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After listening to the webinar, since this is our first time listening in on Broadband consultation, knowing now that it has existed for some time now, I called our neighboring small villages that are not too far in the Kuskokwim Delta community in SouthWest Alaska. one said that they use broadband and like I heard from testimonies, when they reach the limit of their data usage, it becomes real slow. I am not familiar with the terms that I heard even the mb's or the others where it tells us how big a quantity it holds.

That is what we are facing today right now through our internet provider though it is 100,000 data usage.

GCI is our long distance internet service provider and I've had conversations with different service help and I've been told that because we live in an outlying community we are not qualified for the same type of service in some of the major cities in Alaska, we have to pay very high expensive bills, while the cities just pay a small fraction for the same or even combined services they provide.

\$65 dollar plan brings me 10 gigs, while in the cities few phones combined pays way less for double services we pay. $\$65 \times 2 = \130 while the same service that is unlimited in the cities pays less than \$100 dollars.

trying to connect to the east coast to make reports on quarterly, progress reports, ... keeps timing out from buffering and when we get lucky, around 6-7am we finally connect but moving from web site to pages we work with falls into the buffering system and when that times out, sometime we end up on the delinquency email list.

if this broadband system will take all that away, then we are for it with all the help we can for our small spread out communities in SouthWest Alaska. A system large enough that will help our small communities during this pandemic.

We can plan to get the maximum help we can from the 3 programs that were mentioned for our small communities that include our Tribal offices that are spread out throughout the community due to lack of congregated office spaces, which brings up the price of internet services.

i heard a 2 gig fcc license mentioned and if that is something we need to pursue, we will definitely need the assistance to get that as well.

I look forward to more technical assistance to go through this broadband issue toward the benefit of our tribal members which is badly needed during this pandemic and for future pandemic because we read about mutating variants that are entering the US to include Alaska.

Quyana be safe

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