

Broadband USA – Applications for BIP, BTOP, and BIP/BTOP
Sorted/Searched by Project Type and Proposed Project Area (ME)
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Applicant FairPoint Communications, Inc.
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Project title Aroostook County Last Mile Project
Program BIP/BTOP

Proposed Project Area ME

Project type Last Mile Non-Remote Area

Grant request* \$ 7,865,817

Status Application Received

Description This project will expand high speed broadband to remote, underserved areas of Aroostook County, the northernmost rural county in Maine. This is a last mile project (with some enabling middle mile components) that is critical to the region's competitiveness in a 21st century economy. Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a FairPoint Communications-NNE is the co-applicant.

*For BIP/BTOP joint applications, grant amount reflects grant request for BIP.

Applicant Vanu Coverage Co.
Cambridge, MA

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Project title Wholesale Broadband for Rural Southwestern Maine
Program BIP

Proposed Project Area ME

Project type Last Mile Non-Remote Area

Loan request \$ 15,759,650

Status Application Received

Description Vanu Coverage Co. proposes to deploy a multi-standard wireless network and operate as a wholesale provider to existing retail wireless operators. This unique approach will bring voice and broadband data, as well as service provider choice, to unserved and underserved areas in Vermont, New Hampshire, New York, and Maine where broadband deployments previously have been cost-prohibitive.

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Contact Dante Gordon
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Project title Wholesale Broadband for Rural Northern Maine

Program BIP

Proposed Project Area ME

Project type Last Mile Non-Remote Area

Loan request \$ 16,060,783

Status Application Received

Description Vanu Coverage Co. proposes to deploy a multi-standard wireless network and operate as a wholesale provider to existing retail wireless operators. This unique approach will bring voice and broadband data, as well as service provider choice, to unserved and underserved areas in Vermont, New Hampshire, New York, and Maine where broadband deployments previously have been cost-prohibitive.

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Applicant Vanu Coverage Co.
Cambridge, MA

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Project title Wholesale Broadband for Rural for Southeastern Maine

Program BIP

Proposed Project Area ME

Project type Last Mile Non-Remote Area

Loan request \$ 10,383,832

Status Application Received

Description Vanu Coverage Co. proposes to deploy a multi-standard wireless network and operate as a wholesale provider to existing retail wireless operators. This unique approach will bring voice and broadband data, as well as service provider choice, to unserved and underserved areas in Vermont, New Hampshire, New York, and Maine where broadband deployments previously have been cost-prohibitive.

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Applicant chebeague.net, Inc.
Chebeague Island, ME

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Project title Chebeague Island Broadband Initiative

Program BIP/BTOP

Proposed Project Area ME

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Project type Last Mile Remote Area
Grant request* \$ 73,470
Loan request \$ 75,000
Status Application Received
Description The project will extend broadband Internet services to unserved portions of Chebeague Island, Maine and will improve bandwidth availability for the entire underserved Island. In addition, the project will position the system for possible future microwave acquisition of bandwidth and may be used to extend needed cellular telephone service to the Island which, in large part, is unserved.

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Applicant Somerset Telephone Company
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Project title Somerset Telephone Company: Project to serve rural, remote and unserved establishments
Program BIP
Proposed Project Area ME
Project type Last Mile Remote Area
Grant request \$ 5,313,171
Status Application Received
Description Somerset Telephone Company, a subsidiary of TDS Telecom, proposes a project to bring high speed DSL broadband service to remote, unserved households within its rural service territory, which is comparable to the DSL service provided in its more populated areas. The network is also engineered so that it can be easily upgraded at a reasonable cost to meet future needs.

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Applicant The West Penobscot Telephone and Telegraph Company
Corinna, ME
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Project title W Penobscot Telephone Telegraph Co: Project to serve rural, remote and unserved establishments
Program BIP
Proposed Project Area ME
Project type Last Mile Remote Area
Grant request \$ 838,480
Status Application Received

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Description The West Penobscot Telephone and Telegraph Company, a subsidiary of TDS Telecom, proposes a project to bring high speed DSL broadband service to remote, unserved households within its rural service territory, which is comparable to the DSL service provided in its more populated areas. The network is also engineered so that it can be easily upgraded at a reasonable cost to meet future needs.

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Applicant FairPoint Communications, Inc.
Charlotte, NC

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Project title Washington/Hancock Last Mile Project
Program BIP/BTOP

Proposed Project Area ME

Project type Last Mile Remote Area

Grant request* \$ 4,732,930

Status Application Received

Description This BIP/BTOP project will expand high speed broadband to remote, underserved areas of Washington and Hancock Counties in northeast Maine. This is a last mile project that is a critical component of the region's economic development plan. FairPoint Communications, Inc. is the lead applicant, the co-applicant is Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a FairPoint Communications - NNE.

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Applicant Motorbrain Consulting, Inc.
Lincoln, ME

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Project title Bridging the Last Mile of the Digital Divide
Program BIP/BTOP

Proposed Project Area ME

Project type Last Mile Remote Area

Grant request* \$ 5,571,784

Status Application Received

Description We will provide HughesNet high-speed satellite Internet service to 3400 unserved Maine homes and businesses where there are no existing broadband services available for a period of 24 months at absolutely NO cost to the consumer. Though a collaborative effort with rural municipalities, we will identify those last mile consumers where cable Internet and DSL are not available.

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Applicant USA Web Host
Kennebunk, ME

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Project title WiME

Program BIP/BTOP

Proposed Project Area ME

Project type Last Mile Remote Area

Grant request* \$ 928,000

Status Application Received

Description WiME I is a proof of concept of 4G as an access network technology for rural Maine, and of naming and associations over IPv6 as a link characteristic-informed, locality-aware technology. ----

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Applicant Biddeford Internet Corp. (d.b.a. GWI)
Biddeford, ME

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Project title Three Ring Binder

Program BIP/BTOP

Proposed Project Area ME

Project type Middle Mile

Grant request* \$ 25,402,904

Status Application Received

Description The Three Ring Binder project is a middle mile open-access collaborative fiber optic network in the most rural and remote areas of Maine. This project allows the delivery of 100 Mbits+ broadband connectivity to businesses, households, and community anchor institutions in these areas facilitating rural economic development, job stimulation, education, and health care.

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Applicant NATVentures LLC
Bangor, ME

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Project title Native American Broadband Expansion in Maine

Program BIP/BTOP

Proposed Project Area ME

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Project type Middle Mile
Grant request* \$ 34,000,000
Status Application Received
Description To expand high speed broadband to rural, underserved areas of Maine, including all Native American Tribal lands within Maine.

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Applicant USA Web Host
KENNEBUNK, ME

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Project title CODE 911

Program BIP

Proposed Project Area ME

Project type Middle Mile

Grant request \$ 904,000

Status Application Received

Description Reverse 911 services that allow municipalities to enhance their emergency notification processes with massive simultaneous dial out of emergency calls to both broadband consumers in normal or catastrophic conditions.

Applicant Southern Aroostook Cooperative Board of Education
Houlton, ME

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Project title Region Two School of Applied Technology BTOP PCC Grant

Program BTOP

Proposed Project Area ME

Project type Public Computer Center

Grant request \$ 1,514,198

Status Application Received

Description On behalf of its partners, Region Two School of Applied Technology is requesting funds to expand computing facilities at 17 sites throughout the state of Maine. The goal of this project is to enhance educational services for adult community members at regional vocational and technical schools by expanding access to broadband.

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Applicant Maine State Library
Augusta, ME

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Project title linda.lord@maine.gov
Program Maine Library Learning Network
Proposed Project Area BTOP
Project type ME
Grant request Public Computer Center
Status \$ 1,216,467
Description Application Received
The ME Library Learning Network creates eight regional and eleven local public library computer centers equipped with computers, accessible workstations and IP-based video conference technology. These centers will expand access to broadband technology in Maine, and provide access and training for rural and un-served communities, small businesses, an aging population, and people with disabilities.

Applicant NATVentures LLC
Bangor, ME
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Project title Native American Computer Centers in Maine
Program BTOP
Proposed Project Area ME
Project type Public Computer Center
Grant request \$ 50,000,000
Status Application Received
Description Project description not provided.

Applicant Faith in Action Community Connection
Ellsworth, ME
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Project title Seniors and Juniors Computer Lab
Program BTOP
Proposed Project Area ME
Project type Public Computer Center
Grant request \$ 35,000
Status Application Received
Description We are partnering with the Downeast Family YMCA to operate a Senior Center in the recently closed middle school building in Ellsworth. The YMCA will operate their childcare programs there, while Faith in Action operates programs for seniors in the same building, sharing some space. We will offer computer classes for senior and broadband access that can also be used by children and families.

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Applicant	FairPoint Communications, Inc. Charlotte, NC
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Project title Program	Broadband with a Purpose Maine BTOP
Proposed Project Area	ME
Project type	Sustainable Broadband Adoption
Grant request	\$ 1,802,384
Status	Application Received
Description	Broadband with a Purpose-Maine will help the people and institutions of rural Maine understand how broadband can be used to access global resources, work more productively, and enjoy the social benefits of being connected. It is designed to replace the "build it and they will come mentality" with a project based learning approach emphasizing the value of broadband.
Applicant	Axiom Technologies, LLC Machias, ME
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Project title Program	Washington County WiMAX Project BTOP
Proposed Project Area	ME
Project type	Sustainable Broadband Adoption
Grant request	\$ 1,634,224
Status	Application Received
Description	The Washington County WiMAX Project focuses on helping the fishing, agricultural, and health care sectors develop and demonstrate the effective uses of the technology. An education and training program for the fishing and farming industry will be implemented, and a pilot program will be developed for the use of a mobile telemedicine system.
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