# DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (DHCD) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) 2014 LOCAL INNOVATION GRANT (LIG) FUNDS

# **Project Fact Sheet: Nelson County Local Innovation Grant**

**Project Funding:** \$200,000 CDBG-LIG Grant Funds, \$100,000 Local Match Funds

<u>Project Area:</u> The County will utilize all available funds, for a Telecommunications Project that will construct approximately 8.1 miles of fiber optic cabling in conduit. The intended network consists of three (3) sections as follows (see attached maps):

- Route 1: Approximately 5.59 miles of fiber in 2 inch conduit from the intersection of Route 151 and Route 6 at Martin's Store going south to the intersection of Route 151 and Route 664, Beech Grove Road.
- Route 2: Approximately 1.06 miles of fiber in 2 inch conduit from the existing network terminus on Route 151 near the Amoco Fibers Plant going north to the County Line near the Afton Christian School.
- Route 3: Approximately 1.42 miles of fiber in 2 inch conduit from the intersection of Route 151 and Route 6 at Afton Mountain Road going northwest up Afton Mountain Road to Saddleback Lane.

### **Intended Results:**

- Connect 50% of the 240 (120) Homes and Businesses that are within less than 500 ft. of the fiber,
- Connect 40% of the 111 (44) Homes and Businesses that are within 1,000 ft. of the fiber, and
- Connect 25% of the other businesses that are within close proximity of the fiber.

#### **Project Beneficiaries:**

- Approximately eighty-eight (88) businesses and eighty (80) residential structures are the targeted primary beneficiaries. Tourism and home occupation based businesses are the backbone of Nelson County's economy. This fiber infrastructure increases opportunity for these businesses to expand and compete in a global economy which in turn provides for the creation and retention of associated jobs.
- Approximately twenty (20) individuals are secondary project beneficiaries. These project beneficiaries will fill the newly created jobs or will benefit from job retention because of the project.

## **Project Benefit to Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI) Persons:**

The National Objective to be achieved through the funding is job retention and creation. At least 51 percent of the permanent, full time jobs (including permanent, full time equivalent jobs) will be held by or made available to LMI persons. It is anticipated that the grant funds will enable the creation of and provide the retention of twenty (20) jobs, of which eleven (11) will be held by or made available to LMI persons.

#### **Displacement:**

There will be no displacement of citizens during or as a result of the project.