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Virginia—Rural Utilities Service

Broadband & Continuous Business Creation

Broadband Funding to Help Alleghany County

Outline Of Need:

Broadband service was not available to the majority of the citizens and businesses located in Alleghany County, Virginia.

How Rural Development Helped:

The USDA through its Recovery Act broadband grant program, provided a federal grant of over \$8 million dollars to help construct a broadband network to the region.

The Results:

With the benefit of the federal funds, NTELOS will construct a fiber-to-the-premise network to bring broadband services to 4,216 households and 233 businesses in a large portion of the NTELOS service area of Alleghany County.

The new broadband network will provide better internet services for all in the region. As part of the project, in addition to the homes and businesses, new high-speed internet services will be provided to 36 community facilities that will be able to upgrade services in their communities.

Fast Facts

- Program:** RUS ARRA Direct Connect
Investment: \$8,062,088 Broadband Grant
Partners: NTELOS
Demographics
Alleghany County pop. 16,250
Median Income is \$38,545
Impact:
- 4000 homes in Alleghany County
 - 200 businesses in Alleghany County



Ellen Davis, State Director for Rural Development in Virginia outlines the many benefits the new broadband service will bring to Alleghany County.

These include Blue Ridge Cancer Care, Boiling Springs Firehouse and Rescue

Squad, Brian Center Nursing Care, Jackson River Family Practice, the Virginia Department of Transportation Office, the Dunlap Fire Department and rescue squad, the Falling Spring Fire Department and the YMCA of Low Moor.

The new fiber-to-premise internet access services will improve the quality of life in the region, providing residents and businesses in Alleghany County with new opportunities for communications, education, entertainment, shopping and conduction business online.

Local entrepreneurs will be able to enhance their businesses with online tools and reach new customer, and residents will have the option of telecommuting to save on travel expenses.

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