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## TRIBAL BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT

## GENERAL INFORMATION

<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>Recipient Organization:</b>	Gila River Indian Community	<b>Award Identification Number:</b>	NT22TBC0290034
	<b>Recipient Street Address:</b>	151 S. Bluebird Rd	<b>Report Submission Date (MM/DD/YYYY):</b>	04/22/2024
	<b>City, State, Zip Code:</b>	Sacaton, AZ 85147		
	<b>DUNS/UEI Number:</b>	VEB2J5QVVNN9	<b>Period of Performance Start Date (MM/DD/YYYY):</b>	04/30/2025
	<b>Report Period Start Date (MM/DD/YYYY):</b>	05/01/2022	<b>Report Period End Date (MM/DD/YYYY):</b>	04/30/2023
	<b>1</b>	<p><b>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)</b></p> <p>During the past year, the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) provided subsidized broadband service at 2,793 residential locations. The purpose of this project is to prevent the disconnection of broadband services for households in the service area.</p>		
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Please describe each service provided with grant funds. (600 words or less)</b></p> <p>1) Residential broadband service to all 2,793 clients. All households received service at the highest capacity possible, well above download speeds of 100Mbps.. 2) GRIC contracted with Digital Connect Initiative to provide skills training and conduct a Digital Inclusion Study. 3) GRIC's contractor, Digital Connect, began the RFQ process for selecting a vendor for the Digital Inclusion Study. 4) DCI conducted a search of potential partners for the Fiber Optic Construction Apprenticeship Program (FOCAP) and identified Arizona Western College as the partner to provide training and certification.</p>			
<b>3</b>	<p><b>If applicable, please list subcontractors and describe how they expended funds. (600 words or less)</b></p> <p>The Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) contracted with Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. (GRTI), GRTI's Digital Connect Initiative (DCI), and GRTI's subsidiary company Native Technology Solutions (NTS) to perform all grant activities. GRTI provided residential broadband service to 2,793 clients. All households received service at the highest capacity possible, well above download speeds of 100Mbps. DCI initiated a campaign to provide tech skills trainings in all seven districts of the Gila River Indian Community. From January - April 2023, DCI served 33 participants in general tech skills workshops (one-on-one support); 39 clients in its Workplace Upskill classes; and 39 participants over three trainings with urban members in the Phoenix area (in partnership with Warriors Code and the GRIC Urban Members Association). Additionally, DCI presented at district meetings in all seven districts, reaching a combined 279 community members.</p>			
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Please describe how the recipient and subrecipient (if applicable) expended the funds. (600 words or less)</b></p> <p>GRIC used TBCP funds to pay for residential broadband service for 2,793 households. GRIC paid DCI for digital skills planning, outreach, and training in the community, in accordance with the grant application.</p>			
<b>5</b>	<p><b>If applicable, please list each subrecipients that received a subgrant through funding. (600 words or less)</b></p> <p>NA</p>			
<b>6</b>	<p><b>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)</b></p> <p>Barriers include: a lack of experienced fiber technician trainers, skepticism from within the community about DCI because it is a new initiative and still building a reputation among community members and residents. After exploring a few options for training fiber apprentices, GRTI found a good partner in Arizona Western College. The search took longer than anticipated, but GRIC requested an extension of the project funds because we knew from the outset that a one-year apprenticeship would require additional time to plan for and execute. DCI is building rapport with GRIC members by participating in local community meetings and public events. All trainings are free and food was often provided.</p>			
<b>7</b>	<p><b>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)</b></p> <p>GRIC promoted affordable broadband programs and broadband adoption activities by providing one year of residential broadband service to 2,793 households to prevent the "disconnection of existing broadband service," (NOFO, p. 4). GRIC also promoted digital inclusion efforts that promote distance learning, telehealth, and other broadband adoption activities by supporting DCI, which seeks to improve the quality of life for GRIC members by "providing digital training and inclusion programs" (NOFO, p. 5). To accomplish these objectives, DCI provided outreach to and tech skills trainings in all seven districts of the Gila River Indian Community.</p>			
	<p><b>Please describe your project's achieved accomplishments during this reporting period. (600 words or less)</b></p>			

8	Through its contractors, the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) provided residential broadband service to 2,793 clients. All households received service at the highest capacity possible, well above download speeds of 100Mbps. GRIC provided for tech skills trainings in all seven districts of the Gila River Indian Community. During this reporting period, DCI hosted 14 Digital Literacy Trainings – five more than the target identified in GRIC's TBCP Baseline Report. From January - April 2023, GRIC (via DCI) provided training for 33 participants in general tech skills workshops (one-on-one support); 39 clients in its Workplace Upskill classes; and 39 participants over three trainings with urban members in the Phoenix area (in partnership with Warriors Code and the GRIC Urban Members Association). Additionally, DCI presented at district meetings in all seven districts, reaching a		
9	<b>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.</b>		
10	<b>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.</b>		
11	<b>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.</b>		
<b>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.</b>			
<b>CERTIFICATION</b>	Typed or printed name and title of Authorized Certifying Official:	Telephone (area code, number and extension):	520-562-9611
	Gary T. Mix, Community Treasurer		
	Signature of Certifying Official:	Email Address:	gary.mix@gric.nsn.us
		Date:	4/22/2024



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Household Locations in the Service Area								
<p>The Location ID is the Fabric ID associated with the Federal Communications Commission maps required by the Broadband Deployment Broadband Deployment Accuracy and Technology Availability (DATA) Act, Pub. L. No. 116-130, 134 Stat. 228 (2020) (codified at 47 U.S.C. §§ 641-646) (Broadband DATA Maps). The "location_id" data element is a unique identifier for the location served. A Location ID should be included for each location in the Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric when the Fabric is made available to filers. Number of units refers to one location that has multiple units within that one location. Please insert rows at the bottom of the table to report additional location data if needed.</p>								
Location ID	Street Address	City	State	ZIP	Latitude	Longitude	Tribal Block Group	# of Units
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
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## **Tribal Business Locations in the Service Area**

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#### Community Anchor Institution (CAI) Locations in the Service Area

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