

CB - 123 - 19

TO APPROVE THE FUNDS AND BUDGET FOR THE COMMUNITY-ORIENTED CONNECTIVITY BROADBAND GRANT PROGRAM (COMMUNITY CONNECT)

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO APPROVE the funds and budget from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Community-Oriented Connectivity Broadband Grant Program (Community Connect).

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation ("Nation") has been awarded a grant by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (the "USDA") for project-period March 25, 2019 through April 15, 2022 in the amount of \$2,987,850;

WHEREAS, the total federal budget is \$2,987,850 with a required match of \$450,000; and

WHEREAS, funds from USDA and the Nation will provide broadband service to the community of Hodgen in LeFlore County, Oklahoma. This broadband service will be a mixture of fiber and fixed wireless capabilities to connect the community as well as enable a community center to be the hub for public use. The net result of this project will benefit the community through increased public safety, improved health care, additional education opportunities, and economic benefits to all.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval to accept and approve the funds and budget from the United States Department of Agriculture for the Community-Oriented Connectivity Broadband Grant Program (Community Connect). See Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Tribal Council that this Bill be cited as approval to provide a match of \$450,000 to fund the Community-Oriented Connectivity Broadband Grant Program (Community Connect).

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as speaker of the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of twelve (12) seats. Eight (8) members must be present to constitute a quorum. I further certify that eleven ( ) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at the Regular Session of the Tribal Council at Tuskahoma, Oklahoma on July 13, 2019. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 123 -19 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of eleven (11) members, zero (0) negative votes, and zero (0) abstaining.

James D. Speaker Pro-Tem For  
Delton Cox, Speaker  
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

Ronald Perry  
Ronald Perry, Secretary  
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

Gary Patton, Chief  
Gary Patton, Chief  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 07/15/2019

**Purpose/Need of Council Bill:** The Nation, with the help of their consulting engineer, has developed a design to offer broadband services to the community of Hodgen, in LeFlore County, Oklahoma. The services provided by the Nation will result in increased public safety, improved health care, additional educational opportunities, and economic benefits.

**Title of Council Bill:** TO APPROVE THE FUNDS AND BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY-ORIENTED CONNECTIVITY BROADBAND GRANT PROGRAM (COMMUNITY CONNECT)

**Agency:** United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Utilities Service (RUS)

**Budget:** \$2,987,850

**Match Required:** \$450,000

**Request by Project Director/SEO:** Lance Browder, Information Technology; Kelly McKaughan, Integrated Services

**Project Budget**

**Hodgen, OK PFSA**

<b>Budget</b>	<b>No of Units</b>	<b>Unit Cost</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Grant</b>	<b>Other Funding</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b><u>BROADBAND SYSTEM</u></b>						
Electronic Equipment (FTTH, wireless, etc.)	2	\$85,000.00	\$170,000.00	\$170,000.00	\$0.00	OLT central office shelf/router and remote OLT shelf, racking, power, etc.
Distribution radios, spares, RF survey & installation	12	\$40,000.00	\$480,000.00	\$378,000.00	\$102,000.00	2 new four sector tower sites and 1 donated four sector tower site
Optical Distribution Equipment for FTTx Service	3	\$20,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	PON cabinets, splitters, and jumpers
Outside plant (Buried Fiber Optic Cable)	23	\$60,000.00	\$1,380,000.00	\$1,380,000.00	\$0.00	Buried Fiber for distribution and transport to PFSA
Outside plant (Aerial Fiber Optic Cable)	2	\$30,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	
FTTH drops	63	\$1,250.00	\$78,750.00	\$78,750.00	\$0.00	
Customer premises equipment - Fiber	63	\$450.00	\$28,350.00	\$28,350.00	\$0.00	
Customer premises equipment - Wireless	130	\$775.00	\$100,750.00	\$100,750.00	\$0.00	
Towers - new construction (Self Support 190')	2	\$110,000.00	\$220,000.00	\$220,000.00	\$0.00	
Tower Pod, Backup Power, HVAC, site prep, gravel fencing, electrical work (new tower site)	3	\$30,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$0.00	
Tower Pod, Backup Power, HVAC, site prep, gravel fencing, electrical work (existing tower site)	1	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	
Tower land acquisition	2	\$15,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$30,000.00	
Bandwidth Costs	24	\$3,000.00	\$72,000.00	\$0.00	\$72,000.00	
System Configuration, Test & Commissioning	1	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	
Operations Tech Mgr	24	\$1,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$0.00	\$24,000.00	

Technicians	24	\$1,500.00	\$36,000.00	\$0.00	\$36,000.00	
Billing & OSS Coordinator	24	\$500.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	
Customer Service Representative	24	\$500.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	
Project Manager	24	\$3,000.00	\$72,000.00	\$0.00	\$72,000.00	
Engineering	1	\$375,000.00	\$375,000.00	\$375,000.00	\$0.00	
<b>Total Broadband System</b>			<b>\$3,347,850.00</b>	<b>\$2,987,850.00</b>	<b>\$360,000.00</b>	
<b><u>COMMUNITY CENTER</u></b>						NOTE: Grant funds provided for the community center are limited to the lesser of 10% of the grant amount requested or \$150,000
Construction of building			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	New building must be built on property owned by the applicant if grant funds are used for its purchase.
Renovations/expansion of existing building			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Furniture	1	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00	6 desks
Computers/software/printers	1	\$10,500.00	\$10,500.00	\$0.00	\$10,500.00	6 PCs, software, printers, router
Community Center Manager	24	\$3,000.00	\$72,000.00	\$0.00	\$72,000.00	
<b>Total Community Center</b>			<b>\$90,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$90,000.00</b>	
<b>Summary of Expenditures</b>						
Broadband System			\$3,347,850.00	\$2,987,850.00	\$360,000.00	
Community Center			\$90,000.00	\$0.00	\$90,000.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$3,437,850.00</b>	<b>\$2,987,850.00</b>	<b>\$450,000.00</b>	