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TRIBAL BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT

GENERAL INFORMATION

GENERAL	Recipient Organization:	Lummi Indian Business Council	Award Identification Number:	NT22TBC0290090
	Recipient Street Address:	2665 Kwina Rd	Report Submission Date (MM/DD/YYYY):	08/30/2024
	City, State, Zip Code:	Bellingham, WA, 98226		
	DUNS/UEI Number:	TP4UB9N6TSA5		
	Period of Performance Start Date (MM/DD/YYYY):	09/01/2022	Period of Performance End Date (MM/DD/YYYY):	08/31/2026
	Report Period Start Date (MM/DD/YYYY):	04/01/2023	Report Period End Date (MM/DD/YYYY):	09/30/2023
1	Provide the number of locations or geographic areas at which broadband service was provided using the grant funds. (Please attach associated shapefiles of geographic areas) (600 words or less) Project in EA and Permitting stage - no customer connections			
2	Please describe each service provided with grant funds. (600 words or less) Project in EA and Permitting stage - no customer connections			
3	If applicable, please list subcontractors and describe how they expended funds. (600 words or less) N/A			
4	Please describe how the recipient and subrecipient (if applicable) expended the funds. (600 words or less) Bonfire Consulting - funds expended for plan sets, permitting prep & submittal, RFP prep, materials BOMs and quotes, engineering review of pole Make Ready costs requested by Puget Sound Energy. // Northwest Ecological - funds expended for field survey of wetland delineations and impact report.			
5	If applicable, please list each subrecipients that received a subgrant through funding. (600 words or less) N/A			
6	Please provide the barriers to broadband use and adoption or broadband infrastructure deployment work that you experienced during the reporting period of this award to date. What steps did you take to address them? (600 words or less) 1) PSE continues to be a barrier due to pole Make Ready evaluation. PSE review team exceeded the expected and reasonable timeline to complete review by months, and took further months to return requested information for an itemized cost breakdown. After receiving the cost breakdown various categories and locations are showing costs that do not appear to be reasonable. The bi-weekly call with PSE is ongoing but has not helped bring in timelines. The timeline and high costs question has been elevated to senior leadership at PSE as of the beginning of August 2024. Next steps may include filing a formal complaint with the UTC for unreasonably protracted timelines, and potential violations of WAC 480-54-050 2) Potential jurisdictional contentions continue to be a question without ready answer. BIA has provided a report of ROW grants, but their inventory only covers a fraction of the roads within the reservation. Research ongoing into the mechanism by which the County assumed authority over the road ROWs and attendant utility corridors. 3) Environmental Assessment: wetland delineations were required by the Lummi Natural Resources department due to the age of the existing studies. Fielding work ran through mid-spring, and reports have taken longer than expected to generate. All EA work expected to complete within the next couple of weeks. 4) RDOF Award to another entity was formally denied by the Tribe, as the entity had never sought or received Tribal Consent as part of their application. While not explicit in their application process, conversations with the FCC WCB has indicated that they consider those steps part of the 'due diligence' an entity is required to take, and therefore are in dereliction of the application requirements. 5) Other ISP's currently operating within reservations boundaries without having ever secured tribal or BIA approval for ROW or residential - still working on clarification of historical precedent that enabled this. Will likely be addressed via asserting the Tribe's own regulatory authority via Tribal Title codes. 6) Potential budget shortfall in awarded grant due to the extreme volatility of material costs and inflation caused by COVID's impact to supply chains continues to be a concern. So far materials are still falling within a reasonable range for OSP items, but costs on ISP equipment have gone up. Labor is expected to be higher than forecast as well.			

7	<p>Please describe whether or not your organization connected NOFO purpose areas to broadband adoption and use or broadband infrastructure deployment work. (600 words or less)</p> <p>N/A - Project in EA and Permitting stage</p>		
8	<p>Please describe your project's achieved accomplishments during this reporting period. (600 words or less)</p> <p>1) Extensive research has been done into Federal and State regulations regarding pole Make Ready, as well as standard cost profiles for this work in preparation for a potential filing with the UTC pursuant to WAC 48-54-050. 2) several re-routes/minor redesigns have been engineered to address wetlands impact areas revealed in the delininations studies. 3) Internal work for EA has been completed and is in review (all catagories except Wetlands and part of Historical were completed in-house). 4) Broadband team is engaged in ongoing dialogue with both TERO and Workforce Development teams to create the Tribal workforce implementation strategy, including assistance with submitting for grants under those groups. 5) ISP Business plan document was completed and approved via Council Resolution. 6) Broadband Strategy plan document has been completed and is on the docket for approval via Council Resolution.</p>		
9	<p>Using the Excel spreadsheet template titled "TBCP Reports Addendum A", please provide an updated count of Households within each of the eligible tribal block groups along with their Location ID that you connected to your network. The locations should match and conform to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric, which is a unique identifier for the geographic coordinates, and where available, the address(es) associated with each location. Please be sure to select 'Annual Report' checkbox when completing the addendum.</p>		
10	<p>Using the Excel spreadsheet template titled "TBCP Reports Addendum B", please provide an updated count of Tribal Businesses within each of the eligible tribal block groups along with their Location ID that you connected to your network. The locations should match and conform to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric, which is a unique identifier for the geographic coordinates, and where available, the address(es) associated with each location. Please be sure to select 'Annual Report' checkbox when completing the addendum.</p>		
11	<p>Using the Excel spreadsheet template titled "TBCP Reports Addendum C", please provide an updated count of Community Anchor Institutions (CAIs) within each of the eligible tribal block groups along with their Location ID that you connected to your network. The locations should match and conform to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric, which is a unique identifier for the geographic coordinates, and where available, the address(es) associated with each location. Please be sure to select 'Annual Report' checkbox when completing the addendum.</p>		
CERTIFICATION	<p>I certify to the best of knowledge and belief that this report is correct and complete for performance of activities for the purposes set forth in the award documents.</p>		
	<p>Typed or printed name and title of Authorized Certifying Official:</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	<p>Telephone (area code, number and extension):</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	<p>[REDACTED]</p>
	<p>Signature of Certifying Official:</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	<p>Email Address:</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	<p>[REDACTED]</p>
		<p>Date:</p>	<p>8/30/2024</p>