



**Rural Development**

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William O'Donnell  
Broadband and Communications Director  
Public Utility District No. 1, Jefferson County, Washington  
310 Four Corners Rd  
Port Townsend, Washington 98368

Dear Mr. O'Donnell,

We are pleased to inform you that your application for a loan/grant combination from the Rural Utilities Service ReConnect Program has been approved. We are offering you a grant in the amount of \$9,202,232 and a loan in the amount of \$4,601,116 with an amortization period of 24 years, carrying the interest rate at the Treasury rate for the remaining amortization period at the time of each advance of funds. The loan/grant combination is subject to the terms of the enclosed Loan/Grant Agreement provided in draft form. The loan/grant designation for your project is WA 1705-A71. This designation should be referenced in all future correspondence concerning this loan/grant combination.

Please be advised that pursuant to federal regulations at 7 CFR 1970.11(b), the Agency has determined that assured access to ReConnect funding for this Project is necessary for economic rural development. As a result, the attached Loan/Grant and Security Agreement is subject to the completion of all necessary environmental procedures required by Federal law. Given that all such procedures have not yet finished on your Project, no work on the Project, whether work which will be reimbursed through federal funds, or work which will be paid for with Awardees own funds, may be engaged until successful completion of the environmental reviews. Awardee acknowledges that unless it has received written notice from the Agency, it will not engage in any work on the Project, under any circumstances, except for that required to finalize the environmental reviews. Failure to abide by this requirement will result in the termination of the Loan/Grant and Security Agreement. Additionally, Awardee acknowledges that should any findings in the environmental reviews require significant changes to the Project, and as a result to the Loan/Grant and Security Agreement, such changes will constitute an immediate deobligation of federal funding and the termination of the Loan/Grant and Security Agreement, and will not result in an amended agreement until revised terms are agreed upon and funding is determined to be still available.

It is acceptable for ReConnect awardees to order materials and enter into engineering contracts prior to the commencement of "work". However, applicants must request permission to purchase the materials and must submit



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the engineering contracts for approval and must be informed that any purchases completed or contracts entered into before all environmental clearances have been obtained are at their own risk and that RUS has no obligation to reimburse these purchases.

Also, please find attached a copy of your RUS approved budget and a draft copy or your Loan/Grant Agreement. Please have your legal counsel review your draft agreement and respond to RUS within 10 business days with any changes or corrections needed. If there are no changes or corrections, please let us know.

In addition, please submit a property schedule sufficient for filing a mortgage. Please consult your attorney for the proper format sufficient for filing.

Finally, before funds are drawn, you should have in place a cybersecurity plan, a supply chain plan, and a plan to comply with cybersecurity requirements of the National Institute of Standards and Technology and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency.

Please indicate your acceptance of this offer by having **the president or other authorized official** sign this letter, and within five (5) days from the date hereof, returning it **by email** to:

Mr. Randall Millhiser, Deputy Assistant Administrator  
Loan Origination and Approval Division  
USDA, Rural Utilities Service  
Stop 1590, Room 4121, South Building  
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20250-1590  
**Email: [LOADinfo@usda.gov](mailto:LOADinfo@usda.gov)**

Upon receipt of the signed copy of this letter, and notification of any changes required in your loan/grant agreement, the loan/grant documents will be prepared and forwarded in the near future for execution. This loan/grant is approved with the understanding that the loan/grant documents will be authorized and executed by your organization and returned to us within the time period which will be set forth in the letter of transmittal.

Although we are very glad to be making this loan/grant combination to Public Utility District No. 1, Jefferson County, Washington, we would appreciate it if you did not announce this loan/grant offer until USDA makes a formal announcement of your acceptance of the loan/grant.



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Sincerely,

**ANDREW  
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ANDREW BERKE  
Date: 2023.03.23  
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**ANDREW BERKE**  
Administrator  
Rural Utilities Service

ACCEPTANCE:

Public Utility District No. 1, Jefferson County, Washington

By: Kenneth Collins  
Name: Kenneth Collins  
Title: President of Board of Commissioners  
Date: March 28, 2023

Enclosures:  
Loan/Grant and Security Agreement

A.A#: RECON 389

**Signature:** Kenneth Collins  
Kenneth Collins (Mar 28, 2023 15:23 PDT)

**Email:** kcollins@jeffpud.org








# WA 1705-A71 Loan-Grant Offer Letter with Property Schedule - 101001210

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