

## **USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$1,471,676**

**Program:** Community Connect Grants

**State/County:** OK/Seminole

**Congressman:** OK-05

**Senators:**

**Recipient:** @Link Services, LLC.

**Recipient Contact:** Ms. Kerry Conn, Managing Member

**Mailing Address:**

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**Phone Number:** 405-343-8232

**Project Description:** @Link Services, LLC will utilize Community Connect grant funding to provide broadband at speeds surpassing those required by the RUS Community Connect Grant program to all homes, businesses, and critical community facilities in the Seminole County Proposed Funded Service Area. The proposal will provide a free community center that will be open to the public, accessible on weekends and outside normal business hours. The center will be proctored by trained, knowledgeable staff that will be able to assist and train guests of the center. The project will connect the existing @Link network that currently service approximately 10,000 subscribers to two communications towers constructed in and near the PFSA.

**People Who Will Benefit:** 279

**Total Project Cost:** \$1,471,676

**RUS ID:** OK1408-D23

## **USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$1,418,502**

**Program:** Community Connect Grants

**State/County:** AK/North Slope

**Congressman:**

**Senators:**

**Recipient:** Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Inc.

**Recipient Contact:** Steve Merriam, CEO/General Manager

**Mailing Address:**

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**Phone Number:** 630-206-0447

**Project Description:** Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Inc will utilize Community Connect grant funding to provide the Point Hope PFSA with the ability to construct a broadband network to provide broadband services to the residents and businesses with in the PFSA.

The types of services to be offered by ASTAC in the PHA PFSA include high-speed Internet, local telephone service and custom calling features, long distance telephone service, and Ethernet transport services. Funding for this project will allow ASTAC to prepare the Point Hope access network for an undersea fiber connection that is planned for 2016/2017. The high-speed Internet service deployed over the FTTH & VDSL equipment with the Point Hope Project will have a superior user experience to other technologies. The speeds will be faster and more reliable when compared to that of traditional DSL or wireless product offerings, with the new FTTH & VDSL system the ability to move from a TDM voice circuit to a VoIP circuit is possible. This provides the possibility for additional IP-based calling features.

**People Who Will Benefit:** 508

**Total Project Cost:** \$1,418,502

**RUS ID:** AK1412-A23