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FCC AUTHORIZES \$524 MILLION IN FUNDING FOR RURAL BROADBAND FROM CONNECT AMERICA FUND AUCTION

Third Round of Funding Starts This Month for Broadband Buildout in Rural Communities in 23 States

WASHINGTON, July 15, 2019—The FCC today authorized over \$524 million in funding over the next decade to expand broadband to 205,520 unserved rural homes and businesses in 23 states, representing the third wave of support from last year’s successful Connect America Fund Phase II auction. Providers will begin receiving funding this month.

In total, the auction last fall allocated \$1.488 billion in support to expand broadband to more than 700,000 unserved rural homes and small businesses over the next 10 years. The FCC has already authorized two waves of funding in May and June, and funds from those first two waves are expanding connectivity to nearly 100,000 homes and businesses that lack service. Today’s action brings total authorized funding to nearly \$803 million, or over half of the \$1.488 billion allocated through the auction, expanding connectivity to 305,518 homes and businesses.

In the coming months, the FCC will be authorizing additional funding as it approves remaining applications of the winning bidders from the auction.

“High-speed Internet provides access to opportunity in the 21st century, and the FCC’s top priority is closing the digital divide so that all Americans can fully participate in our connected society,” said FCC Chairman Ajit Pai. “Today’s authorization of funding is the largest yet from the auction, nearly double the amount authorized in the first two rounds nationwide, and serving over twice as many rural homes and businesses. I am pleased that the Commission is moving quickly to authorize these funds to close the digital divide in rural America.”

The Connect America Fund Phase II auction is part of a broader effort by the FCC to close the digital divide in rural America. In addition to the funding that is being made available through this auction, Chairman Pai recently proposed that the FCC launch a new Rural Digital Opportunity Fund, which would provide at least \$20.4 billion over 10 years to expand broadband to additional rural areas

If approved, this Fund would represent the FCC’s single biggest step yet to close the digital divide. The FCC is scheduled to vote on launching a rulemaking to establish the Fund on August 1.

The funding applications approved by the Commission today include the following:

- AMG Technology Investment Group is receiving \$281.3 million to deploy service to nearly 100,700 homes and businesses in rural Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas, two-thirds of which will get service delivering speeds of 100 Megabit per second downstream/20 Mbps upstream, and the remainder, at 25 Mbps/3 Mbps
- Crystal Automation Systems, Inc. is receiving \$27.2 million to deploy service to 17,610 homes and businesses in rural Michigan, most of which will get service delivering speeds of at least 100 Mbps downstream/20 Mbps upstream
- RiverStreet Communications of Virginia, Inc., is receiving \$32.1 million to deploy service to 13,518 homes and businesses in rural Virginia at Gigabit download speeds
- California Internet LP is receiving \$87.8 million to deploy service to 11,845 rural California and Nevada homes and businesses at speeds of at least 100 Mbps downstream/20 Mbps upstream

Below is a complete list by state of the companies receiving support, the number of homes and businesses served (locations), the amount of support over 10 years, and the minimum download/upload speeds to be provided:

State	Company	Minimum Speed	Support/10 Years	# of Locations
Alabama	Tombigbee Communications	1 Gbps/500 Mbps	\$1,691,879	279
Arkansas	Aristotle Unified Communications	25/3 Mbps	\$7,069,003	3,191
California	California Internet	100/20 Mbps	\$82,629,018	10,922
Colorado	PC Telcorp	1 Gbps/500 Mbps	\$387,303	33
Delaware	Bloosurf	25/3 Mbps	\$1,188,311	1,321
Illinois	AMG Technology Investment Group	100/20 Mbps	\$35,329,966	10,226
Illinois	AMG Technology Investment Group	25/3 Mbps	*	4,796
Indiana	Mercury Wireless Indiana	25/3 Mbps	\$1,400,845	7,371
Indiana	Orange County REMC	100/20 Mbps	\$10,200,496	2,797
Indiana	Orange County REMC	1 Gbps/500 Mbps	*	1,249
Indiana	Perry-Spencer Rural Telephone Cooperative	1 Gbps/500 Mbps	\$1,182,426	359
Iowa	AMG Technology Investment Group	100/20 Mbps	\$50,614,528	7,693
Iowa	AMG Technology Investment Group	25/3 Mbps	*	7,404
Iowa	Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association	1 Gbps/500 Mbps	\$179,957	101
Kansas	AMG Technology Investment Group	100/20 Mbps	\$37,349,711	5,393
Kansas	AMG Technology Investment Group	25/3 Mbps	*	4,695

Kansas	Mercury Wireless Kansas	25/3 Mbps	\$1,331,173	776
Kentucky	Gibson Connect	1 Gbps/500 Mbps	\$412,624	119
Maryland	Bloosurf	25/3 Mbps	\$4,280,186	3,770
Michigan	Crystal Automation Systems	100/20 Mbps	\$27,299,087	17,555
Michigan	Crystal Automation Systems	25/3 Mbps	*	53
Michigan	Crystal Automation Systems	1 Gbps/500 Mbps	*	2
Michigan	Mercury Wireless Indiana	25/3 Mbps	\$235,637	971
Michigan	Midwest Energy Cooperative	1 Gbps/500 Mbps	\$5,171,125	2,386
Michigan	Tri-County Electric Cooperative	1 Gbps/500 Mbps	\$117,784	106
Minnesota	Federated Telephone Cooperative	1 Gbps/500 Mbps	\$1,431,039	808
Minnesota	Roseau Electric Cooperative	1 Gbps/500 Mbps	\$2,081,770	326
Mississippi	Aristotle Unified Communications	25/3 Mbps	\$277,905	80
Missouri	Aristotle Unified Communications	25/3 Mbps	\$3,001,545	788
Missouri	Chariton Valley Communications Corporation	1 Gbps/500 Mbps	\$4,179,666	847
Missouri	Mercury Wireless Kansas	25/3 Mbps	\$1,641,845	1,954
Missouri	Mid-States Services	1 Gbps/500 Mbps	\$1,868,060	358
Nebraska	AMG Technology Investment Group	100/20 Mbps	\$40,848,390	8,768
Nevada	California Internet	100/20 Mbps	\$5,203,386	923
Nevada	Valley Communications Association	25/3 Mbps	\$404,754	153
North Carolina	RiverStreet Communications of North Carolina	1 Gbps/500 Mbps	\$679,130	368
North Dakota	BEK Communications Cooperative	1 Gbps/500 Mbps	\$1,182,155	534
Ohio	Mercury Wireless Indiana	25/3 Mbps	\$831	20
Oklahoma	AMG Technology Investment Group	100/20 Mbps	\$41,285,224	12,750
Oklahoma	AMG Technology Investment Group	25/3 Mbps	*	5,133
Oklahoma	Aristotle Unified Communications	25/3 Mbps	\$1,803,161	3,549
Oklahoma	AtLink Services	25/3 Mbps	\$4,762,674	12,491
Oklahoma	Lake Region Technology & Communications	1 Gbps/500 Mbps	\$4,024,501	2,247
Oklahoma	OzarksGo	1 Gbps/500 Mbps	\$12,129,065	5,427
Oklahoma	Pine Cellular Phones	1 Gbps/500 Mbps	\$4,360,549	1,058
Oklahoma	Southern Plains Cable	1 Gbps/500 Mbps	\$857,095	664

Texas	AMG Technology Investment Group	100/20 Mbps	\$75,855,975	18,675
Texas	AMG Technology Investment Group	25/3 Mbps	*	15,128
Texas	Texhoma Fiber	1 Gbps/500 Mbps	\$831,018	98
Virginia	PGEC Enterprises	1 Gbps/500 Mbps	\$15,402,703	5,287
Virginia	RiverStreet Communications of Virginia	1 Gbps/500 Mbps	\$32,140,887	13,518
Total			\$524,324,384	205,520
	* Dollar amount included in total for company			

Providers must build out to 40% of the assigned homes and businesses in the areas won in a state within three years. Buildout must increase by 20% in each subsequent year, until complete buildout is reached at the end of the sixth year.

More information is available on the auction is available at <https://www.fcc.gov/auction/903>. A map of winning bids is available at <https://www.fcc.gov/reports-research/maps/caf2-auction903-results/>.

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