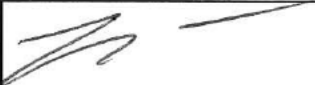




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TRIBAL BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT				
GENERAL INFORMATION				
GENERAL	Recipient Organization:	KICKAPOO TRIBE IN KANSAS, INC.	Award Identification Number:	NT22TBC0290077
	Recipient Street Address:	824 111TH DR	Report Submission Date (MM/DD/YYYY):	09/01/2023
	City, State, Zip Code:	HORTON KS 66439-9502		
	DUNS/UEI Number:	87773214		
	Period of Performance Start Date (MM/DD/YYYY):	09/01/2022	Period of Performance End Date (MM/DD/YYYY):	01/31/2025
	Report Period Start Date (MM/DD/YYYY):	04/01/2022	Report Period End Date (MM/DD/YYYY):	09/01/2023
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)			
	Zero (0) locations have been provided service YTD. Approximately 250 residences, 3 businesses, and 5 anchor institutions will be provided broadband service using grant funds.			
2	Please describe each service provided with grant funds. (600 words or less)			
	Zero (0) broadband services have been provided YTD. Grant funds will allow for the design, construction, and management of fiber broadband to approximately 258 points within the Kickapoo Reservation.			
3	If applicable, please list subcontractors and describe how they expended funds. (600 words or less)			
	Levos Group LLC - Levos Group is a highly experienced team of experts that are providing administrative oversight for the Kickapoo fiber project. For the duration of the grant period, they will be assisting the Tribe in completing financial and programmatic tracking and reporting, as well as generating and overseeing completion of contracts with other subcontractors. Levos Group answers directly to Mr. Richard McKinney, Director of the Kickapoo Fiber Project. Grey Snow Communications LLC - GSC has been brought on to the project to provide technical oversight. Currently, they provide direction and fact-checking for all technical aspects of the project. Grant funds for both of these groups are related to administrative costs.			
4	Please describe how the recipient and subrecipient (if applicable) expended the funds. (600 words or less)			
	To date, grant funds have been expended to provide salary and benefits for Mr. McKinney, Director of the Kickapoo Fiber Project, and contractor fees for Levos Group and Grey Snow Communications. This award includes no subrecipients.			
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)			
	As this project is still in the planning stage, physical barriers to infrastructure deployment have not presented themselves as yet. However, as a rural community, the Kickapoo Tribe continues to find it difficult to garner enough bids to complete competitive procurement process. To overcome this, the bid process has been extended beyond its typical period and the Tribe has relied on its Tribal community, including neighboring tribes, to spread RFP's and similar postings.			
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)			
	NOFO purpose areas were considered during the development of the Kickapoo's application for funding. However, since work has not yet begun in earnest on this project, there is nothing to remark on at this time.			
8	Please describe your project's achieved accomplishments during this reporting period. (600 words or less)			
	During the current reporting period, Levos Group and Grey Snow Communications were brought on through competitive bid to provide project management services. These two groups have assisted in providing an updated Initial Expenditure Plan and the preparation of this annual report. In addition, Grey Snow Communications has provided direction on the technical aspects of the project including a potential budget revision which will allow the Tribe to provide more services to its members at a lower price point. A			

	competitive bid process is underway for engineering and design teams as well as construction companies.		
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:		
	Lester Randall Tribal Chairman - Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas		Telephone (area code, number and extension): [REDACTED]
	Signature of Certifying Official: 		Email Address: [REDACTED]
		Date: 8/25/23	8/25/2023