

2020/2021 BROADBAND ACCELERATION GRANT:

MOUNDRIDGE COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK – ELYRIA AND HESSTON

Total Project Investment:

\$625,638

Award Amount:

\$312,819

In Partnership With:



ABOUT THE NEED

Moundridge Communications Network receives daily calls from its citizens located just outside of their exchange boundaries, pleading for any type of connection. With proven compelling need, this grant will allow Moundridge Communications Network to bring connectivity to 108 households, 10 businesses, 11 community anchors and one educational institution. The impact for rural business is significant due to many residents working from home during the pandemic and many not returning to an office. One small town included in the service area will be able to connect an Air B&B, a farm coop and a private school. Many professionals, including physicians and a veterinarian, will be able to receive broadband from their residence to better utilize daily telemedicine. With funding from the Broadband Acceleration Grant, Moundridge Communications Network will be able to reach these residents that live in the broadband “gap,” with a fiber-to-the-premise connection, with a max 1G download speed and a 100Mbps upload speed. Moundridge Communications Network will be continuing to build upon their current projects with the Broadband Acceleration Grant to be as economically viable as possible while also employing best practice deployment for longevity of the investment.



McPherson and Harvey County, Elyria and Surrounding Rural Area and Rural Hesston

ABOUT MOUNDRIDGE COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

Moundridge Communications Network is a family owned and operated, leading-edge telecommunications company founded in 1904. They are committed to bringing their customers the fastest and best technology to ensure growth for the next 100 years. Moundridge Communications Network was also a recipient of three Connectivity Emergency Response Programs to help them in their efforts to continue expanding broadband to their area.

The Kansas Office of Broadband Development was established in 2020 to help ensure that all Kansans have the opportunity to live, work, learn and compete in a global economy by improving universal access to quality, affordable and reliable broadband. The Office is housed within the Community Development Division of the Kansas Department of Commerce. As the state’s lead economic development agency, Commerce strives to empower individuals, businesses and communities to achieve prosperity in Kansas.