

Alabama

PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$400,402

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: Alabama

County: AL – 7 Hale

Congressional District: AL-7 Davis

Senators: Shelby, Sessions

Recipient: Hale County Board of Education

Recipient Contact: Frank Stegall

Mailing Address: 1115 Powers Street, Greensboro, AL 36744

Telephone: 334-624-8836

Fax: 334-624-3415

Purpose of Grant: The project is designed to use web-based and interactive Distance Learning technology to enhance educational opportunities for students and community members. Benefits include shared teacher talents and abilities through course delivery, participation in a distance learning initiative sponsored by the Alabama Department of Education, provide teachers with professional development opportunities, and provide virtual field trips to students.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$209,047

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: Alabama

County: AL – 1, AL – 7 Clarke

Congressional District: AL – 1 Bonner; AL – 7 Davis

Senators: Shelby, Sessions

Recipient: Thomasville City Schools

Recipient Contact: Ms. Ruby O’Bryant

Mailing Address: P. O. Box 458, Thomasville, AL 36784

Telephone: 334-636-9955

Fax: 334-636-4096

Purpose of Grant: The project will create a distance learning partnership between three Thomasville City schools, the Central Technology Office, and Vanderbilt University Virtual School. The project will connect local schools to exceptional sources of curriculum and content using IP-based interactive videoconferencing. Benefits will include foreign language classes, access to virtual field trips, and professional development opportunities through connections with Alabama Southern Community College and Vanderbilt.

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Alaska

PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$331,519

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: Alaska
County: At Large - Fairbanks North Star Borough, Southeast Fairbanks, Yukon Koyukuk, North Slope
Congressional District: At Large - Young
Senators: Stevens, Murkowski
Recipient: Dena' Nena' Henash (dba) Tanana Chiefs Conference

Recipient Contact: Shane Derendoff
Mailing Address: 122 First Avenue, Suite 600, Fairbanks, AK 99701
Telephone: 907-452-8251
Fax: 907-459-3988
Purpose of Grant: DLT funding will be used to place behavioral health kiosks at each of the associated sites which will provide a contained station for patient consultation. The kiosks will utilize touch-screen HP computers, multiple cameras, and voice-canceling microphones and speakers. The system will enable rural Alaskan residents to access mental health therapy, counseling, substance abuse treatment assessments, and pre-treatment and aftercare services.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$485,117

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: Alaska
County: AK – At Large: Fairbanks North Star Borough, Yakutat Borough, Yukon Koyukuk
Congressional District: AK - At Large Young

Senators: Stevens, Murkowski
Recipient: Yukon Koyukuk School District

Recipient Contact: Kerry Boyd
Mailing Address: 4762 Old Airport Way, Fairbanks, AK 99709
Telephone: 907-374-9435
Fax: 907-374-9433
Purpose of Grant: This distance learning project will use four new delivery systems, hosted at two hubs, and connecting to ten end-user sites located in extremely remote Native communities in the Alaska Interior. The twelve sites will have the capacity to be interconnected with IP standards-based videoconferencing capabilities. The school district will install one new permanent delivery system, and the TCC will acquire one permanent system and two mobile systems. With IP-based videoconferencing equipment and computers, participating schools will be able to connect with each other and other sites that support standards-based IP connections. The installation of this technology will allow for educational programming and specialty coursework to rural students.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$224,625

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: AK
County: AK – At Large: Aleutians East Borough, Anchorage Borough, Bristol Bay Borough, Denali Borough, Fairbanks North Star Borough, Kenai Peninsula Borough, Kodiak Island Borough, Lake & Peninsula Borough, North Slope Borough, Northwest Arctic

Borough

Congressional District: AK – At Large Young

Senators: Stevens, Murkowski

Recipient: Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

Recipient Contact: Stewart Ferguson

Mailing Address: 4000 Ambassador Drive, Anchorage, AK 99508

Telephone: 907-729-2262

Fax: 907-729-2269

Purpose of Grant: This project will equip 119 rural and Alaskan bush communities with electronic vital sign monitoring equipment and stethoscopes to enable distant physicians to detect and treat respiratory infections, asthma, chronic pulmonary disease, heart disease and strokes. The match was reduced because one match support letter was not signed by authorized official. This reduced total match, but we increased grant request to keep project intact.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$401,088

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: Alaska

County: AK – At Large: Anchorage Borough, Fairbanks North Star Borough, Yukon Koyukuk

Congressional District: AK – At Large Young

Senators: Stevens, Murkowski

Recipient: Council of Athabascan Tribal Governments

Recipient Contact: Ben Stevens
Mailing Address: 100 E. 3rd Avenue, Fort Yukon, AK 99740
Telephone: 907-662-2587
Fax: 907-662-3333
Purpose of Grant: The project will address the disparity in healthcare opportunities between the seven rural Alaskan communities and more populated locations in Alaska and the lower 48 states. Interactive telemedicine equipment will be placed in the Yukon flats Health Center and six Athabascan community clinics. This equipment will allow for immediate medical consultation capabilities with the Chief Andrew Isaac Health Center in Fairbanks and the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$445,639

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: Alaska

County: AK – At Large: Bethel, Juneau, Kenai Peninsula

Congressional District: AK-At Large Youngs

Senators: Stevens, Murkowski

Recipient: Lower Kuskokwim School District

Recipient Contact: Bill Ferguson

Mailing Address: 1004 Ron Edwards Way, Bethel, AK 99559

Telephone: 907-543-4912

Fax: 907-543-4924

Purpose of Grant: The project will utilize RUS funding to expand the SNAP project which connects remote schools in the Lower Kuskokwim School District of Alaska. The project will enable the district to obtain and share content, provide instruction from teachers who are highly qualified, expand and enhance professional development for faculty and staff, and connect students in the remote sites to other students helping them retain their native language and culture.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$303,605

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: Alaska

County: This Area Is Located Outside of An Established Borough

Congressional District: At Large Young

Senators: Stevens, Murkowski

Recipient: Copper River Native Association

Recipient Contact: Leslie Bennett

Mailing Address: Drawer H, Mile 104, Old Richardson Highway, Copper Center, AK 99573

Telephone: 907-822-8826

Fax: 907-822-8803

Purpose of Grant: The project will create a videoconferencing network that will enable Native Alaskans living in their villages to receive healthcare services that is consistent with their traditional practices and cultural perspectives. The network will bring professional behavioral health treatment and training opportunities to the Copper River Basin. Additionally, immediate access to emergency psychiatric consultations via the network.

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Arizona

PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$183,108

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: AZ

County: AZ-08 Cochise

Congressional District: AZ – 08 Giffords

Senators: McCain, Kyl

Recipient: Bisbee Hospital Association (dba) Copper Queen Community Hospital

Recipient Contact: Mr. James Dickson

Mailing Address: 1010 Cole Ave., Bisbee, AZ 85603

Telephone: 520-432-6400

Fax: 520-432-1724

Purpose of Grant: This telemedicine project will make telemonitoring homecare services available to rural residents of southeastern Arizona. The home monitoring equipment will provide patient biometric data to a newly designated, regional, critical access hospital. Video monitors will be able to provide one-on-one diagnostic interviews as well as visual information about wounds and patient appearance.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$425,000

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: Arizona, Utah

County: AZ-1 Apache, Coconino (part), Navajo (part); AZ – 2 Coconino (part), Navajo (part); UT-2 San Juan

Congressional District: AZ-1 Renzi; AT-2 Franks; UT-2 Matheson

Senators: AZ – McCain, Kyl; UT – Hatch, Bennett

Recipient: Navajo Nation

Recipient Contact: Robert Nakai

Mailing Address: Window Rock Blvd., Admin. Bldg. #2, Window Rock, AZ 86515

Telephone: 928-871-6532

Fax: 928-871-6543

Purpose of Grant: This project will serve 1400 citizens of the Navajo Nation plus the Hard Rock and Black Mesa Chapters. Currently the Navajo Nation serves 22,000 diabetic patients. The applicant seeks to provide diabetes control services via PDA devices which communicate with the Space Data SkySite wireless network. The area to be served is comprised of patients at least 45 miles from a health center or hospital. Many do not have any transportation because of the remoteness of the community and the severity of unimproved roads. A fundamental challenge in reaching many of the diabetic patients on the Navajo Nation is the remote geography and lack of telecommunications services.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$131,611

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: AZ

County: AZ – 01 Apache, Coconino, Navajo

Congressional District: AZ – 01 Renzi

Senators: McCain, Kyl

Recipient: North Country HealthCare, Inc.

Recipient Contact: Mr. Sean Clendaniel

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 3630

Telephone: 928-779-7245

Fax: 928-774-7066

Purpose of Grant: This project has both distance learning and telemedicine components. The network will make it possible for rural health professionals and students to connect with academic institutions via video, audio and web technologies to meet required training objectives. The project will also offer telemedicine consulting opportunities in clinical pharmacy, behavioral health OB/GYN and pediatrics.

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Arkansas

PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$350,933

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: Arkansas, Oklahoma
County: AR-3 Benton; OK – 2 Adair, Delaware, Mayes.
Congressional District: AR-3 Boozman; OK- 2 Boren
Senators: AK - Lincoln, Pryor; OK – Inhofe, Coburn
Recipient: Integrated Community Clinics, PA (dba) Community Physicians Group

Recipient Contact: George Moudry
Mailing Address: P. O. Box 1374, Siloam Springs, AR 72761
Telephone: 479-524-3141
Fax: 479-524-3952
Purpose of Grant: The Community Physicians Group operates six clinics in northwestern Arkansas and northeastern Oklahoma. The DLT project will equip these clinics with vital sign monitoring and would purchase mobile ultrasound and radiographic equipment to rotate among the clinics, bringing never-before available diagnostic services to these rural communities.

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Rural Development has approved a grant of \$66,555

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: AR
County: AR – 01 Arkansas, Phillips
Congressional District: AR – 01 Berry
Senators: Lincoln, Pryor
Recipient: Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas

Recipient Contact: Dr. Steven Murray
Mailing Address: 1000 Campus Dr., P.O. Box 785, Helena, AR 72342

Telephone: 870-338-6474
Fax: 870-338-7542
Purpose of Grant: Phillips Community College will use this grant to replace obsolete distance learning labs on each of their three campuses. The project will offer college level courses and job training courses for rural residents.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$52,640

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: Arkansas

County: AR- 1 Searcy; AR-2 Van Buren; AR-3 Madison, Newton

Congressional District: AR-1 Berry; AR-2 Snyder; AR-3 Boozman

Senators: Lincoln, Pryor

Recipient: Boston Mountain Rural Health Center, Inc.

Recipient Contact: Melanie H. Campbell

Mailing Address: 2263 Hwy. 65 N, Marshall, AR 72650

Telephone: 870-448-3796

Fax: 870-448-5728

Purpose of Grant: With Rural Development funds the Boston Mountain Rural Health Center will develop a holistic, continuity of care telehealth system called the Rural Access Program. The RAP system will deliver primary, behavioral, prevention, educational and pharmacy access to a four county area.

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California

PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$154,074

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: California

County: CA – 2 Butte, Colusa, Glenn,
CA – 4 Plumas

Congressional District: CA – 2 Herger
CA – 4 Doolittle

Senators: Feinstein, Boxer

Recipient: Enloe Medical Center

Recipient Contact: Jana C. Baber

Mailing Address: 1531 Esplanade, Chico, CA 95926

Telephone: 530-332-4550

Fax: 530-893-6922

Purpose of Grant: The Rural Emergency Cardiac Alert Program will utilize telecommunications technology to improve survivability of the acute heart attack victims in the rural populations of three counties in Northern California. The grantee will use remote telemetry of an electrocardiogram and enable the acute heart attack victim to be triaged at the closest facility. Specialized 12-lead heart monitors will be installed in eleven ambulances. Transmission of data will be done over cellular phone and/or land lines phones to a cardiologist and to the emergency room at Enloe Medical Center in Chico.

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Colorado

PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$355,924

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: CO

County: CO – 03 Las Animas
CO – 04 Baca, Bent, Kiowa, Prowers

Congressional District: CO – 03 Salazar
CO – 04 Musgrave

Senator: Allard, Salazar

Recipient: Southeastern Colorado Board of Cooperative Educational Services

Recipient Contact: Ms. Loraine Saffer

Mailing Address: 703 South 3rd St., P.O. Box 1137, Lamar, CO 81052

Telephone: 719-336-9046 x20

Fax: 719-336-9679

Purpose of Grant: This video distance learning network will link 12 school districts in rural parts of southeastern Colorado with several local colleges and other providers. It will provide college preparatory, advanced placement and vocational courses for nearly 1000 students.

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Georgia

PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$90,185

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: Georgia

County: GA-1 Berrien; GA-2 Crisp, Dougherty, Miller

Congressional District: GA-1 Kingston; GA-2 Bishop, Jr.

Senators: Chambliss, Isakson

Recipient: Darton College

Recipient Contact: Mrs. Tarrah Nicole Mirus

Mailing Address: 2400 Gillionville Road, Albany, GA 31707

Telephone: 229-317-6759

Fax: 229-317-6682

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funding will enable the installation of new video conferencing equipment to expand enrollment, upgrade equipment, achieve two-way interaction, and initiate a partnership with Berrien Charter School, as well as the other end-user sites. Darton College will be equipped to provide highly compatible instructional feeds to the end user sites to avoid classroom interruptions and offer students the most realistic classroom experience possible.

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Illinois

PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$242,232

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: IL

County: IL-17 Fulton; IL-18 Cass, Schuyler

Congressional District: IL-17 Hare, IL-18 LaHood

Senators: Durbin, Obama

Recipient: Schuyler County Hospital District

Recipient Contact: Mr. David Sniff

Mailing Address: 238 South Congress St., Rushville, IL 62681

Telephone: 217-322-4321

Fax: 217-322-2608

Purpose of Grant: This project will fund a Picture Archiving and Communications System that will provide for implementation of teleradiology services in this rural area of west-central Illinois. Three clinics will connect to a regional hospital allowing them to make rapid and comprehensive diagnoses that will enhance care to critically ill patients.

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Iowa

PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: IA

County: IA – 01 Butler,
IA – 04 Cerro Gordo, Chicksaw, Franklin, Hancock, Howard,
Kossuth, Mitchell, Wright

Congressional District: IA – 01 Braley
IA – 04 Latham

Senators: Grassley, Harkin

Recipient: Mercy Health services – Iowa, Corp. dba Mercy Medical center –
North Iowa

Recipient Contact: Ms. Debra J. Atkinson

Mailing Address: 1000 4th St., SW, Mason City, IA 50401

Telephone: 641-422-6087

Fax: 641-422-7916

Purpose of Grant:

This telemedicine system will implement three major teleradiology services in the North Iowa service area. The project will deploy Computed Radiography, Radiology Information Services and a Picture Archiving and Communications System in five regional hospitals.

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Kansas

PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$494,200

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: Kansas

County: KS – 01 Ellis, Lane, Logan, Meade, Norton, Rush, Smith, Trego
Congressional District: KS – 01 Moran
Senators: Brownback, Roberts
Recipient: Hays Medical Center

Recipient Contact: Ms. Jodi Schmidt
Mailing Address: 2220 Canterbury Dr., Hays, Kansas 67601
Telephone: 785-623-2301
Fax: 785-623-5030
Purpose of Grant: This project will provide seven rural hospitals in western Kansas with the ability to transmit radiological images from a central repository to health care providers treating patients in their homes or local clinics. The system will allow specialists and emergency room physicians to have nearly instant access to diagnostic images needed to determine the appropriate plan of treatment.

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Kentucky

PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$307,600

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**
State: KY
County: KY-5 Clay, Whitley, KY-6 Boyle, Garrard, Madison
Congressional District: KY – 05 Rogers, KY-6 Chandler
Senators: McConnell, Bunning

Recipient: Eastern Kentucky University

Recipient Contact: Mr. Bill St. Pierre

Mailing Address: 521 Lancaster Ave., Richmond, KY 40475

Telephone: 859-622-8342

Fax: 859-622-6205

Purpose of Grant: This project will provide college courses and degree programs from the main campus of Eastern Kentucky University to four rural, remote campus locations.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$72,450

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: Kentucky

County: KY-5 Clay, Leslie

Congressional District: KY-5 Rogers

Senators: McConnell, Bunning

Recipient: Frontier Nursing Service, Inc.

Recipient Contact: Denise Barrett

Mailing Address: 132 FNS Drive, Wendover, KY 41775

Telephone: 859-253-3637

Fax: 859-514-1347

Purpose of Grant: This grant would place videoconferencing equipment at two fixed sites and in one mobile van which would be shared among 4 rural health clinics. It would enable distant consults in dermatology, teleradiology, and other specialties. It would enable distance

learning as well as telemedicine by creating training opportunity to practitioners in all sites. The videoconferencing equipment would be linked through the primary hub site, Mary Breckenridge Hospital, into the Kentucky TeleHealth Network, to enable distant consults with specialists at University of Kentucky medical facilities in Lexington. The only oddity about this project is that it uses one mobile videoconferencing facility to serve four rural clinics, so that one budget site is scored as four rural sites. Since everything in the project is rural anyway, it does not affect scoring and the videoconferencing van would assuredly be used only at the four clinic sites. I find this credible, especially in view of the remote location of this entire project.

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Rural Development has approved a grant of \$106,611

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: KY

County: TN – 04 Campbell
KY – 05 Knox, Laurel, Whitley,

Congressional District: TN – 04 Davis
KY – 05 Rogers

Senators: KY - McConnell, Bunning; TN – Corker, Alexander

Recipient: Professional Home Health Care Agency, Inc.

Recipient Contact: Ms. Kimberly Sowders

Mailing Address: 4934 South Laurel Rd., Laurel, KY 40744

Telephone: 606-877-1135

Fax: 606-877-3240

Purpose of Grant: This project will expand upon a previous grant designed to place monitoring devices in homes in order to monitor patient biometric

data. The information, which is monitored by a private home health care agency, is provided to health care specialists who diagnose and treat patients without transporting them to a medical facility.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$444,997

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: Kentucky

County: KY-1 Casey, Clinton, Muhlenberg, Russell; KY-2 Grayson, Hart; KY-5 Bell, Breathitt, Floyd, Harlan, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Laurel, Leslie, Martin, McCreary, Perry, Pike, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Rowan

Congressional District: KY-1 Whitfield; KY-2 Lewis; KY-5 Rogers

Senators: McConnell, Bunning

Recipient: The Center for Rural Development

Recipient Contact: Rodney Murphy

Mailing Address: 2292 South Highway 27, Suite 300, Somerset, KY 42501

Telephone: 606-677-6000

Fax: 606-677-6010

Purpose of Grant: The project will connect remote CenterNet2 sites in rural Kentucky to each other and to the greater CenterNet2 community through the use of distance learning technologies. The project will allow the participating sites to obtain and share content, provide instruction from teachers who are highly qualified, expand and enhance support for the instructors, and connect students, teachers, and community members in the remotes sites to each other.

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Louisiana

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Rural Development has approved a grant of \$162,993

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: Louisiana

County: LA-7 Acadia Parish

Congressional District: LA-7 Boustany, Jr.

Senators: Landrieu, Vitter

Recipient: LHC Group, Inc.

Recipient Contact: Dr. Heidi Toerner

Mailing Address: 420 W. Pinhook, Lafayette, LA 70503

Telephone: 337-781-9648

Fax: 817-479-3716

Purpose of Grant: DLT funding will be utilized to provide continuous health care monitoring to patients in the rural area of Acadia Parish in Southwestern Louisiana. In this project 75 patients will be monitored at random times from their homes by agency nurses working in a home health agency in Church Point. Nurses will monitor patients vital signs, glucose levels, oxygenation, weight, and other parameters that will allow early medical interventions.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$252,491

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program

State: Louisiana

County: LA -4 Sabine Parish

Congressional District: LA-4 McCrery

Senator: Landrieu, Vitter

Recipient: Sabine Parish School Board

Recipient Contact: Debra S. Lee

Mailing Address: 675 Peterson Street, Many, LA 71449

Telephone: 319-256-9228

Fax: 319-256-0169

Purpose of Grant: The proposed system will be composed of video and web based technologies. The system will include state-of-the-art multimedia, video, teleconferencing classrooms that will be connected using dedicated T1s as well as Metro Ethernet circuits to facilitate transmission between the parish end points and the University as well as other partner sites. With this project the district will be able to secure video broadcast servers, video conferencing and/or production units based on their needs as well as video content and access to on-line college courses at eleven exceptionally rural public schools. This project is a district wide collaboration that will serve approximately 23,000 rural residents. Services include electronic field trips for elementary students, provide advance course work and dual credit courses for secondary students, provide professional development in core content subjects for elementary staff members, and provide extended learning opportunities for rural community members.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$372,670

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program

State: Louisiana

County: LA – 5 Pointe Coupee Parish (part); LA – 6 Pointe Coupee Parish (part)

Congressional District: LA-5 Alexander; LA-6 Baker

Senators: Landrieu, Vitter

Recipient: Hospital Service District No. 1 of Pointe Coupee, LA, Inc.

Recipient Contact: Chad Olinde

Mailing Address: 2202 False River Drive, New Roads, LA 70760

Telephone: 225-638-5701

Fax: 225-638-5846

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funding will be used for a telemedicine project where medical professionals across Pointe Coupee Parish are able to provide quality care in a timely manner to rural patients. The project will include a HealthCare professional portal which will allow for remote access to the current Hospital Information System and the proposed PACS system. This system will allow providers access to CT scans, MRI, ultrasound, and traditional X-ray images which will enable treatment to be started in a timely fashion for the patient.

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Maine

PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$183,003

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: Maine

County: ME – 1 Cumberland, Knox

Congressional District: ME – 1 Allen

Senators: Snowe, Collins

Recipient: Penobscot Bay Medical Center

Recipient Contact: Dr. Dana Goldsmith

Mailing Address: 6 Glen Cove Drive, Rockport, ME 04856

Telephone: 207-596-8207

Fax: 207-596-5287

Purpose of Grant: USDA funds will be utilized to implement a system that uses telemedicine technology to connect off-site critical care specialist to ICU patients at Penobscot Bay Medical Center. The system will permit physicians and nurses to have access to qualified intensivists 24 hours a day, seven days a week, from MaineHealth in Portland, ME.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$176,570

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: ME

County: ME – 01 Kennebec

Congressional District: ME – 01 Allen

Senators: Snowe, Collins

Recipient: HealthReach HomeCare & Hospice

Recipient Contact: Ms. Rebecca Colwell

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 829 (8 Highwood St.), Waterville, ME 04903

Telephone: 207-861-6200

Fax: 207-861-6297

Purpose of Grant: This project will expand an existing “telehomehealth” system which monitors the condition of patients via telemedicine technology. Monitoring devices that will be placed in patient’s homes will track vital signs and some critically ill patients will receive video hook ups that will allow face-to-face consultations.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$148,519

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: ME, MA

County: ME – 01 Knox
ME – 02 Aroostook, Hancock, Kennebec, Penobscot, Piscataquis,
Somerset
MA – 04 Norfolk

Congressional District: ME – 01 Mikulski; ME – 02 Michaud
MA – 04 Frank

Senators: ME – Snowe, Collins
MA – Kennedy, Kerry

Recipient: Eastern Maine Healthcare Systems

Recipient Contact: Ms. Jean Mellett

Mailing Address: 43 Whiting Hill Rd., Brewer, ME 04412

Telephone: 207-973-7443

Fax: 207-973-7849

Purpose of Grant:

This telemedicine project will expand existing services such as tele-psychiatry, tele-trauma, tele-genetics, tele-rehabilitation and distance education to additional rural healthcare patients and providers. New telemedicine services will include a thoracic clinic, neuro-psychology services and cancer counseling.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$188,778

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: ME

County: ME – 02 Penobscot, Washington, Aroostook, Piscataquis,

Congressional District: ME – 02 Michaud

Senators: Snowe, Collins

Recipient: Eastern Maine Medical Center

Recipient Contact: Ms. Deborah Sanford

Mailing Address: 489 State St., Bangor, ME 04401

Telephone: 207-973-7903

Fax: 207-973-8267

Purpose of Grant: This telemedicine project will expand EMMC's Virtual Intensive Care Unit network and other telemedicine networks within the Eastern Maine service area. The project will allow medical specialists to provide care to participating rural hospitals 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It will also allow for patient monitoring and real-time care for rural residents.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$211,476

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program

State: ME

County: ME – 01 Cumberland, Kennebec

Congressional District: ME – 01 Allen

Senators: Snowe, Collins

Recipient: Maine General Medical Center

Recipient Contact: Mr. Michael Ennis

Mailing Address: 6 East Chesnut St., Augusta, ME 04430

Telephone: 207-624-4393

Fax: 207-621-7206

Purpose of Grant: This project will equip two small rural hospitals with the equipment needed to communicate directly with a large state-wide health network which provides specialized remote consultations for critically ill patients. The command center will provide board certified intensive care specialists to consult with local doctors to meet the emergency and critical care needs of patients.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$465,848

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: Maine

County: ME -1 Kennebec (part); ME-2 Aroostook, Franklin, Kennebec (part), Somerset

Congressional District: ME -1 Allen; ME-2 Michaud

Senators: Snowe, Collins

Recipient: Maine School Administrative District # 59

Recipient Contact: Sandra MacArthur

Mailing Address: 55 Weston Avenue, Madison, ME 04950

Telephone: 207-696-3323

Fax: 207-696-5631

Purpose of Grant: The Maine Rural Education Enhancement Project is a consortium of five rural school districts. The five districts will use video-conferencing equipment to share resources and expand educational offerings, using some traditional distance learning methods such as shared live and archived classes and a new group project involving students across sites and of different ages. In addition to the students and teachers, the project will impact adults through continuing and adult education courses.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$393,761

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: Maine

County: ME -2 Aroostook, Penobscot

Congressional District: ME-2 Michaud

Senators: Snowe, Collins

Recipient: Southern Aroostook Community School District No. 9

Recipient Contact: Mr. Terry Comeau

Mailing Address: 922 Dyer Brook Road, Town of Dyer Brook, ME 04747

Telephone: 207-757-8223

Fax: 207-757-8257

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funding will place videoconferencing equipment in 15 sites which will enable the schools to connect to one another to share content, expertise, and staff to expand upon our students' learning opportunities. Additional courses and access to a wide-ranging education standard in urban areas will be offered. Students will benefit by being better prepared for state and college entrance exams, the demands of higher education, and the job market.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$267,341

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: Maine

County: ME -2 Aroostook

Congressional District: ME-2 Michaud

Senators: Snowe, Collins

Recipient: Maine School Administration District No. 27

Recipient Contact: James Grandmaison

Mailing Address: 23 W. Main Street, Fort Kent, ME 04743

Telephone: 207-834-3189

Fax: 207-834-3395

Purpose of Grant: Aroostook County has historically been built upon the agriculture and foresting industries. Jobs in these fields do not require high levels of education and residents previously had found easy work as unskilled laborers. Telecommunications equipment would be placed in each of their sites, enabling them to expand course offerings by connecting their sites to share teachers and classes. Their schools are limited in their ability to provide large numbers of courses due to low student enrollment and limited finances. They will connect their schools to Aroostook Mental Health Center to provide improved services for our special needs students. Placing videoconferencing equipment at all sites will allow the streaming and archiving system to provide content creation and distribution and view content on demand.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$428,474

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: ME, MS, NC, SC, VT, VA

County: ME – 01 Kennebec
ME – 02 Piscataquis, Somerset
MS – 01 Chicksaw, Panola
NC – 01 Vance
SC – 03 Saluda
VT 00 (All) – Washington
VA – 08 Arlington

Congressional District: ME – 01 Allen
ME – 02 Michaud
MS – 01 Wicker
NC – 01 Butterfield
SC – 03 Barrett
VT – 00 (All) Welch

Senators: VA – 08 Moran
ME – Snowe, Collins
MS – Cochran, Lott
NC – Dole, Burr
SC – Graham, DeMint
VT – Leahy, Sanders
VA – Warner, Webb

Recipient: Greenville School Department

Recipient Contact: Ms. Heather Perry

Mailing Address: 144 Pritham Ave, Greenville, ME 04441

Telephone: 207-695-3708

Fax: 207-695-3709

Purpose of Grant: This multi-state project will utilize web-based and interactive video conferencing to strengthen academic achievement and provide professional development activities for students and educators in partner school districts.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$486,410

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: ME

County: ME – 02 Aroostook, Somerset

Congressional District: ME – 02 Michaud

Senators: Snowe, Collins

Recipient: Maine School Administrative District #54

Recipient Contact: Mr. David Person
Mailing Address: 196 West Front Street, Skowhegan, ME 04976
Telephone: 207-858-5453
Fax: 207-474-8268
Purpose of Grant: This project will provide enhanced educational opportunities for 10 school in one of the most rural areas of Maine. The project will support interactive videoconferencing, web-based learning, streaming and archiving and development of core network infrastructure.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$378,661

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**
State: Maine
County: ME-2 Androscoggin, Franklin, Oxford, Penobscot, Somerset
Congressional District: ME-2 Michaud
Senators: Snowe, Collins
Recipient: Maine School Administrative District 21

Recipient Contact: Katherine Harvey
Mailing Address: 147 Weld Street, Dixfield, ME 04224
Telephone: 207-562-6075
Fax: 207-562-7059
Purpose of Grant: The TEC-NET project will provide students with an expanded curriculum, enhanced foreign language instruction, and increased achievement. Participants in the project will have a minimum of T-1 connections to the Internet. Ten sites will receive interactive

videoconferencing equipment and one site will receive infrastructure equipment to allow them to expand their access to video conferencing to all of the classrooms.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$399,817

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: Maine

County: ME-2 Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset

Congressional District: ME-2 Michaud

Senators: Snowe, Collins

Recipient: Maine School Administrative District No. 48

Recipient Contact: Mr. Kelly Carter

Mailing Address: 182 Moosehead Trail, Newport, ME 04953

Telephone: 207-368-5091

Fax: 207-368-2192

Purpose of Grant: The project will use distance learning technologies to form a rural alliance focused on improvement of the quality of life in rural Maine communities. Twelve school campuses and seven communities will benefit from a diverse and competitive curriculum and extended learning opportunities. Residents will have access to unlimited learning resources, an opportunity to achieve important career skills, technology to inspire higher academic achievement and test scores, and equip rural life-saving personnel with up-to-date skills that urban areas already use.

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Michigan

PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$329,494

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: MI

County: MI-1 Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Gladwin, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Ostego, Presque Isle; MI-2 Benzie, Manistee, Mason, Newaygo, Oceana, Wexford; MI-4 Clare, Grand Traverse, Isabella, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Mecosta, Missaukee, Montcalm, Osceola, Roscommon

Congressional District: MI -01 Stupack, MI-02 Hoekstra, MI-04 Camp

Senators: Levin, Stabenow

Recipient: Munson Home Care

Recipient Contact: Ms. Katie O'Connor

Mailing Address: 550 Munson Ave., Traverse City, MI 49684

Telephone: 231-935-9327

Fax: 231-935-9116

Purpose of Grant: Munson Home Care will use this Rural Development grant to expand telemedicine technologies in 32 rural counties in northern Michigan. The project will use notebook computers and Personal Desk Assistants in patient's homes to chart vital signs, track patient medications and history, provide wound management, and prepare clinical care plans.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$343,096

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: MI

County: MI – 02 Muskegon, Oceana

Congressional District: MI – 02 Hoekstra

Senators: Levin, Stabenow

Recipient: Hackley Lakeshore Hospital

Recipient Contact: Mr. Jay Bryan

Mailing Address: 72 South State St., Shelby, Michigan 49455

Telephone: 231-861-3030

Fax: 231-861-3028

Purpose of Grant: This project will provide funding for a Picture Archiving and Communications System (PACS) for a small local hospital. The proposed system will generate electronic radiological images and manage the sharing of those images between inpatient units, emergency departments and primary care sites. The system will also be used to train medical staff and for videoconference meetings.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$248,627

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: MI

County: MI -01 Antrim, Charlevoix

Congressional District: MI – 01 Stupak

Senators: Levin, Stabenow

Recipient: Charlevoix Area Hospital

Recipient Contact: Ms. Lyn Jenks

Mailing Address: 14700 Lake Shore Dr., Charlevoix, MI 49770

Telephone: 231-547-8502

Fax: 231-547-8658

Purpose of Grant: This project will combine the use of Digital Imaging and Picture Archiving and Communications technologies to support synchronous telemedicine. This will aid the region’s move to remote monitoring of patients in their homes.

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Minnesota

PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$366,254

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: MN

County: MN – 08 Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, Pine

Congressional District: MN – 08 Oberstar

Senators: Coleman, Klobuchar

Recipient: East Central Minnesota Educational Cable Cooperative (ECMECC)

Recipient Contact: Mr. Stephen Hallan
Mailing Address: 531 Elmhurst Ave., Isanti 55006
Telephone: 320-396-5211
Fax: 320-396-0122
Purpose of Grant: This distance learning project will provide services to 22 school districts in east central Minnesota. It will also provide professional development opportunities for a local hospital and technical college. The system will consist of new video conferencing equipment, which will allow for curriculum enhancements and virtual field trips for students in these rural areas.

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Mississippi

PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$209,047

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: Alabama

County: AL – 1, AL – 7 Clarke

Congressional District: AL – 1 Bonner; AL – 7 Davis

Senators: Shelby, Sessions

Recipient: Thomasville City Schools

Recipient Contact: Ms. Ruby O’Bryant

Mailing Address: P. O. Box 458, Thomasville, AL 36784

Telephone: 334-636-9955
Fax: 334-636-4096
Purpose of Grant: The project will create a distance learning partnership between three Thomasville City schools, the Central Technology Office, and Vanderbilt University Virtual School. The project will connect local schools to exceptional sources of curriculum and content using IP-based interactive videoconferencing. Benefits will include foreign language classes, access to virtual field trips, and professional development opportunities through connections with Alabama Southern Community College and Vanderbilt.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$156,656

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: Mississippi

County: MS -2 Hinds (part), Tallahatchie, Washington; MS -3 Hinds (part)

Congressional District: MS-2 Thompson; MS-3 Pickering

Senators: Cochran, Lott

Recipient: Delta Health Alliance

Recipient Contact: Dr. Cassie Pennington

Mailing Address: P. O. Box 277, Stoneville, MS 38776

Telephone: 662-686-3520

Fax: 662-686-3522

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will permit Delta Health Alliance and the University of Mississippi Medical Center to develop a telemedicine network with a distance learning component that will serve rural areas of the Mississippi Delta. The network will provide the delivery

of medicine from medical professionals at the UMMC to patients and their medical professionals at end-user sites via interactive telecommunications.

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Missouri

PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$160,155

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program

State: Kansas, Missouri

County: KS-2 Leavenworth, Bourbon, Anderson; KS-3 Johnson;
MO-4 Johnson, Jackson; MO-5 Jackson; MO-6 Grundy, Livingston;
MO-8 Wright

Congressional District: KS-2 Boyda; KS-3 Moore; MO-4 Skelton; MO-5 Cleaver II; MO-6 Graves; MO-8 Emerson

Senators: KS – Brownback, Roberts; MO - Bond, McCaskill

Recipient: Saint Lukes Health System

Recipient Contact: Mr. Stephen Kropp

Mailing Address: 10920 Elm Ave., Kansas City, MO 64134

Telephone: 816-932-3712

Fax: 816-932-6846

Purpose of Grant: This Rural Development project will monitor patient wellness and provide videoconferencing equipment that will be used for virtual office visits by rural patients. The system will support care in the areas of emergency medicine, dermatology, ophthalmology and wound care.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$444,294

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: Missouri

County: MO -6 Atchison, Holt, Nodaway, Worth

Congressional District: MO-6 Graves

Senators: Bond, McCaskill

Recipient: Worth County R-III School District

Recipient Contact: Dr. Linda Gray-Smith

Mailing Address: Rt. 3 Box 107, Grant City, MO 64456

Telephone: 660-564-3389

Fax: 660-564-2193

Purpose of Grant: DLT funds will provide, to each of the participating school districts, labs consisting of 24 state-of-the-art laptops with the accompanying necessary equipment and software to interconnect the eleven school districts to one another, the Missouri Virtual Instructional Program, and other distance learning sites. Teachers will receive professional development and students will work collaboratively in groups to discuss, debate, and share information via distance learning.

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Montana
Nebraska

PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$149,435

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: NE

County: NE – 1 Madison
NE – 3 Antelope, Holt, Knox, Pierce

Congressional District: NE – 1 Fortenberry
NE – 3 Smith

Senators: Hagel, Nelson

Recipient: Faith Regional Health Services, Inc.

Recipient Contact: Ms. Sally McKenzie

Mailing Address: 2700 Norfolk Ave., Madison, NE 68701

Telephone: 402-644-7349

Fax: 402-644-7362

Purpose of Grant: This grant will expand an existing Rural Development project by providing wireless cardiac monitors worn by the patients and monitored by hospital staff. The project will also provide for remote telehealth consults in the area psychiatry, infectious disease, nephrology and other specialties. Training opportunities will be enhanced through recording conferences that will be available for viewing on demand.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$116,952

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: Nebraska, Kansas

County: NE – 03 Buffalo, Brown, Chase, Custer, Dawson, Dundy, Franklin, Furnas, Harlan, Holt, Kearney, Phelps, Red Willow, Rock, Valley, Webster
KS – 01 Jewell, Norton, Phillips, Smith

Congressional District: NE – 03 Smith
KS – 01 Moran

Senators: NE - Hagel, Nelson; KS – Brownback, Roberts

Recipient: Good Samaritan Hospital Foundation

Recipient Contact: Ms. Lesley Bollwit

Mailing Address: 4503 Second Ave., Suite 209, Kearney, NE 68845

Telephone: 308-865-2703

Fax: 308-865-2933

Purpose of Grant: This project will use telemedicine equipment to provide telepharmacy, forensic interviewing and Hispanic medical interpretation for 22 sites rural sites in central Nebraska and Kansas. They will be electronically linked to a regional hospital center in Kearney, Nebraska.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$474,424

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: Nebraska

County: NE -1 Madison; NE – 3 Antelope, Boyd, Holt, Knox, Pierce, Wheeler

Congressional District: NE – 1 Fortenberry; NE – 3 Smith

Senators: Hagel, Nelson

Recipient: Educational Service Unit # 8

Recipient Contact: Diane M. Wolfe

Mailing Address: 106 W. 3rd Street, Neligh, NE 68756

Telephone: 402-721-7710

Fax: 402-721-7712

Purpose of Grant: This project will connect educational entities in the Educational Service Unit # 8 service area with Northeast Community College for the purpose of providing educational opportunities including agriculture courses and leadership programs including Future Farmers of America. The project will also upgrade an existing distance learning network to improve content delivery through the installation of enhanced broadcast equipment for the transmission of digital content to end-users.

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Rural Development has approved a grant of \$500,000

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: NE

County: NE – 01 Butler, Colfax, Madison; NE – 03 Boone, Brown, Cherry, Keya Paha, Polk, Platte, Rock, Nance

Congressional District: NE – 01 Fortenberry; NE – 03 Smith

Senators: Hagel, Nelson

Recipient: Educational Service Unit 17

Recipient Contact: Ms. Diane Wolfe

Mailing Address: 1292 E. 4th St., Brown, Nebraska 69210

Telephone: 402-721-7710 x220
Fax: 402-721-7712
Purpose of Grant: This distance learning project will provide college preparatory courses for students with interests in agriculture and bio fuels studies.

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New Mexico

PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$265,348

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: New Mexico

County: NM – 02 Sierra, Luna, Hidalgo, Dona Ana, Catron, Valencia,

Congressional District: NM – 02 Pearce

Senators: Domenici, Bingaman

Recipient: Southwestern Regional Education Center

Recipient Contact: Dr. Bruce Brewer

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 4075, Truth or Consequences, NM 87901

Telephone: 505-894-7589

Fax: 505-894-7584

Purpose of Grant: This project will provide much needed distance learning facilities to this rural area of Southwestern New Mexico. The project will utilize state-of-the-art videoconferencing equipment to facilitate

collaborations between local secondary schools, colleges and universities and providing opportunities for local residents to pursue college degrees and job training. It will also reduce the difficulty related to travel and time to professional development for teachers and other professionals.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$462,981

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: New Mexico

County: NM – 01 Bernalillo (part); NM – 02 Bernalillo (part), Chaves, Lincoln, Otero

Congressional District: NM – 01 Wilson; NM – 02 Pearce

Senators: Domenici, Bingaman

Recipient: Region IX Education Cooperative

Recipient Contact: Mr. Gary Cozzens

Mailing Address: 1400 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345

Telephone: 505-630-8181

Fax: 505-630-8185

Purpose of Grant: This project will deliver distance learning services over a wireless network infrastructure to seven school districts in southern New Mexico. The program will provide advanced mathematics and science programs to students and will assist teaching staff by providing professional development opportunities for them that would otherwise be unaffordable in times of tight operating budgets.

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Ohio

PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$184,783

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: Ohio

County: OH- 2 Adams

Congressional District: OH – 2 Schmidt

Senators: Voinovich, Brown

Recipient: Adams County Hospital

Recipient Contact: Ms. Linda Niles

Mailing Address: 210 North Wilson Dr., West Union, OH 45693

Telephone: 937-544-1531

Fax: 937-544-1120

Purpose of Grant: This project will expand the local hospital’s telemedicine program by enhancing the recruitment and retention of surgeons and expanding the scope and range of services beyond current capabilities. The services provided include physician clinics, home health care, rehabilitation services and community outreach programs.

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Oklahoma

PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$256,390

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: Oklahoma

County: OK – 3 Ellis, Harper, Kiowa, Woodward, Woods; OK – 4 Pontotoc, Woods

Congressional District: OK-3 Lucas; OK-4 Cole

Senators: Inhofe, Coburn

Recipient: Northwestern Oklahoma State University

Recipient Contact: Dr. Steve Lohmann

Mailing Address: 709 Oklahoma Boulevard, Alva, OK 73717

Telephone: 580-327-8604

Fax: 580-327-1881

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funding will be used to equip distance learning studios with dual protocol (IP) standard equipment and computers for testing and collaborative activities. End-user sites will be provided multi-point videoconferencing via ISDN. With ISDN service various virtual field trip opportunities will be offered. The network will also be able to connect to other rural Oklahoma networks and schools as needed.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$241,607

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: Oklahoma
County: OK -1 Tulsa; OK – 2 Choctaw, Johnston, McCurtain, Muskagee;
OK – 3 Garfield; OK – 4 Grady, Jefferson, Love
Congressional District: OK – 1 Sullivan; OK – 2 Boren; OK – 3 Lucas; OK – 4 Cole
Senators: Inhofe, Coburn
Recipient: Terral School District

Recipient Contact: Greg Fouse
Mailing Address: 340 Apache Avenue, Terral, OK 73569
Telephone: 580-437-2244
Fax: 580-437-2246
Purpose of Grant: Terral School District has developed a distance learning partnership through collaboration with the 5 Civilized Tribes Museum in Muskogee, OK, the Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa, the Southern Heritage Center in Enid, and the University of Oklahoma Center for Studies in Democracy and Culture in Norman, OK. The project will utilize web-based and interactive videoconferencing to facilitate student and teacher collaboration and site-to-site sharing and team teaching. A major goal is to increase literacy in all core content areas.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$246,410

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: Oklahoma
County: OK-1 Tulsa; OK-2 Beaver, Cimarron, Harper, Texas
Congressional District: OK-1 Sullivan; OK-3 Lucas

Senators: Inholfe, Coburn
Recipient: Oklahoma State University Center for Health Science

Recipient Contact: Jeff Hackler
Mailing Address: 1111 W. 17th Street, Tulsa, OK 74107
Telephone: 918-584-4611
Fax: 918-584-4391
Purpose of Grant: The OSU project will strengthen the healthcare system in the extremely rural area of the Oklahoma “Panhandle” by helping develop a rural telemedicine healthcare network that would allow the smaller hospitals in the area to provide specialty care and radiology services for patients by connecting to larger hospitals, including the largest hospital in the Panhandle at Guymon. Funding will be used to purchase computed radiology, an ultrasound, a compression server, and a consultation suite with telemedicine capabilities in Guymon to link to hospitals in Boise City, Beaver, and Buffalo to the hospital in Guymon.

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Pennsylvania

PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$50,000

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: PA
County: PA – 03 Armstrong
PA – 05 Clarion, Clearfield, Elk, Forest, Jefferson
Congressional District: PA – 03 English
PA – 05 Peterson

Senators: Specter, Casey
Recipient: Brookville Hospital

Recipient Contact: Ms. Julie Peer
Mailing Address: 100 Hospital Road, Brookeville, PA 15825
Telephone: 814-849-1408
Fax: 814-849-4841
Purpose of Grant: This Rural Development project will deliver patient biometric data from their home to a visiting nurse agency. The project will improve the quality of care for patients by increasing the frequency of their monitoring and assessments of their medical conditions.

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South Carolina

PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$332,303

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: SC
County: SC – 06 Williamsburg
Congressional District: SC – 06 Clyburn
Senators: Johnson, Thune
Recipient: Williamsburg County School District

Recipient Contact: Mr. Ralph Fennell

Mailing Address: 423 School Street, Kingstree, South Carolina 29556
Telephone: 843-355-0806
Fax: 843-355-0806
Purpose of Grant: This project will install ten video communication systems in elementary and alternative education schools and an adult education center. The system will provide Social Studies curriculum, virtual field trips and professional development and continuing education courses.

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South Dakota

PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$99,545

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: South Dakota, Iowa

County: SD – At Large: Brown, Brookings, Hutchinson, McCook, Minnehaha, Moody, Yankton
IA – 5 Plymouth, Sioux.

Congressional District: SD – At Large Herseth; IA – 5 King

Senators: SD – Johnson, DeMint; IA – Grassley, Harkin

Recipient: Avera Health

Recipient Contact: Jim Breckenridge

Mailing Address: 3900 W. Avera Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57108

Telephone: 605-322-4720

Fax: 605-322-4799

Purpose of Grant: The project will enable ambulance crews to instantly transmit patient's vital data via cellular phone to the receiving facility's emergency department. When the data is received, the emergency department will have more time to study the patient's vital signs, develop a plan of action, and gather all necessary staff and resources. The project also will have a Telehome Health project which will also improve the quality and flexibility of rural medicine.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$488,354

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program

State: South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska

County: SD – At Large: Bon Homme, Brown, Charles Mix, Davison, Gregory, Grant, Hand, Hutchinson, Jerauld, Minnehaha, Moody, Spink, Yankton; IA-4 Emmett; IA-5 Osceola, Plymouth, Sioux; MN-1 Pipestone; MN-7 Lincoln; NE-3 Holt

Congressional District: SD – At Large Herseth; IA-4 Latham; IA-5 King; MN – 1 Walz; MN-7 Peterson; NE-3 Smith

Senators: SD – Johnson, Thune; IA – Grassley, Harkin; MN – Coleman, Klobuchar; NE – Hagel, Nelson

Recipient: Avera Health

Recipient Contact: Jim Breckenridge

Mailing Address: 3900 W. Avera Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57108

Telephone: 605-322-4720

Fax: 605-322-4799

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funding for this project will improve the quality and quantity years of healthy life to frontier and rural residents by providing access to more efficient, up-to-date, quality healthcare.

Twenty-one end-user sites and six hubs are involved in the project. Telehealth and distance learning equipment will provide access to Telehealth Emergency Response services, electronic critical (intensive) care, teleradiology, and additional/upgraded videoconferencing equipment.

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Tennessee

PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$496,212

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program

State: Tennessee

County: TN -1 Hancock; TN -3 Rhea; TN - 4 Scott

Congressional District: TN -1 Davis; TN – 3 Wamp; TN – 4 Davis

Senators: Corker, Alexander

Recipient: Rhea County Department of Education

Recipient Contact: Paul H. Riggs

Mailing Address: 305 California Avenue, Dayton, TN 37321

Telephone: 423-775-7812

Fax: 423-775-7831

Purpose of Grant: Three rural school districts in Rhea, Hancock and Scott counties in Tennessee are joining together to form a distance learning partnership to serve poor and isolated communities in Appalachia. Through the use of videoconferencing, schools will share resources to increase the variety and quality of classes and teachers will benefit by increased training opportunities presented through links with state

colleges and universities.

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Texas

PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$245,374

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program

State: Texas

County: TX-15 San Patricio
TX-27 Nueces

Congressional District: TX-15 Hinojosa
TX-27 Ortiz

Senators: Hutchinson, Cornyn

Recipient: San Patricio County Technology Consortium

Recipient Contact: Ron Squires

Mailing Address: One Owl Square, Odem, TX 78370

Telephone: 361-368-9312

Fax: 361-368-2222

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to expand distance learning in four independent school districts in rural San Patricio County. The project is designed to reach all students in the county, address capacity constraints in school campuses with existing distance learning, and offer new and expanded services to students and teachers.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$256,921

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program

State: Texas

County: TX-2 Jefferson; TX-8 Hardin, Jasper, Newton, Orange, Tyler.

Congressional District: Poe TX-2, TX-8 Brady.

Senators: Hutchinson, Cornyn.

Recipient: Education Service Center Region 5

Recipient Contact: Ms. Krin Bryson

Mailing Address: 2295 Delaware Street, Beaumont, TX 77703

Telephone: 409-951-1765

Fax: 409-654-6471

Purpose of Grant: The SE Texas Educational Network will use Rural Development grant funds to provide distance learning equipment and services to benefit 32 sites in 15 school districts in southeast Texas. These districts were extremely hard hit by Hurricane Rita in 2005. The project will benefit over 11,000 children and 844 teachers in grades K-8 by using technology to help them overcome barriers of distance, time and cost that currently prevent them from obtaining equitable access to the services that are available in urban areas. The network will allow for sharing of teacher resources and courses for the student population; training, certification and professional development for teachers in the service area; and special help for students with critical needs.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$446,697

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program

State: Texas

County: TX -15 Brooks, Jim Wells; TX – 23 Bexar (part); TX – 27 Kleberg;
TX – 28 Atacosa, Bexar (part), Frio

Congressional District: TX – 15 Hinojosa; TX – 23 Rodriguez; TX – 27 Ortiz; TX -28
Cuellar

Senators: Hutchinson, Cornyn

Recipient: Texas A&M University – Kingsville

Recipient Contact: Sandra L. Rexroat

Mailing Address: 700 University Boulevard, Kingsville, TX 78363

Telephone: 361-593-3344

Fax: 361-593-3409

Purpose of Grant: The project will connect rural high schools in southern Texas to each other and post secondary programs through the use of distance learning technologies. The goal is to provide increased content necessary for improved standardized test scores, college readiness material, ACT preparation, and dual credit courses in a cost-effective and affordable manner. Nine fixed sites will be included in the project.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$338,936

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program

State: Texas, Oklahoma

County: TX – 6 Limestone (part), Navarro; TX – 11 Lampasas, Mills;
TX – 17 Bosque, Hill, Limestone (part), McLennan; TX – 31 Falls,
Hamilton; OK – 3 Washita; OK – 4 Pontotoc

Congressional District: TX-6 Barton; TX -11 Conaway; TX – 17 Edwards; TX – 31 Carter;
OK-3 Lucas; OK – 4 Cole

Senators: TX – Hutchinson, Cornyn; OK – Inhofe, Coburn

Recipient: Education Service Center Region 12

Recipient Contact: Dr. Glynis Rosas

Mailing Address: 2101 W. Loop 340, Waco, TX 76702

Telephone: 254-709-7212

Fax: 254-666-0625

Purpose of Grant: This distance learning project will expand current distance learning capabilities and provide new access for 30 additional sites in rural areas of central Texas and southern Oklahoma. It will provide expanded course offerings and access to college preparatory course as well as presenting teaching staff with additional training and certification opportunities.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$499,920

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: TX

County: TX – 11 Dawson
TX – 13 Crosby, King
TX – 19 Bailey, Borden, Cochran, Floyd, Gaines, Hale, Hockley,

Kent, Lamb, Lynn, Terry, Yoakum

Congressional District: TX – 11 Conaway
TX – 13 Thornberry
TX – 19 Neugebauer

Senators: Hutchinson, Cornyn

Recipient: Region 17 Education Service Center

Recipient Contact: Dr. Kyle Wargo

Mailing Address: 1111 West Loop 289, Lubbock, TX 79416

Telephone: 806-281-5852

Fax: 806-799-7953

Purpose of Grant: Texas School Region 17 will use grant funds to create 14 video conference centers within the school district. These distance learning centers will bring live, 2-way video and audio connections to classrooms with a remote teacher. Some funding will be used to replace outdated equipment in several locations.

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Utah

PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$437,162

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: Arizona, New Mexico, Utah

County: AZ-1 Apache; NM-1 Sandoval (part); NM-2 McKinley (part); NM-3 Sandoval (part), San Juan; UT-2 San Juan, Utah (part); UT-3 Utah (part)

Congressional District: AZ-1 Renzi; NM-1 Wilson; NM-2 Pearce; NM-3 Udall; UT-2 Matheson; UT-3 Cannon

Senators: AZ – McCain, Kyl; NM – Domenici, Bingaman; UT – Hatch, Bennett

Recipient: Utah Valley State College

Recipient Contact: Monty Georgi

Mailing Address: 800 W. University Parkway, Orem, UT 84058

Telephone: 801-863-8900

Fax: 801-863-7298

Purpose of Grant: The UVSC – Navajo Nation partnership will provide important new educational opportunities to 44 Chapter Houses through this project. Navajo youth and adults will have access to both on-line and interactive classroom video-based programming to assist and augment the inadequate educational system that currently exists. The increased access to additional content and learning opportunities will provide a path to academic achievement for targeted students and adults.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$315,294

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: Utah, Colorado

County: UT-2 San Juan; CO – 3 Dolores County

Congressional District: UT-2 Matheson; CO – 3 Salazar

Senators: UT - Hatch, Bennett; CO – Allard, Salazar

Recipient: College of Eastern Utah – San Juan Campus

Recipient Contact: Heather M. Young
Mailing Address: 639 W. 100 S, Blanding, UT 84511
Telephone: 435-678-2201
Fax: 435-678-2220
Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funding will be used to provide distance learning opportunities in the Four Corners region of the United States. All distance learning will be college-level classes prepared and delivered live or on demand at the six sites. Additional coursework, especially developmental coursework, will also be offered.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$497,058

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: Arizona, New Mexico, Utah

County: AZ-1 Apache; NM-1 Sandoval (part); NM-2 McKinley (part); NM-3 Sandoval (part), San Juan; UT-2 San Juan, Utah (part); UT-3 Utah (part)

Congressional District: AZ-1 Renzi; NM-1 Wilson; NM-2 Pearce; NM-3 Udall; UT-2 Matheson; UT-3 Cannon

Senators: Hatch, Bennett

Recipient: Utah Valley State College

Recipient Contact: Monty Georgi
Mailing Address: 800 W. University Parkway, Orem, UT 84058
Telephone: 801-863-8900
Fax: 801-863-7298
Purpose of Grant: The UVSC – Navajo Nation partnership will provide important new

educational opportunities to 35 Chapter Houses through this project. Navajo youth and adults will have access to both on-line and interactive classroom video-based programming to assist and augment the inadequate educational system that currently exists. The increased access to additional content and learning opportunities will provide a path to academic achievement for targeted students and adults.

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Virginia

PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$182,968

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: VA

County: VA – 05 Charlottesville
VA – 09 Buchanan, Dickenson, Grayson, Lee, Russell, Smyth,
Washington, Wise

Congressional District: VA – 05 Goode
VA – 09 Boucher

Senators: Warner, Webb

Recipient: University of Virginia

Recipient Contact: Dr. Karen Rheuban

Mailing Address: 1001 N, Emmet St., P.O. Box 400195, Charlottesville, VA 22904

Telephone: 434-924-5470

Fax: 434-924-5747

Purpose of Grant:

This project will expand existing telemedicine partnerships in place in the service area by enhancing cancer screening, diagnostic services, clinical care and educational services to the rural community. The regional health networks will be enhanced through the use of videoconferencing and, store and forward technologies delivered via broadband telecommunications links.

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Washington

PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$330,051

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: Washington

County: WA-1 King (part), Snohomish (part); WA-2 King (part), Snohomish; WA-4 Grant; WA-5 Lincoln, Okanogan, Stevens; WA-7 King (part 7); WA-8 King (part); WA-9 (part)

Congressional District: WA-1 Inslee; WA-2 Larsen; WA-4 Hastings; WA-5 Rodgers; WA-7 McDermott; WA-8 Reichert; WA-9 Smith

Senators: Murray, Cantwell

Recipient: Grant County, State of Washington

Recipient Contact: LeRoy Allison

Mailing Address: P. O. Box 37, Ephrata, WA 98823

Telephone: 509-754-2011

Fax: 509-754-6098

Purpose of Grant: The project will utilize Rural Development funding to connect eight health care facilities in four counties with two facilities serving as hubs at Compass Health in Everett, and Children’s Hospital in Seattle. Teleconferencing technology will be utilized to increase the capacity of the providers to reach many underserved rural clients. The participants can bridge the barriers to rural mental and behavioral health service through providing increased and improved access to quality mental healthcare, increased opportunities for Continuing Medical Education, distance learning and clinical education, and networking opportunities for mental health education.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$169,524

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: WA

County: WA – 01 Kitsap (part); WA – 06 Clallam, Kitsap (part)

Congressional District: WA – 01 Inslee; WA – 06 Dicks

Senators: Murray, Cantwell

Recipient: Clallam County Public Hospital District 1 dba. Forks Community Hospital

Recipient Contact: Ms. Camille Scott

Mailing Address: 530 Bogachiel Way

Telephone: 360-374-6271

Fax: 360-374-6238

Purpose of Grant: This project will implement a specialty telecardiology service for patients in the rural northwest corner of Washington State. It will allow urban cardiologists to remotely supervise rural practitioners as they care for local cardiac patients.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$487,990

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program

State: Washington

County: WA – 1 King (part); WA – 2 King(part); WA – 4 Chelan; WA – 5 Ferry; WA – 7 King (part); WA – 8 (part); WA -9 (part)

Congressional District: WA – 1 Inslee; WA – 2 Larsen; WA – 4 Hastings; WA – 5 Rodgers; WA – 7 McDermott; WA – 8 Reichert; WA – 9 Smith

Senators: Murray, Cantwell

Recipient: Chelan County Public Hospital District (dba) Lake Chelan Community Hospital

Recipient Contact: Barbara Engstrom

Mailing Address: 500 E. Highland Avenue, Chelan, WA 98816

Telephone: 509-886-4607

Fax: 509-886-7507

Purpose of Grant: RUS funding will be used by Lake Chelan Community Hospital and five other critical access hospitals to expand the existing telemedicine network to include upgraded equipment and transmission capabilities to improve access to care, reduce interruption to service and provide higher quality imaging capabilities for the patients and health care professionals.

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Wisconsin

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Rural Development has approved a grant of \$107,212

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program

State: WI, MN, IA

County: WI – 3 La Crosse, Trempealeau, Crawford, Monroe
MN – 1 Fillmore, Houston
IA - 1 Fayette; IA – 4 Allamakee, Winneshieck,

Congressional District: WI – 3 Kind
MN – 1 Walz
IA – 1 Braley; IA – 4 Latham

Senators: WI – Kohl, Feingold
MN – Coleman, Klobuchar
IA – Grassley, Harkin

Recipient: Gundersen Clinic, Ltd.

Recipient Contact: Mr. David L. Guggenbuehl

Mailing Address: 1836 South La Cross, WI 54601

Telephone: 608-775-8734

Fax: 608-775-8733

Purpose of Grant: This project will expand TeleMedLink, the existing regional telemedicine system, by providing oncology and cardiology services to patients in remote areas as well as allowing real-time, remote monitoring of vital signs. It will also provide for the opportunity to schedule virtual visits between nurse and patient when the patient is in a community facility such as a meal site or a remote health clinic.

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Wyoming

PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$488,816

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: Wyoming

County: WY – At Large: Big Horn, Carbon, Converse, Fremont, Platte, Sheridan, Washakie

Congressional District: WY- At Large Cubin

Senators: Enzi, Barrasso

Recipient: Fremont County School District # 2

Recipient Contact: Randy Tucker

Mailing Address: P. O. Box 188, Dubois, WY 82513

Telephone: 307-332-9765

Fax: 307-332-7739

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to install interactive IP-based distance learning equipment in each of the participating schools which will enable all sites to interconnect providing them access to content, services, and educational support. Interactive videoconferencing and multimedia computers will provide access to web-based and streamed content.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$191,925

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: WY

County: WY – At Large: Lincoln

Congressional District: WY – At Large: Cubin

Senators: Enzi, Barrasso

Recipient: North Lincoln County Hospital District (dba) Star Valley Medical Center

Recipient Contact: Mr. J. Perry

Mailing Address: 901 Adams St., P.O. Box 579, Afton, WY 83110

Telephone: 307-885-5855

Fax: 307-885-5889

Purpose of Grant: This project will provide teleradiology equipment and a Picture Archiving and Communications System to a 16 bed hospital in a remote area of Wyoming. The equipment will allow the hospital to improve patient care by improving the quality and timeliness of radiological results.

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