of intent received from all states
 - o 5 Year Plans submitted by states
 - IP drafts submitted for public comment due 12/27
 - Challenge process early 2024
 - BEAD priority is unserved locations
 - Digital Equity, Opportunity
 - State Planning Portion
 - Plans to apply for state capacity grants
 - Competitive grants coming as well
 - Stakeholders are critical
 - Digital Equity Act 8 covered populations

Margaret – Consultations for BEAD

- Engaging tribal entities is required for BEAD and to make sure tribes are being covered
- Talking through locations not listed on the maps, don't always even have address available
- If Tribal grants are in place, what are the shortfalls, how are funds being used? Where are the current funds being used?

Margaret – TCBP

- TCBP round 2 980 million dollars left
- Expand broadband adoption and deployment on tribal lands closed on Jan 23/24
- Eligible Lands/Entities
- Round 2 prioritizes tribes that did not receive round 1 or other funds
- 4 year award period timeline have to be approved by assistant secretary to go beyond 4 years
- Stand alone projects no longer eligible
- Infrastructure Deployment projects prioritized
- De-duplication and challenge process part of round 2
- Cyber security and supply chain requirements, shape files now required for all applicants
- 6 categories come ahead of anyone who got round 1 TCBP
- Cannot duplicate current federal fund or satellite use
- Tribal Broadband Leaders Network meet monthly and put on webinars

 Email tbln@ntia.gov to get added
- Can build their own ISP under infrastructure but need a shovel ready plan won't see much of that for round 2

Mike – questions for tribes

- Talk to us about current funds and how they are being used
- Do you need help with plan our plans and info are out and available
- Subgrantee? review Vol 1 and 2 for requirements of BEAD to understand the application
- ISPs talk to us if ISPs are operating on tribal lands but not with up to date consent to operate
 - $\,\circ\,\,$ We don't care where the location is, we want to know what locations need connecting
- Who is the best person to coordinate for your tribal area? Contacts are helpful

Randy Hughes – Oglala



- Sent Oglala Consultation Ordinance to SD.
 - Per ordinance, Tribal President needs to request a consultation formally
 - Funding for wireless network received for Oglala, currently have wireless service
 - \circ $\,$ Mapping done by Oglala estimates 1,600 BSLs missed by FCC mapping data, locations that need to be added.
 - Oglala has strong desire to consult, but formal Ordinance process must be adhered to in order to set up a consultation

Mike – we do have work to do with de-duplication of locations.

- \circ $\;$ Happy to work with tribes on mapping and FCC updates and info.
- BSL locations like rural farms that have a house, but also want fiber to other parts of their land to monitor cattle, other buildings or aspects of farm/ranch process
- SD would love to have a direct IT contact in each tribal area to engage with
- Look forward to continued conversation









ConnectSD Funded Broadband Expansion on Tribal Lands

Cheyenne River

Company	Award Number	Date	Completion date	Location	Funding source
Cheyenne River	Connect 2019-07	May-19	12/31/2019	Timber Lake	ConnectSD (PFSA)
Sioux Tribe					
Telephone					
Authority					

Crow Creek

Company	Award Number	Date	Completion date	Location	Funding source
Midstate	Cares 2021-21	Mar-21	12/31/2021	Chamberlain/Kimball	CARES
Communications					
Midstate Communications	ConnectSD 2022-17	Jul-22	12/31/2024	3 housing developments (Chamberlain/Ft. Thompson/Stickney) & Rural locations	SLFRF/ARPA

Flandreau Santee

Company	Award Number	Date	Completion date	Location	Funding source
Valley	Cares 2020-05	Jun-20		Rural Flandreau /	CARES
FiberCom				Moody County	

Lower Brule

Company	Award Number	Date	Completion date	Location	Funding source
Kennebec Telephone Company	Cares 2021-25	Mar-21	11/30/2021	Lyman (Kennebec Exchange)	CARES
Venture Vision	ConnectSD 2023-02	May-23	12/31/2026	Stanley County Fiber Build out	ConnectSD

Oglala Lakota (Pine Ridge)

Company	Award Number	Date	Completion date	Location	Funding source	
Fort Randall	Cares 2021-03	Mar-21	12/31/2021	Keystone W & S,	CARES	
Telephone			, ,	Hermosa, Iron Mt.		
Company				road, Fairburn City		
				and W, W of Ajax,		
This is a very small area in the NW corner of the tribal boundaries						



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Sisseton Wahpeton

Company	Award Number	Date	Completion date	Location	Funding source
Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative	Connect 2021-04	Jun-21	12/31/2023	Codington Phase II, All around Watertown, E of Henry, Kranzburg, South Shore, Rauville, Kampeska, Grover, Appleby, Florence, Tribal Land (77 locations)	ConnectSD
RC Technologies	Connect 2021-14	Jun-21	12/31/2023	Corona	SLFRF/ARPA

Standing Rock

Company	Award Number	Date	Completion date	Location	Funding source
West River	Cares 2020-09	Jun-20		McIntosh FTTH	CARES
Cable Television					
West River	Connect 2021-20	Jun-21	12/31/2021	S of Morristown	CARES
Cable Television				7 S of Keldron	

Yankton

Company	Award Number	Date	Completion date	Location	Funding source
Fort Randall	Cares 2021-02	Mar-21	12/31/2021	Lake Andes/	CARES
Telephone				Wagner	
Company					

Rosebud (NONE)

We have never had an application from any provider for this area.



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