

Broadband USA Applications Database

Applicant Name: Town Of Manchester

Project Title: Ct Muni Net

Project Type: Middle Mile

Executive Summary

The CT-Muni-Net is a state-wide broadband project inter-connecting 18 municipalities in Connecticut. This will provide the ability for its members to share expertise and resources not found in any one town. This fiber infrastructure will then be a vehicle by which underserved populations can be better supported with resources that may not be found locally. For example; the Regional Adult Education center housed in Town of Vernon has a private grant from the Puerto Rican Forum to provide distance learning to the Spanish speaking population in Hartford, but does not have the high speed connection necessary to successfully deliver distance to this underserved student population. The BTOP grant will make it possible to deliver these and other critical services throughout the state once the broadband inter-connectivity project has been implemented. Additionally, as per the project summary list, the overall infrastructure will target underserved areas, education and distance learning centers, public safety (police, fire and EMS), medical and health services, profit and non-profit agencies, library & learning/research centers and Adult education which in turn will spur economic development on a state-wide nondiscriminatory access basis in Connecticut.