



## Community Connect Awards – Oklahoma

### **2011 Grant Awards:**

**Wichita Online, Inc.**  
**Cornish Town, Oklahoma**  
**Grant Amount: \$494,000**  
**Contact: Dustin Hilliary, (580) 529-2700**  
**County: Jefferson**  
**Congressional District: OK4 (project); OK4 (awardee)**

Wichita Online, Inc. will use Rural Utilities Service funds to provide broadband services to the residents, businesses and critical community facilities in the rural community of Cornish Town, Oklahoma through a fixed wireless network. All critical community facilities in the community will receive broadband service free of charge for two years. A community center will be established as part of the project and the awardee plans on scheduling free training and educational classes for residents.

**Wichita Online, Inc.**  
**Leon Town, Oklahoma**  
**Grant Amount: \$481,000**  
**Contact: Dustin Hilliary, (580) 529-2700**  
**County: Love**  
**Congressional District: OK4 (project); OK4 (awardee)**

Wichita Online, Inc. will use Rural Utilities Service funds to provide broadband services to the rural community of Leon Town, Oklahoma through a fixed wireless network. The network will provide high speed Internet services to critical community facilities, residents and businesses and all critical community facilities in the community will receive broadband service free of charge for two years. A community center will be established as part of the project and the awardee plans on scheduling free training and educational classes for residents.

**Wichita Online, Inc.**

**Tushka Town, Oklahoma**

**Grant Amount: \$480,000**

**Contact: Dustin Hilliary, (580) 529-2700**

**County: Atoka**

**Congressional District: OK2 (project); OK4 (awardee)**

Wichita Online, Inc. will use Rural Utilities Service funds to provide broadband services to the residents, businesses and critical community facilities in the rural community of Tushka Town, Oklahoma through a fixed wireless network. All critical community facilities in the community will receive broadband service free of charge for two years. On April 14, 2011 this community was hit by an EF3 tornado which killed two people and destroyed or damaged a number of structures in the community. This award will help to provide critical infrastructure to this devastated community and bring new opportunities for economic development.

**2009 Grant Awards:**

**@Link Services, LLC Shamrock, Oklahoma**

**Grant Amount: \$535,998**

**Contact: Samuel Curtis, (405) 753-7167**

**County: Creek County; 3rd Congressional District**

Rural Utilities Service funds will be used to provide wireless broadband services to the community of Shamrock, Oklahoma. The community center will provide free broadband Internet access to the residents for two years. @Link Services will also provide complementary broadband services to the local fire and police departments.

**@Link Services, LLC Kildare, Oklahoma**

**Grant Amount: \$577,618**

**Contact: Samuel Curtis, (405) 753-7167**

**County: Kay County; 3rd Congressional District**

@Link Services will use Rural Utilities Service funds to provide wireless broadband services to the community of Kildare, Oklahoma. The location of the community in Oklahoma's Tornado Alley has made its residents prime targets of catastrophic tornados. Real time weather radar and national weather updates are critical in saving lives, especially in remote areas without adequate tornado warning sirens. Broadband Internet access will allow local residents to receive advanced weather warnings. A new community center will provide residents with free broadband Internet service for two years.

**3 Brothers Networks LLC Marble City, Oklahoma**

**Grant Amount: \$223,417**

**Contact: Jason Stevens (405) 780-1182**

**County: Sequoyah; 2nd Congressional District**

Rural Utilities Service funds will be used to provide wireless broadband services to the community of Marble City, Oklahoma, an area of rugged topography. Wireless technology will be employed to accomplish the project. A community center will be established, where free broadband Internet will be offered to the residents for two years. Education and training programs will also be provided at the center.



**Wichita Online, Inc. Cooperton, Oklahoma**

**Grant Amount: \$597,000**

**Contact: Dustin Hilliary (580) 529-2700**

**County: Kiowa; 3rd Congressional District**

Wichita Online, Inc. will use Rural Utilities Service funds to provide wireless broadband service to the community of Cooperton, Oklahoma. A community center will be built, where free broadband Internet access will be provided to local residents for two years. Wichita Online will also provide free broadband Internet access to the County Sheriff and Volunteer Fire Department.

**Wichita Online, Inc. Yeager, Oklahoma**

**Grant Amount: \$498,500**

**Contact: Dustin Hilliary (580) 529-2700**

**County: Hughes; 2nd Congressional District**

Wichita Online, Inc. will use Rural Utilities Service funds to provide wireless broadband services to the community of Yeager, Oklahoma. Free broadband Internet access will be provided to the community center, town hall, volunteer fire department and the Yeager Head Start Education Center for two years.

**Wichita Online, Inc. Clearview, Oklahoma**

**Grant Amount: \$498,500**

**Contact: Dustin Hilliary (580) 529-2700**

**County: Okfuskee; 2nd Congressional District**

Wichita Online, Inc. will use Rural Utilities Service funds to provide wireless broadband services to the community of Clearview, Oklahoma. Free broadband Internet access will be provided to the community center, town hall, and volunteer fire department for two years.

## **2008 Grant Awards:**

**@Link Services, LLC Lima, Oklahoma**

**Grant Amount: \$544,164**

**Contact: Samuel Curtis, (405) 843-9966**

**County: Seminole; 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District**

@Link Services will use Rural Development funding to provide broadband services to the community of Lima, Oklahoma. A new volunteer fire department will benefit from two free years of broadband service, as well as the Lima Town Hall, New Lima K-12 School, and the Community Center which will open thanks to the funds.



## **2007 Grant Awards:**

### **Wichita Online, Inc. Tatums, Oklahoma**

**Grant Amount: \$371,139**

**Contact: Dustin Hilliary, (580) 529-2700**

**County: Carter**

Rural Development funds will be used to implement a Wi-Fi infrastructure for a broadband network in Tatums, Oklahoma. Four critical community organizations will receive the broadband service from Wichita Online: the public library, volunteer fire department, emergency medical, first response team, and the Tatums Town Hall. They will all enjoy the free broadband services being provided. The town lies within "Tornado Alley" and this allows the fire and rescue personnel to receive virtual real-time warnings of impending storms. In addition the citizens of Tatums, Oklahoma will be able to access high speed internet in the new community center being built with grant funds.

## **2006 Grant Awards:**

### **Choctaw Electric Cooperative Haworth, Oklahoma**

**Grant Amount: \$417,544**

**Contact: Terry Matlock, 580-326-6486**

**County: McCurtain**

Rural Development funds will be used to construct a fixed wireless broadband system in Haworth, Oklahoma. Lands donated by the local school will be used to build a community center with free access to the Internet. Located in Tornado Alley, high speed Internet will allow the local fire department, ambulance service, and community members to prepare for the severe weather common to that region.

### **Choctaw Electric Cooperative Rattan, Oklahoma**

**Grant Amount: \$417,544**

**Contact: Terry Matlock, 580-326-6486**

**County: Pushmataha**

Rural Development funds will be used to construct a fixed wireless broadband system in Rattan, Oklahoma. Lands donated by the local school will be used to build a community center with free access to the Internet. Located in Tornado Alley, high speed Internet will allow the local fire department, ambulance service, and community members to prepare for the severe weather common to that region.



**Choctaw Electric Cooperative Smithville, Oklahoma**

**Grant Amount: \$417,544**

**Contact: Terry Matlock, 580-326-6486**

**County: McCurtain**

Rural Development funds will be used to construct a fixed wireless broadband system in Smithville, Oklahoma. Lands donated by the local school will be used to build a community center with free access to the Internet. Located in Tornado Alley, high speed Internet will allow the local fire department, ambulance service, and community members to prepare for the severe weather common to that region.

**Nix Medical Supply, Inc. DBA CSWEB.NET Gans, Oklahoma**

**Grant Amount: \$531,750**

**Contact: Pat Nix, Jr., 918-775-7778**

**County: Sequoyah**

Rural Development funds will be used to build a wireless broadband system for the community of Gans, Oklahoma. In addition, the community will receive funding to build a community center with free access for residents. The local police and fire department will benefit from this project, as well as the PreK-12 school.

## **2004 Grant Awards:**

**Barking Wind Corporation Wapanucka, Oklahoma**

**Grant Amount: \$379,900**

**Contact: L. Jay La Moure, 469-576-8208**

**County: Johnston**

The 445 residents of Wapanucka, OK face challenges, including the lack of a library, hospital, police department that Barking Wind will address by providing broadband Internet access to the community. High speed online connections will establish online city services to benefit the residents, including the remote monitoring of water resources, and a Web presence to assist with economic development efforts. The community will have access to computer training and education in e-commerce; students will have access to distance learning programs and enhanced curricula. The project's technology includes the wireless broadband equipment, which uses unlicensed radio spectrum. Barking Wind will establish a wireless backhaul connection for Internet connectivity in addition to a T1 connection.



## **2003 Grant Awards:**

**Vida Communications Minco, Oklahoma**

**Grant Amount: \$148,990**

**Contact: Clayburn Curtis, 405-381-0080**

**County: Grady**

Minco is located in Gray County, Oklahoma. One of the main goals of bringing broadband service to the community is the need for high-speed communications to detect and warn against tornadoes. Local officials believe "real time" information on weather could result in increasing the warning time before a tornado 1000 percent. The Minco Fire department and other emergency service providers have been desperately looking for a way to improve effectiveness in tornado alerts. In addition, the community suffers from a tough, agricultural based, agriculture economy. Global access, improved literacy and enhanced economic opportunities, individual and community challenges for the town and the county. The community connect center of opportunity will offer a significant first step as a magnet for opportunity, entrepreneurship and connectivity. Critical community organizations participating in this project include the Minco City Hall, the police department, the fire department the Minco Public School, along with the Community Center.

## **2002 Grant Awards:**

**Barking Wind Corporation Plano, Texas**

**Grant Amount: \$606,307**

**Contact: Gerardo Gonzalez, 972-618-4953**

**Counties Served: Ravia and Johnston Counties, Oklahoma**

Barking Wind Corporation will expend RUS Grant funds to develop a community oriented connectivity network for the purposes of providing computers and office automation tools, community education, including basic computer training. Funds will also be used for remote learning, remote resource accessibility and enhanced curriculum for elementary students. Establishment of an e-business and economic development Web-based capabilities to enable businesses to reach beyond the local community will be accomplished as well as enhancement of city services (Water, Fire/Rescue and City Administration). Additional employment will be realized for the town for operating the community center.

