

Grants awarded for local broadband access projects

(KNZA)--Grants have been awarded to expand broadband access in ten rural Kansas counties—including Nemaha, Leavenworth and Pottawatomie.

Governor Laura Kelly on Friday announced the 11 recipients of the Broadband Acceleration Grant program, which will result in a more than \$10 million investment in high-speed broadband access.

Blue Valley Communications was the recipient of a \$809,549 grant for a project in Nemaha County.

Charter Communications was awarded a more than \$403,158 grant for a project in Leavenworth County.

WTC Communications was the recipient of a nearly \$286,699 grant for a project in Pottawatomie County.

The three companies will each provide a similar amount in matching funds.

Launched in 2020, the Broadband Acceleration Grant is a ten-year, \$85 million program that will bring critically needed broadband access to Kansas communities. The program is administered by the Kansas Office of Broadband Development and funded through the Kansas Department of Transportation's Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program (IKE). This second year of the program brings the total broadband infrastructure investment in Kansas communities to more than \$70 million since 2020.

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