

USDA Rural Development has approved a loan of \$18,088,212.00 and a grant of \$18,088,212.00

Program: ReConnect Loan and Grant Combination
State/County: WA/Klickitat
Congressman: Newhouse, Dan (WA 04)
Senators: Cantwell, Maria (WA), Murray, Patty (WA)
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Project Description: This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises and hybrid-fiber-coax network to provide high-speed internet. This network will benefit 4,183 people, 138 businesses, 74 farms and seven educational facilities in Klickitat County in Washington. Home Telephone Company (HTC) will make high-speed internet affordable by participating in the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Lifeline and Affordable Connectivity Programs. Additionally, HTC will support customers' transition to its new service offering by crediting the difference between the new service rate and the customer's existing service rate for a full 12-month transition period, as well as offering free installation of FTTP technology to all residential customers in the service area. This project will serve socially vulnerable communities in Klickitat County.

Loan Term: 22 years
Interest Rate: Variable
People Who Will Benefit: 4,183
Total Project Cost: \$36,176,424.00