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Project Intake Form

Project Title McKean County Broadband Project

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All counties in the North Central region are currently transitional.

Select all counties the project will serve.

McKean

Project Type

Broadband

Select Primary Objective to Set the Goal Supporting Objective

Objective 3.2: Ensure that all Appalachians have access to quality and affordable telecommunications and broadband services.

Building Infrastructure

View North Central's [2018-2023 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy here](#).

Does your project align with the goals of North Central's 2018-2023 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy?

Yes

The CEDS Investment Priorities include the following:

- Expanding and strengthening employment and education opportunities that provide stable family wage jobs.
- Investments in entrepreneurship and home-grown business development to build a sustainable, diverse economy.
- Preserving and investing in the region's natural and cultural assets to strengthen economic potential.
- Creating and/or improving reliable, consistent access to critical infrastructure in North Central Pennsylvania.
- Providing sufficient availability of right-sized, right-priced housing throughout each county within the North Central Pennsylvania region.

Check the box if you'd like this project to be considered for inclusion in North Central's forthcoming CEDS and Resiliency Plan.

Yes, please consider this project for inclusion in the forthcoming CEDS and Resiliency Plan.

Project Funding

Please enter the project funding amounts for each below. Totals and Percent will calculate automatically. Do NOT include the "\$."

#	Non Construction	Equipment	Construction	Total	Percent
1				0	0
2				0	0
3				0	0
4	500000		5000000	5500000	100
5	500000	0	5000000	5500000	100

Period of Performance

Purpose of Project

Expand broadband capacity and availability throughout McKean County

Project Description

McKean County has invested in the creation of a fixed wireless broadband network which currently consists of equipment at 6 sites. An additional 3 sites are to be constructed in 2022. Additional investment in the County's network will allow for service to be provided to areas that continue to be unserved or underserved.

Explain the following for the Strategic Rationale:

- Identify the problems and/or opportunities the project will address.
- Explain the existing conditions or critical circumstances that would compel the funding of this project.
- Describe how the project supports a regional strategy or plan.
- Explain how this project will contribute to sustainable economic development in the service area impacted.
- Identify the types and numbers of jobs to be created or retained.
- Explain any Leveraged Private Investment because of this project.

Strategic Rationale

Access to high speed internet is a necessity in today's world. More and more people are expected to at least partially work from home, many educational programs have on-line components, healthcare is transitioning to a highbred face to face / telemedicine model, and businesses need access to effectively run and grow their businesses. Future investment will most likely be a combination of fixed wireless and wired technology to try to expand service to those areas still in need.

Collaborative Partnerships

Zito, SkyPacket Networks, ConxxNE, North Central, and numerous Community partners.

Project Sustainability and Capacity

The county will support maintenance and operation of the network through income generated by the network. The County will be the lead applicant and has experience managing and administering various grant programs.

Output and Outcome Measures

Stand-Alone Output Measure

data-megabits per second

Stand-Alone Outcome Measure

telecom sites

Congressional and Legislative Districts

Glenn Thompson (US House, 15th)

Pat Toomey (US Senate)

Bob Casey (US Senate)

Martin Causer (PA StateHouse, 67th)

Cris Dush (PA StateSenate, 25th)