Does your project contain an infrastructure build component?

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TRIBAL BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT

GENERAL INFORMATION

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	Recipient Organization:	Ahtna Inter-Tribal Resouce Commission	Award Identification Number:	NT22TBC0290039
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1	Provide the total number of project locations (Tribal households, businesses, and community anchor institutions) that your organization provided broadband service to using grant funds. (600 words or less) Infrastructure Deployment projects must attach associated shapefiles for the proposed service area. Use & Adoption projects are not required to provide shapefiles, but must complete question 1. Planning projects may enter "N/A".	
	N/A As a planning and adoption grant the 'services' provided with grant funds includes; engineering drawing for 2.5 Ghz wireless usage, educational opportunities for communities, community outreach, digital literacy training, and workforce development.	
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3	List all contractors that received grant funds and briefly explain what the funds were used for. Report this item cumulatively from the start of the award through the end of the annual report period captured in this report. If your project does not include contractors, write "NA". (600 words or less)	
	Quill Solutions is the only subcontractor on the project. The Quill Solutions team has expended funds on labor for engineering, community outreach, and travel to communities.	
4	Describe how the recipient organization expended grant funds. Report this item cumulatively from the start of the award through the end of the annual report period captured in this report. (600 words or less)	
	The project team has been hard at work planning for the upcoming field season, that begins in early May. Through this second reporting period we have developed the initiative branding framework, writing blog series, creation of social media campaigns and design of the project website has begun. The 40 devices that will be provided to users and households have been purchased. The distribution of devices will begin in early May with the community engagement sessions. The administration framework with the local telecom (Copper Valley Telecom) for the 50 internet subsidies has been established so existing customers that are awarded the subsidy will see the credits on their existing bill. Workforce development and	
5	List all subrecipients that received grant funds and briefly explain what the funds were used for. Report this item cumulatively from the start of the award through the end of the annual report period captured in this report. If your project does not include subrecipients, write "NA". (600 words or less)	
	N/A	
6	Describe any challenges your organization experienced while conducting your TBCP project during the past annual report period. Explain how you addressed those challenges. (600 words or less)	
	During the last reporting period, there was an outbreak of COVID in one of the villages holding up work for the contractor out from Anchorage. Additionally, the summer time brings the gathering and processing of salmon in Tribal Villages and scheduling meetings, trainings, and other work is difficult as Subsistence Tribal Life is necessitated. Turnover of Tribal Administration and re-educating new staff was an additional challenge, but was worked through. The years challenges revolved around the amount of time available to the Tribal participants.	
7	Describe how your organization met and maintained broadband requirements, as outlined in the NOFO purpose areas below. (600 words or less) Infrastructure Deployment: Broadband infrastructure deployment, including (but not limited to) support for the establishment of carrier-neutral submarine cable landing stations. Use and Adoption: Projects that promote the adoption and use of broadband services, including: affordable broadband programs, such as providing free or reduced-cost broadband service and preventing disconnection of existing broadband service; distance learning; telehealth; digital inclusion efforts; and broadband adoption activities. Planning: Proposals to conduct planning, engineering, feasibility, or sustainability studies as part of the necessary steps to develop a technological solution for broadband deployment.	

	Through the community outreach, engineering, and broadband use and adoption activities the project team is actively connecting the NOFO purpose areas to the work. We are spur economic development and commercial activity by connecting individuals with opportunities jobs in the telecommunications installation field. By matching employees with employers we are using our community connections to enable workforce development. Through our revised use and adoption strategy we are create opportunities for remote employment by building connections with companies that need support and community members that have the desired skill set. Through our digital literacy and workforce development content we are providing exposure to a wide variety of introductions of what types of online entrepreneurship are available (running websites, digital marketing, database management, ghost writing,
8	**Describe all project achievements during the reporting period. (600 words or less)**
	The progress achieved across the project during the annual reporting period consisted of the completion of Tribal spectrum installation designs for the 8 communities, digital literacy training and outreach across the region, workforce development through practical applications, and assisting Tribes with the development of cyber security plans.
9	**INFRASTRUCTURE DEPLOYMENT PROJECTS: 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.**
10	**INFRASTRUCTURE DEPLOYMENT PROJECTS: 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.**
11	**INFRASTRUCTURE DEPLOYMENT PROJECTS: 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.**

CERTIFICATION	**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.**		
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		Date:	08/09/2024