

Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants FY 2022 Congressionally Directed Spending

State	Recipient	Grant Amount	Project Description
IL	BlessingCare Corporation dba Illini Community Hospital	\$115,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to equip a Telehealth Critical Care Intensive Care Unit (ICU program at the Illini Community Hospital in Pike County in Illinois. Intensive Care Specialists at Blessing Hospital in Adams County in Illinois will provide medical care to 100 patients annually.
NM	New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs	\$890,000	This Rural Development investment will equip 104 of New Mexico's public and tribal libraries with high quality computer equipment, soundproof booths, Early Childhood Literacy "Train the Trainer" curriculum and Adult Literacy curriculum, including English as a Second Language, basic mathematics, basic computer training, and citizenship. This project will benefit the 1,626,890 residents served by the libraries in 31 counties.
NM	Ben Archer Health Center, Inc.	\$90,372	This Rural Development investment will be used to equip additional classrooms for the Health Education and Access to Learning (HEAL) Project in rural New Mexico. The HEAL Project will deliver distance learning to rural and exceptionally rural individuals in Dona Ana, Sierra, Otero and Luna Counties in New Mexico. The HEAL Project will benefit an estimated 96,630 people in southern New Mexico.
VT	Vermont Program for Quality in Health Care	\$499,851	This Rural Development investment will be used to equip 38 sites participating in the Vermont Telemedicine Access Project (V-TAP). Tablets, wifi boosters, monitoring equipment, and telemedicine carts will allow the delivery of medical services to critical access hospitals, midsize hospitals, mental health agencies, Federally Qualified Health Centers, nursing homes, primary care practices, residential and rehabilitation facilities in 13 counties in Vermont. It is estimated that this program will benefit 30,000 rural residents.
WV	Pocahontas County Board of Education	\$462,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to create a controlled atmosphere for operational efficiency and longevity of distance learning network equipment and end-user devices previously funded by USDA. Green Bank Elementary/Middle School in Pocahontas County in West Virginia is located within two distinct radio quiet zones: (1) Radio Astronomy Zoning Act, and (2) National Radio Quiet Zone (NRQZ). In order to minimize harmful interference the equipment funded for this location must be hard wired and shielded. Since this location serves as both a hub and an end user site, 3,000 rural residents will benefit from this project.
WV	Shepherd University	\$111,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to fund equipment to expand the Bridges to Degrees - Dual Enrollment Distant Learning program hosted by Shepherd University in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. Shepherd University's main campus and their Tabler Farm location will be the hub sites delivering college credit courses to Berkley Springs High School in Jefferson County and to Washington High School in Morgan County. This project will benefit over 2,000 rural students in a three-year period.
WV	West Virginia Univ Research Corp	\$227,963	This Rural Development investment will be used to equip four high schools and five middle schools in Raleigh County in North Carolina with tele-presence robots, computers and curriculum. Instructors at the West Virginia University in Monongalia County, NC will deliver Scientific, Technical, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) courses to nine locations benefitting 6,000 students.
	TOTAL	\$2,396,186	