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TRIBAL BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT

GENERAL INFORMATION

GENERAL	Recipient Organization:	Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana	Award Identification Number:	NT22TBC0290043
	Recipient Street Address:	1940 C C Bel Road	Report Submission Date (MM/DD/YYYY):	05/31/2023
	City, State, Zip Code:	Elton, LA 70532-5317		
	DUNS/UEI Number:	LS4YCFB8JV75		
	Period of Performance Start Date (MM/DD/YYYY):	06/01/2022	Period of Performance End Date (MM/DD/YYYY):	05/31/2023
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1	Provide the number of locations or geographic areas at which broadband service was provided using the grant funds. (Please attach associated shapefiles of geographic areas) (600 words or less)			
	No broadband service was provided as a result of this grant, as it is a feasibility grant. 174 total sites were designed into the solution during the process, including 161 Tribal households, 9 Tribal buildings (Admin/Muni, Financial, Casino), 2 store and gas station facilities, and 2 tower sites.			
2	Please describe each service provided with grant funds. (600 words or less)			
	Proposed service would provide fiber optic access to all Tribal member households, administrative facilities, Tribal Businesses and casinos, and Tribally owned communication towers located on Tribal Lands. Broadband internet access will be provided at speeds exceeding minimum requirements at 100-meg down/20-meg up. The service proposed would require full engineering, permitting, construction, testing and assurance, and constructing for internet broadband service availability from a local peering and Internet Access provider with direct access to the nearest Internet Exchange Point.			
3	If applicable, please list subcontractors and describe how they expended funds. (600 words or less)			
	To be determined. Funds would be primarily for engineering and permitting subcontractors (budgeted at \$125,000), as well as Construction subcontractors (estimated at \$3,400,000).			
4	Please describe how the recipient and subrecipient (if applicable) expended the funds. (600 words or less)			
	Comprehensive feasibility study is underway. Costs include consulting fees, travel to Tribal locations, Tribal land review, engineering surveys, vendor and provider research in services offered and costing models, attended required meetings with Tribal admin and other constituents/potential service partners, and developing digital representation of the network solution.			
5	If applicable, please list each subrecipients that received a subgrant through funding. (600 words or less)			
	N/A			
6	Please provide the barriers to broadband use and adoption or broadband infrastructure deployment work that you experienced during the reporting period of this award to date. What steps did you take to address them? (600 words or less)			
	The potential to provide a robust and Tribally autonomous solution exists for the Coushatta Tribe. One main barrier, which exists in many rural solutions, is competitive access to bulk wholesale Internet and digital peering services. There is one primary provider owning fiber to the Tribal area at this time. The Tribe could greatly benefit from constructing and operating its own fiber optic middle mile transport to Tribal lands from the closest access to the source in Lake Charles, LA, through a fiber route along Interstate 10 in LA. State Initiatives exist to capture BEAD funding, as well as others, but seem targeted at supporting existing incumbent carriers. A more competitive model needs to exist.			
7	Please describe whether or not your organization connected NOFO purpose areas to broadband adoption and use or broadband infrastructure deployment work. (600 words or less)			
	This is a feasibility project considered under the Broadband Infrastructure Deployment category, but currently in the pre-construction phases. The proposed service would connect to NOFO purpose areas, providing fiber optic access to all Tribal member households, administrative facilities, Tribal Businesses and casinos, and Tribally owned communication towers located on Tribal Lands.			
8	Please describe your project's achieved accomplishments during this reporting period. (600 words or less)			
	FTTP network design was completed, and preliminary cost estimates associated with the design were also generated.			

9	Using the Excel spreadsheet template titled "TBCP Reports Addendum A", please provide an updated count of Households within each of the eligible tribal block groups along with their Location ID that you connected to your network. The locations should match and conform to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric, which is a unique identifier for the geographic coordinates, and where available, the address(es) associated with each location. Please be sure to select 'Annual Report' checkbox when completing the addendum.		
10	Using the Excel spreadsheet template titled "TBCP Reports Addendum B", please provide an updated count of Tribal Businesses within each of the eligible tribal block groups along with their Location ID that you connected to your network. The locations should match and conform to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric, which is a unique identifier for the geographic coordinates, and where available, the address(es) associated with each location. Please be sure to select 'Annual Report' checkbox when completing the addendum.		
11	Using the Excel spreadsheet template titled "TBCP Reports Addendum C", please provide an updated count of Community Anchor Institutions (CAIs) within each of the eligible tribal block groups along with their Location ID that you connected to your network. The locations should match and conform to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric, which is a unique identifier for the geographic coordinates, and where available, the address(es) associated with each location. Please be sure to select 'Annual Report' checkbox when completing the addendum.		
CERTIFICATION	I certify to the best of knowledge and belief that this report is correct and complete for performance of activities for the purposes set forth in the award documents.		
	Typed or printed name and title of Authorized Certifying Official: Kristian Poncho, Tribal Council, Secretary-Treasurer	Telephone (area code, number and extension):	337-275-1350
	Signature of Certifying Official: /s/Kristian Poncho	Email Address:	KJoncho@coushatta.org
		Date:	5/31/2023