

Interim House Committee on Education

Broadband Update

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Impacts of COVID-19

- **The impact on broadband telecommunications has been profound**
- **Our strategic response to the pandemic has been to rely on telework, telehealth and distance learning for social distancing**
- **Telecommunication means communication “at a distance”**
- **The pandemic has been a hyper-accelerator for broadband public policy, applications, adoption, utilization and infrastructure deployment**

State of Oregon Response

June 5, 2020 - Emergency Board approves \$20 million in broadband funding from the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund and designates funding

- Link Oregon - \$8.39 million**
- School Districts - \$1.61 million**
- Rural Broadband Capacity Program - \$10 million**

State of Oregon Response

- **Link Oregon – Project is underway to extend fiber network broadband connectivity for schools, healthcare facilities, and other public sector and non-profit entities in Eastern and Southern Oregon**
- **School Districts – Business Oregon has issued \$514,321 in grants directly to school districts and DAS has re-directed \$1,095,679 of the E-Board Coronavirus Relief Fund allocation to School Districts to the Oregon Department of Education for distribution through its Comprehensive Distance Learning Grant Program**

State of Oregon Response

- **Rural Broadband Capacity Program – Business Oregon issued grants for 28 projects across 24 counties to deliver increased broadband-speed internet access for telework, telehealth, and K-12 distance learning applications in unserved and underserved areas in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Recipients include Oregon cities, counties, tribes, cooperatives, school districts, and private sector internet service providers**

State of Oregon Response

Rural Broadband Capacity Program Grants

Organization	Grant Offered
Alyrica	\$167,650
Arlington TV Co-op	\$65,347
Blue Mountain Networks	\$249,486
Canby Telephone Association	\$175,000
Casco PEAK Internet	\$1,222,757
Central Cascades Fire & EMS	\$123,500
City of Boardman	\$687,965
City of Independence	\$239,810
City of Sherwood	\$346,857
Clatskaine School District	\$22,000
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation	\$750,000
Douglas FastNet	\$1,049,467
Eastern Oregon Net, Inc. (EONI)	\$83,330

State of Oregon Response

Rural Broadband Capacity Program Grants

Organization	Grant Offered
Emerald Broadband LLC	\$1,529,600
Frontier Communications NW	\$627,300
Hawk Networks Inc.	\$13,856
Illinois Valley Data Center LLC	\$113,670
Lane Fi	\$145,354
Lincoln County	\$28,900
Long Creek School District	\$20,000
MiWave	\$434,397
Monroe Telephone Company	\$199,610
Pioneer Connect	\$361,082
Sherman County	\$160,000
Sureline Broadband LLC	\$122,041
The GEO	\$217,400
Tillamook County	\$349,800
Warm Springs Telecom	\$492,290

Thank You

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