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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):	09/13/2023
	City, State, Zip Code:	Bellingham, WA, 98226		
	DUNS/UEI Number:	TP4UV9N6TSA5	Period of Performance Start Date (MM/DD/YYYY):	09/01/2022
	Period of Performance End Date (MM/DD/YYYY):	08/31/2024	Report Period Start Date (MM/DD/YYYY):	04/01/2023
Report Period End Date (MM/DD/YYYY):	09/30/2023	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 utility Make Ready stage - no customer connections

2 Please describe each service provided with grant funds. (600 words or less)
Project in EA and utility Make Ready stage - no customer connections

3 If applicable, please list subcontractors and describe how they expended funds. (600 words or less)
Bonfire Engineering Consultants: Engineering and Design docs, permitting preparation, and RFP/RFQ preparation

4 Please describe how the recipient and subrecipient (if applicable) expended the funds. (600 words or less)
Hired LIBC Project Manager Kiale Staveland on 8/14/2023

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) Utility pole use for new aerial strand: Project area includes [redacted] poles on tribal lands. SOP for Make Ready pole evaluation by the local utility entity (PSE) is a minimum 3 month process, and likely longer due to project scope (unknown at this time how much longer this may take). Bi-weekly call has been set with PSE engineers to closely track the project and discuss strategies for avoiding time-line inflations. 2) There are potential jurisdictional contentions with regards to whether PSE ever originally obtained tribal permission to operate on reservation land, and if so, what those agreements look like. Separately, there is also evidence that that PSE is operating on tribal land under an expired franchise agreement (33.05.020 of Lummi Codes of Law Regulating Code). Legal representatives on both sides are investigating and will likely engage on a bi-weekly project management call separate from the engineering call. 3) Environmental Assessment: large project with potential EA involvement from numerous entities (tribal, county, federal, etc.,). Probable minimum timeline of 90 days for field work and EA/NEPA submittals. Currently investigating process/cost baselines from other similar projects to ensure process is streamlined for when EA phase starts (after Make Ready and final underground Design completes). 4) RDOF Awards to different providers that the tribe was not made aware of and did not approve: at least one other entity has been given an RDOF award for an area which overlaps the project boundary of the TBCP grant which had already been awarded to the tribe prior to the RDOF award. Need guidance from federal partners/agencies on what options or recourse is available to disallow the RDOF project as it should not have been eligible for funding? Additionally the RDOF recipient never sought tribal approval for their project at any point in their application process 5) Other ISP's currently operating within reservations boundaries without having ever secured tribal or BIA approval for ROW or residential. Need guidance on enforcement mechanisms. 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

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)
N/A - Project in EA and utility Make Ready stage

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8	<p>Please describe your project's achieved accomplishments during this reporting period. (600 words or less)</p> <p>1) Design complete except for modifications that may be discovered/necessiated by the power utility Make Ready Work. 2) Initial aerial load capacity engineering completed to be turned in to power utility to satisfy pre-Make Ready requisites 3) LIBC Project Manager hired in August 2023 to oversee project and act as primary point of contact. 4) Currently engaging with incumbent carriers/providers in the region to investigate possible partnership strategies</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>	
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