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AL	Richard Shelby, Tommy Tuberville	Terri Sewell (07)	The University of Alabama	\$916,948	This Rural Development investment will be used to connect 23 ambulances and seven hospitals in eight rural counties in west-central Alabama. This project will create a network of ambulances equipped with telemedicine services to relay patient data to emergency physicians and provide more efficient care for patients.
AL	Richard Shelby, Tommy Tuberville	Mo Brooks (05)	Lauderdale County Board of Education	\$245,618	This Rural Development investment will be used to install distance learning systems in Lauderdale County elementary and secondary schools and at the Board of Education. The board will purchase mobile carts, bridging software and wireless access points to create a remote teaching system. The distance learning system will enable teachers to provide lessons and educational opportunities to more students.
AL	Richard Shelby, Tommy Tuberville	Terri Sewell (07)	Physicians Care of Clarke	\$744,150	This Rural Development investment will be used to create a telehealth system across primary health care, school-based health care and administrative sites serving rural residents in Clarke, Marengo, Wilcox and Monroe counties. Residents in these counties have a disproportionate rate of heart disease, high blood pressure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and diabetes compared to the state and national rates. Many are geographically isolated and lack transportation to in-person medical care. This project will help install telemedicine carts at each clinic to capture diagnostic information and transmit it to specialist physicians at any site on the network. Videoconferencing equipment also will be installed to provide clinical supervision and consultation.
AL	Richard Shelby, Tommy Tuberville	Gary Palmer (06)	The University of Montevallo	\$580,308	This Rural Development investment will be used to establish a telemedicine system for University of Montevallo (UM) of Shelby County to provide access to mental health through its Community Counseling Clinic. UM will install telemedicine end-user units in high schools in Bibb, Dallas and Talladega counties to offer telemental health services to students, teachers and community members. UM also will be able to offer distance education for professional educators and instructional leaders through the College of Education and Human Development and for high school students through dual-enrollment courses.
AL	Richard Shelby, Tommy Tuberville	Gary Palmer (06)	Cahaba Medical Care Foundation	\$789,150	This Rural Development investment will be used to fund teleconferencing equipment in Bibb, Perry, Chilton and Jefferson counties in central Alabama. It will enable the Central Medical Care Foundation to offer distance learning for its family medicine residency programs, which help medical school graduates achieve medical licensure or board certification. In addition, the system will provide telemedicine services to help accommodate the influx of patients due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



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AK	Lisa Murkowski, Dan Sullivan	Don Young (At Large)	University of Alaska - Fairbanks	\$733,518	This Rural Development investment will be used to connect five end-user sites in the Nome Census Area, Bethel Census Area, Northwest Artic Borough, Dillingham Census Area and Southeast Fairbanks Census Area to two hub sites at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks. The project will enable students in remote locations to join classes around the state through any web conferencing platform connected to classroom PC's. Each computer will have a touch screen display at the lectern that will be mirrored on a projector or TV at the front of the classroom.
American Samoa and HI	Mazie Hirono Brian Schatz (HI)	Amata Radewagen (AS); Ed Case (HI-01)	American Samoa Medical Center Authority	\$677,675	This Rural Development investment will be used to establish a maternal telemedicine network at the LBJ Tropical Medical Center. Ultrasound images will be recorded and transmitted to maternal fetal medicine specialists at the University of Hawaii in Honolulu. The network will provide access to maternal-fetal medicine specialist services not currently available on the island. It also will provide improved access to routine care for women who live on American Samoa's islands. For pregnant women who live on Ofu or Ta'u, prenatal care requires an eight-hour boat ride to Tutuila to visit the only hospital in the territory. The proposed project and partnership with the University of Hawaii will deliver direct services to patients in American Samoa and build the capacity of the local health care providers through the provision of tele-guidance and distance learning in Maoputasi, Ta'u, Ofu and Tualauta counties.
AR	John Boozman, Tom Cotton	Bruce Westerman (04)	Cossatot Community College	\$400,587	This Rural Development investment will be used to implement a distance learning system with virtual reality welding simulators at five rural sites in Sevier, Little River and Howard counties. The system will allow Cossatot Community College to offer distance learning skilled sciences courses to additional rural students at multiple locations. The grant will fund network fiber upgrades at Cossatot's Lockesburg campus. The college expects to train 30 students in welding technology at five end-user sites annually. The equipment also will be available for special training sessions in evenings and on weekends for workers and industry partners.
AR, TN	John Boozman, Tom Cotton (AR), Marsha Blackburn, Bill Haggerty (TN)	Rick Crawford (AR-01), French Hill (AR-02), Steve Womack (AR-03), Bruce Westerman (AR-04), Mark Green (TN-07)	Boston Mountain Rural Health Center Inc.	\$602,640	This Rural Development investment will be used to improve a data center at the hub site in Franklin to make it a reliable platform for a telemedicine system to deliver medical and behavioral services. Many of the services will focus on medication-assisted treatment of opioid substance use disorders in nine rural counties in northwest Arkansas. Laptops, workstations and telemedicine carts with peripheral health diagnostic devices will enable a patient in a facility at one hub/end-user site to be examined remotely by a health care staff member at another hub/end-user site. In addition, equipment for remote monitoring of diabetic patients in their homes will permit more timely care for those patients.



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CA	Dianne Feinstein, Alex Padilla	Juan Vargas (51)	Centro de Salud de la Comunidad de San Y	\$186,133	This Rural Development investment will be used to establish a telemedicine system linking San Ysidro Health's eight health care clinics in San Diego County to two end-user sites in rural eastern San Diego County. The services will include treatment of substance use disorders; primary medical care; pediatric and women's health care; specialty medical care, including cardiology and HIV primary care; health education; and family planning.
CA	Dianne Feinstein, Alex Padilla	Jimmy Panetta (20), Mike Thompson (05)	Pacific Union College	\$210,392	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide equipment for distance learning Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) courses and career counseling in Napa, Sonoma and Santa Cruz counties. This project will link Pacific Union College to three rural high schools. The project also will connect students and residents in and around Rio Lindo Adventist Academy in Healdsburg with students and residents in and around Monterey Bay Academy in La Selva Beach.
CA	Dianne Feinstein, Alex Padilla	Jim Costa (16), Tom McClintock (04)	Merced Community College District	\$436,772	This Rural Development investment will be used to establish distance learning services to expand Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)-based courses and activities at four rural high schools in the Central Valley. Courses will include dual-credit courses provided by Merced College and high school courses including Advanced Placement, core and elective courses.
CA	Dianne Feinstein, Alex Padilla	Kevin McCarthy (23)	Kern Community College District dba Bakersfield College	\$334,673	This Rural Development investment will be used to establish a distance learning system to connect residents in the towns of Shafter and Lost Hills with Bakersfield College. The school will build in each town state-of-the-art classrooms equipped with interactive televisions and computers with internet access. The videoconferencing technology will enable courses to be streamed from the college's main campus in Bakersfield, from the Delano campus, and from the Wasco Adult Education Center. Course offerings will include health care, industrial automation and classes in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) This project is expected to provide a skilled workforce for in-demand jobs in the health care and automation industries in high-poverty rural areas of Kern County.
CO AZ NM	Michael Bennett, John Hickenlooper (CO), Mark Kelly, Krysten Sinema (AZ), Martin Heinrich, Ben Ray Lujan, (NM)	Lauren Boebert (CO-03), Tom O'Halleran (AZ-01), Teresa Fernandez Leger (NM-03)	Fort Lewis College	\$950,060	This Rural Development investment will be used to implement a distance learning system to connect Fort Lewis College to its students. Technology to support instructional delivery will be provided at four rural connectivity centers in La Plata and Conejos counties in Colorado; Apache County in Arizona, and San Juan County in New Mexico. The distance learning program will help improve academic outcomes, advance student well-being and strengthen partnerships with tribal governments and rural communities while bridging the digital divide for Fort Lewis College students.



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FL	Marco Rubio, Rick Scott	Debbie Wasserman Schultz (23)	NOVA Southeastern University	\$194,222	This Rural Development investment will be used to establish a telemedicine system connecting the Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine at Nova Southeastern University with Central Florida Health Care Inc. and the Florida Community Health Center Inc. The system will provide remote training to medical students and will enhance the capacity of health care workers in rural and underserved Florida counties. The college will establish remote clinical training technology labs and deliver training to medical students through virtual rotations. The college also will provide remote continuing medical education and training to reach health care professionals in four rural clinic sites. Hub sites in Broward and Pinellas counties will be connected to rural locations in Highlands, Okeechobee, Glades and Hardee counties.
FL	Marco Rubio, Rick Scott	Kat Cammack (03)	University of Florida	\$144,010	This Rural Development investment will be used to install telemedicine kiosks at county extension offices to provide specialty medical care to rural residents in 13 high-need counties. The project is a collaboration among several divisions at the University of Florida (UF). Extension personnel will help patients access the telemedicine kiosks, coordinate with technical support and sanitize the kiosks between uses. UF doctors, nurses and scheduling staff will coordinate the telemedicine visits. This project will improve access to specialty care for diabetes and pre-diabetes patients, such as endocrinology, hypertensive and cardiology services. It also will improve access to specialty and follow-up care for oncology services.
GA	Jon Ossoff, Raphael Warnock	Austin Scott (08)	Georgia Department of Corrections	\$126,865	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide distance learning opportunities to individuals who are incarcerated in 16 facilities operated by the Georgia Department of Corrections. The individuals will participate in Helping Offenders Prepare through Education (H.O.P.E.). Currently, there are 2,172 incarcerated individuals enrolled in education courses who will participate in H.O.P.E.
GA	Jon Ossoff, Raphael Warnock	Nikema Williams (05)	The Morehouse School of Medicine Inc.	\$997,194	This Rural Development investment will be used to help the Morehouse School of Medicine Inc. purchase interactive telecommunications, distance learning and telemedicine equipment. Equipment will be installed in service hubs in two counties in west-central Georgia. This equipment will provide a variety of health care services to residents in the underserved rural areas of nine counties across the state. These services include mental health and substance abuse treatment and counseling; clinical services; referrals for specialty care; health education and career development to schools; and chronic disease diagnosis, treatment and management, including COVID-19. Equipping the hub sites will involve grant fund expenditures in an additional two counties as well.



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GA	Jon Ossoff, Raphael Warnock	Austin Scott (08)	Ben Hill County Board of Education	\$955,349	This Rural Development investment will be used to purchase computers and teleconferencing equipment for students in Ben Hill and Irwin counties. The project will create a joint teaching program between the school systems, maximizing the number of available teachers in an area of Georgia where teacher shortages in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)-related subjects are common. This project will also enhance after-school programs by providing students access to teachers.
GA, VI	Jon Ossoff, Raphael Warnock	David Scott (GA-13), Stacey Plaskett (VI)	University of the Virgin Islands	\$168,586	This Rural Development investment will be used to purchase telecommunications equipment to connect the St. Thomas and St. Croix campuses of the University of the Virgin Islands to the Speech and Hearing Clinic at Georgia State University's Atlanta campus. The equipment will be used to evaluate, test and diagnose children. It will improve techniques to identify and help children with learning developmental disabilities, including autism and hearing loss. It also will be used to provide educational webinars, lessons for parents on children's developmental milestones and instruction on specific types of developmental disabilities.
GU		Michael San Nicolas	Island Eye Center	\$742,547	This Rural Development investment will be used to install telemedicine equipment at remote sites to diagnose and treat eye conditions, such as diabetic retinopathy, for rural patients. In addition, the telemedicine platform will be used to research eye disease and general medical conditions on Guam, and facilitate two-way learning between eye surgeons and health care providers.
ID	Mike Crapo, James Risch	Russ Fulcher (01), Mike Simpson (02)	University of Idaho	\$404,596	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide distance learning equipment at 28 sites in 27 counties, including University of Idaho research and extension centers and county extension offices. The equipment will enable the University's College of Agricultural and Life Sciences to expand the academic classes and extension programs. Faculty on the University's Moscow and Twin Falls campuses and at other research and extension centers and county extension offices will provide material remotely to sites across Idaho.
ID	Mike Crapo, James Risch	Mike Simpson (02)	Idaho State University	\$322,489	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide access to college-level classes to nearly 11,000 rural students in 16 counties in Idaho with high unemployment and poverty rates. It will also be used to purchase equipment that will enable districts to overcome setbacks brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.



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IL	Tammy Duckworth, Richard Durbin	Marie Newman (03)	Lewis University	\$169,285	This Rural Development investment will be used to purchase videoconferencing systems for 18 elementary and secondary schools across rural, medically underserved regions of western and southern Illinois. The project will expand access to clinical specialists in speech-language pathology, communication disorders, occupational therapy and mental health counseling. Rural students will receive individual speech therapy, occupational therapy and counseling sessions from the clinical therapists at Lewis University's colleges of Nursing and Health Professions, and Education and Social Sciences.
IA	Joni Ernst, Chuck Grassley	Mariannette Miller- Meeks (02)	Indian Hills Community College	\$97,590	This Rural Development investment will be used to purchase portable videoconferencing equipment for five Indian Hills Community College satellite locations and 13 public high schools in 10 rural southeast Iowa counties. The equipment will be used to offer interactive distance learning to high school students, college students, professionals, small business owners, entrepreneurs and community members. These services may include: professional development and licensure courses, vocational courses, adult basic education, English language, small business classes and technical assistance. The project will maintain access to services during the COVID-19 pandemic by preventing rural residents from having to travel to a College campus.
IA	Joni Ernst, Chuck Grassley	Mariannette Miller- Meeks (02)	Southeastern Community College	\$248,475	This Rural Development investment will be used to establish distance learning programs for Southeastern Community College students in Lee, Henry, Des Moines and Clark counties. The project will provide access to Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) classes, college readiness and professional development courses, workforce development, certification programs and continuous education. It will also provide health and substance abuse prevention education.
KS	Jerry Moran, Roger Marshall	Tracey Mann (01)	Morton County Health System	\$131,619	This Rural Development investment will be used to implement telemedicine systems in parts of Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. Morton County Health Systems in Elkhart, Kan., will be the hub site. The system will serve approximately 144,000 residents in Morton, Stevens, Seward, Haskell, Grant, Finney, Kearney, and Stanton counties in Kansas; Baca County in Colorado; Cimarron and Texas counties in Oklahoma; Union County in New Mexico; and Dallam, Hansford, Ochiltree, and Sherman counties in Texas.
KY	Mitch McConnell, Rand Paul	Harold Rogers (05)	Clover Fork Outpatient Medical Project Inc.	\$60,461	This Rural Development investment will be used to establish a telemedicine system connecting two primary care sites in Harlan County, Kentucky. The systems will reduce the need for providers, staff and patients to travel from one clinic to another, reducing the risk of exposure to COVID-19 and other diseases. It also will expand the availability of after-hours care, reducing the risk of overwhelming the emergency department and local community hospital.



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KY	Mitch McConnell, Rand Paul	Harold Rogers (05)	Big Sandy Health Care Inc.	\$362,981	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide health education using distance learning technology at six primary care clinics, 10 schools and five public health departments in Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin and Pike counties. The project will also provide remote monitoring technology for patients with chronic conditions who are enrolled in Big Sandy Health Care's chronic disease management program.
KY	Mitch McConnell, Rand Paul	Garland Andy Barr (06)	Saint Joseph Hospital Foundation	\$869,604	This Rural Development investment will be used to establish a telemedicine system for patients with acute and chronic conditions in 12 rural Kentucky counties. Interactive monitors and mobile telehealth equipment will connect five rural hospitals, 15 medical practices and two home health agencies with specialist physicians at Saint Joseph Hospital in Lexington.
KY	Mitch McConnell, Rand Paul	James Comer (01)	Kentucky Community & Technical College System	\$167,802	This Rural Development investment will be used to create a distance learning system linking the Kentucky Community & Technical College system to Webster County High School. Madisonville Community College in Muhlenberg County will own and maintain the equipment at both sites and will provide the required matching funds for the project.
KY	Mitch McConnell, Rand Paul	Harold Rogers (05)	Memorial Hospital Inc.	\$234,775	This Rural Development investment will be used to establish telemedicine services for 9,365 rural Kentucky residents in Clay, Leslie, Jackson, Laurel, Whitley, Owsley and Bell counties. The project will reduce burdensome travel expenses for patients, improve patient compliance with referrals and provide much-needed specialty care.
LA	Bill Cassidy, John Neely Kennedy	Cedric Richmond (02)	Southern University Agricultural & Mechanical College	\$354,583	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide distance learning courses at Southern University Law Center for residents of Avoyelles, East Carroll, Madison, Morehouse and St. Landry parishes. The project will enable the Center to offer opioid abuse counseling, educational programming, law education clinics and business education.
ME	Susan Collins, Angus King	Chellie Pingree (01)	Aucocisco School	\$708,487	This Rural Development investment will be used to purchase teleconferencing equipment to connect 16 schools, including public schools and special-purpose private schools, in seven counties in rural Maine. The schools will use the equipment to access professional development and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) activities. It also will provide more reliable communication for students at home due to the pandemic.



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ME	Susan Collins, Angus King	Jared Golden (02)	Maine School of Science & Math	\$924,630	This Rural Development investment will be used to purchase video-telecommunications hardware, software and integrated-classroom presentation equipment to support distance learning among 21 schools in Aroostook County, Maine. The project will help to expand curricula in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM); foreign language and other subjects by providing access to educational opportunities across the school districts and dual enrollment to University of Maine Presque Isle. Funds also will be used to purchase personal devices, remote access points and web conferencing licenses to help students participate in classroom activities from home. Teachers will have remote access to professional development, coaching and mentoring opportunities.
ME	Susan Collins, Angus King	Chellie Pingree (01)	University of Maine System	\$1,000,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to install interactive video-teleconferencing equipment at 42 locations across 11 Maine counties. The project will expand educational opportunities for students at remote rural centers and campuses, and help medical clinics expand access to telehealth services for rural patients.
ME	Susan Collins, Angus King	Chellie Pingree (01)	Sanford School Department	\$945,637	This Rural Development investment will be used to expand the Sanford School Department's middle school aquaponics program into a district-wide Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education program. It will enable Kittery students and others to access STEM-related career training from the Sanford CTE center. The project will provide a more flexible approach to teacher professional development. It also to keep the schools open in hybrid learning during the remainder of the pandemic.
MI	Gary Peters, Debbie Stabenow	Jack Bergman (01)	Lake Superior State University	\$787,118	This Rural Development investment will be used to upgrade and expand the distance-learning network among Lake Superior State University, the Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District, regional community colleges and local library sites. Thirty-two sites in seven Michigan counties will be equipped with computers, cameras, microphones, monitors and supporting materials that will enable interactive instruction across a network of classrooms.
MI	Gary Peters, Debbie Stabenow	Daniel Kildee (05)	Universal Kidney Foundation	\$548,270	This Rural Development investment will be used to connect health care providers and educators to patients in the counties of Genesee, Luce, Lake and Clare in rural Michigan. The Universal Health & Kidney Foundation's main office will host a videoconferencing bridge to connect all sites to tele-consults and health education services. The foundation's training center in Flint will host three provider telemedicine workstations. Providers at this site will connect to patients in rural areas. A mobile, cart-based telehealth system will be placed at each end-user site. Patients at these sites will be able to connect to a participating grant site or an external provider in a distant area to receive specialty care.



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MS	Cindy Hyde-Smith, Roger Wicker	Bennie Thompson (02)	Delta Regional Medical Center	\$995,958	This Rural Development investment will be used to connect rural patients with remote providers at 15 sites located in the counties of Washington, Issaquena, Humphreys and Sharkey in rural Mississippi. Delta Regional Medical Center facilities in Greenville and Arcola will serve as network hubs connecting to six Kindergarten through 12th grade school buildings, two pharmacies, two grocery stores, two employer worksites, a county correctional facility, a community health clinic, and a skilled nursing facility. This project will enhance experiential learning for a regional physician residency program that launched in July 2020, and is expected to connect at least 10,000 rural residents to clinical providers using telemedicine.
MS	Cindy Hyde-Smith, Roger Wicker	Bennie Thompson (02)	Mid-Delta Durable Medical Equipment Inc.	\$182,653	This Rural Development investment will be used to install interactive distance learning equipment for caregivers that are providing end-of-life care for rural residents. This project will provide caregivers access to virtual health care education and training, and the opportunity to take courses at Mississippi Valley State University. Mid-Delta Home Health and Hospice Inc. is partnering with Mississippi Valley State University and Aaron E. Henry Community Health Centers Inc. The funds will benefit rural residents in Humphreys, Bolivar, Coahoma and Leflore counties.
MS	Cindy Hyde-Smith, Roger Wicker	Michael Guest (03)	Mississippi Authority for Educational Television	\$936,228	This Rural Development investment will be used to expand the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television's Digital Education Network and provide distance learning technology to rural schools in Mississippi. Funds will be used to add schools to the network and increase service capacity for schools that are not in the network. Funds also will be used to increase service capacity to prepare for school closures due to unforeseen circumstances such as the COVID-19 pandemic. This project will benefit hub sites in Hinds and Bolivar counties and end-user sites in 15 counties in Mississippi.
MS	Cindy Hyde-Smith, Roger Wicker	Michael Guest (03)	Mississippi Board of Nursing	\$879,163	This Rural Development investment will be used to finance a distance learning network to enable the Mississippi Board of Nursing to expand outreach to 23 higher education campuses located in 19 counties across Mississippi. The applicant and the participating sites include six hub sites that will be used to provide medical education and training remotely to 18 hub/end-user sites comprised of colleges and universities. The six hub sites will have the ability to host live training sessions including simulations and hands-on training.



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MS	Cindy Hyde-Smith, Roger Wicker	Michael Guest (03)	Mississippi State University	\$421,350	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide access to distance learning to offices in the RELIANT (Reliable Internet Access for Networked Telecommunications) project throughout Mississippi. Access to webcams, document cameras and green screens will help to ensure continual quality instructional programming if future shelter-in-place orders are issued. Extension agents can provide webinars on topics that are important to its local clientele. The 89 sites will offer formal and informal Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) educational opportunities and support local efforts to address the COVID-19 pandemic in 82 counties across rural Mississippi.
MS	Cindy Hyde-Smith, Roger Wicker	Bennie Thompson (02)	North Panola School District	\$78,735	This Rural Development investment will be used to install distance learning carts at North Panola High School and North Panola Career Technical Education to enable Northwest Mississippi Community College and other entities to deliver courses and content from a broad array of classrooms and programs in Panola County. The project will make at least 100 distance learning courses available for students, including dual credit courses, AP courses, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) courses and other activities. Substance abuse prevention education will also be provided to all students across three evidence-based, age-appropriate curricula. This project will offer workforce training opportunities to North Panola residents.
MS	Cindy Hyde-Smith, Roger Wicker	Trent Kelly (01)	Calhoun County School District	\$442,325	This Rural Development investment will be used to install teleconferencing equipment at eight schools and the Calhoun County Career and Technical Center. The equipment will be used to expand educational opportunities for students through dual credit courses; electives; Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) courses; substance abuse prevention education and activities offered through partners at Northwest Mississippi Community College, Base Camp Coding Academy and Communicare. Teachers will be able to share their lessons with other schools. The project aims to improve the college and career readiness of students in the district.
MS	Cindy Hyde-Smith, Roger Wicker	Trent Kelly (01)	University of Mississippi	\$334,112	This Rural Development investment will be used to develop and deploy virtual centers across Mississippi, partnering with community colleges. The Mississippi Small Business Development Center hub will be used to help small businesses and entrepreneurs access technical assistance, mentoring, training and other resources to grow, start or relaunch their businesses. The virtual centers will provide a gateway for rural Mississippians to connect with resources offered by local, state and federal entities and non-profits. This project will help to provide virtual outreach and resources for entrepreneurs and small business owners of color to help strengthen, grow or start their businesses in rural areas of Mississippi. The project will benefit approximately 175,000 residents in 27 rural Mississippi counties.



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MS	Cindy Hyde-Smith, Roger Wicker	Michael Guest (03)	University of Mississippi Medical Center	\$868,690	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy new telemedicine carts and platform software to upgrade and enhance capabilities at 20 hospitals in 17 Mississippi counties. The University of Mississippi Medical Center serves as the hub organization and will provide emergency care, specialty care, and medical education for the 20 rural community hospitals through the telemedicine system.
MS	Cindy Hyde-Smith, Roger Wicker	Michael Guest (03)	Lincoln Lawrence Franklin Regional	\$127,492	This Rural Development investment will be used to install permanent distance learning training labs in four libraries in the counties of Lincoln, Lawrence and Franklin. Partnerships with the Mississippi Library Commission, Copiah-Lincoln Community College and King's Daughters Medical Center will enhance the Library's training resources and will promote lifelong learning through expanded access to formal and informal education, socioeconomic and multicultural resources.
MO	Roy Blunt Josh Hawley	Ann Wagner (02)	Resolute Nursing Solutions LLC	\$53,613	This Rural Development investment will be used to establish an end-user site for telemedicine in Pemiscot County in southeast Missouri. The telemedicine system will connect rural residents with medical practitioners using two-way video technology, specialized equipment and digital monitoring devices. This network will help decrease costs for residents to access health care services.
MO	Roy Blunt Josh Hawley	Cori Bush (01)	SSM Health Care St. Louis	\$665,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to establish a telemedicine network linking SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital with six rural clinics in Butler, Dunklin, Mississippi, New Madrid and Reynolds counties. The project will place telemedicine units and ultrasound technology at end-user sites with secure access to telemedicine control stations at the hub. The network will provide obstetrics and neonatal services and will expand the availability of medical care in the region. SSM Health St. Louis anticipates that this TeleTouch Pregnancy Connection project will improve birth outcomes and long-term wellness for more than 1,480 pregnant women.
MO	Roy Blunt Josh Hawley	Sam Graves (06)	Heartland Regional Medical Center	\$902,629	This Rural Development investment will be used to help the Heartland Regional Medical Center expand its telemedicine capabilities in Buchanan, Gentry and Nodaway counties. The telemedicine services will help physicians and crisis responders to spend less time traveling to rural communities and more time treating patients. Rural residents will gain access to virtual hospital services, electronic intensive care units, and access to more than 70 categories of specialty care from more than 200 specialists. Behavioral health services, including emergency assessments and substance use treatment, also will be expanded through telehealth visits in partnership with a behavioral health provider in St. Joseph.



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NE	Deb Fischer Ben Sasse	Don Bacon (02)	Board of Regents, University of Nebraska	\$377,880	This Rural Development investment will be used to establish a distance learning network to provide graduate and undergraduate nursing courses for students at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. The project also will provide telemedicine care for patients at five end-user medical clinics. Telemedicine carts and peripheral tools will be used to provide services at five Federally Qualified Health Center primary care clinics.
NH	Maggie Hassan, Jeanne Shaheen	Ann Kuster (02)	Fall Mountain Regional School District	\$995,158	This Rural Development investment will be used to help the Fall Mountain Regional School District provide distance learning services in Cheshire and Sullivan counties in southwest New Hampshire. Distance learning will enable schools to share instructional resources, provide cultural literacy and career pathways programs for students, and provide professional development opportunities. The grant also will help the district respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The system will be implemented in the Fall Mountain, Newport and School Administrative Unit # 6 school districts.
NM	Martin Heinrich, Ben Ray Lujan	Teresa Leger Fernandez (03)	New Mexico Highlands University	\$510,363	This Rural Development investment will be used to create a distance learning hub/end-user site at the main campus in Las Vegas, and at a second end-user site in Mora, N.M. The system will eliminate barriers to higher education for residents of remote communities in San Miguel and Mora counties. This funding will enable New Mexico Highlands University to offer remote courses and to implement remote student support programs (especially for STEM students). In addition to equipping the remote site, the project will fund the purchase of computers configured specifically for distance learning. These computers will be loaned to students. The Mora site also be made available to community members for activities such as workforce development.
NM	Martin Heinrich, Ben Ray Lujan	Yvette Herrell (02), Teresa Fernandez Leger (03)	Tanya V Marin PC	\$263,640	This Rural Development investment will be used to purchase telemedicine equipment to help Santa Teresa Children's Day and Night Clinic implement a comprehensive health care and wellness programs. Six fully-equipped and upgraded telemedicine carts will be provided to five hub/end-user sites. These sites include three elementary schools and two community clinics. Each site will have the capacity to receive primary care services for children and adults, women's health, and mental health and behavior services, including substance misuse prevention and treatment. The sites are expected to serve approximately 14,000 people in Dona Ana, Socorro, Sierra and Union counties.



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NM	Martin Heinrich, Ben Ray Lujan	Yvette Herrell (02)	Ben Archer Health Center Inc.	\$153,963	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide remote medical, dental and behavioral health care services for underserved and uninsured patients, and distance learning education for health care professionals in Dona Ana, Luna, Otero and Sierra counties. An interactive system involving telemedicine carts with accessories will enable live audio-video interactions between health care professionals and patients. Teleconference equipment for conference rooms will facilitate distance learning and group sessions, and laptops for medical, dental and behavioral providers will be used to provide services to patients in rural communities.
NY, TX	John Cornyn, Ted Cruz (TX), Kirsten Gillibrand, Charles Schumer (NY)	Antonio Delgado (NY-19), Marc Veasey (TX-33)	Liberty Central School District	\$296,893	This Rural Development investment will be used to establish a distance learning program to connect students in Sullivan and Westchester counties in New York with students in Tarrant County, Texas. Students in pre-kindergarten through grade 12 will have access to enhanced educational programs, including virtual field trips, Mandarin Chinese instruction, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) classes, technology and business courses, and college preparatory courses.
NC	Richard Burr, Thom Tillis	Patrick McHenry (10)	Partners Behavioral Health Management	\$144,364	This Rural Development investment will be used to install a telemedicine system to provide remote mental health services at 13 rural, end-user sites in Catawba, Watauga, Ashe, Avery and Lincoln counties. The counties have significantly fewer mental health providers available per capita compared to the state, with Lincoln County having the fewest. Five of the end-user sites will be in pediatric clinics. The remaining eight will be in schools in Lincoln County.
OH	Sherrod Brown, Rob Portman	Bob Gibbs (07), Jim Jordan (04), Marcy Kaptur (09), Robert Latta (05)	Seneca East Local School District	\$722,610	This Rural Development investment will be used to deliver distance learning courses in Seneca, Erie, Sandusky, Hancock, Wood and Huron counties during the COVID-19 pandemic. The project will equip 57 classrooms with distance education equipment and provide 350 devices to students. This technology will help schools develop education delivery plans for the coming year. This project also will provide mental health services remotely.



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OH, KY, VA, WV	Mitch McConnell, Rand Paul (KY), Sherrod Brown, Rob Portman (OH), Mark Warner, Tim Kaine (VA), Shelley Moore Capito, Joe Manchin (WV)	Harold Rogers (KY-05), Bill Johnson (OH-06), Morgan Griffith (VA-09), Carol Miller (WV-03) Alex Mooney (WV-02)	Ohio Valley Physicians Inc.	\$429,841	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide telehealth services in Floyd, Johnson, Lawrence, Martin and Pike counties in Kentucky; Cabell, Mingo, Jackson and Logan counties in West Virginia; Gallia, Lawrence and Scioto counties in Ohio; and Buchanan County in Virginia. Each site will have a dedicated telehealth room equipped with a large interactive touchscreen monitor, computer, camera and printer. Each hub or hub/end-user site will have two dedicated providers who will be provide telehealth services to patients at end-user sites. This project also will provide substance misuse treatment services.
OK	James Inhofe, James Lankford	Tom Cole (04)	Cameron University	\$412,090	This Rural Development investment will be used to establish a distance learning network linking Cameron University with 28 rural school districts, in 10 counties in Oklahoma. The schools will deliver Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) and college courses to high school juniors and seniors.
OK	James Inhofe, James Lankford	Markwayne Mullin (02)	Lane Public Schools	\$550,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to establish a distance learning program for students and adults in five school districts in Atoka and Coal counties in southeast Oklahoma. The districts will partner with a local career technology center to increase course offerings. Interactive video rooms will be built on all end-user sites to enable the districts to offer professional development and school courses for students. The technology will also enable teachers and students to stay connected, especially in the event of a school shutdown due to circumstances like the COVID-19 pandemic.
OK	James Inhofe, James Lankford	Markwayne Mullin (02)	Okmulgee Public School District	\$756,760	This Rural Development investment will be used to establish a distance learning program in three school districts in Creek and Okmulgee counties. The system will enable schools to expand course offerings, including Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) and provide professional development classes. The grant will help the districts to adapt to the COVID-19 pandemic and a post-pandemic world by funding classroom equipment, student devices and connectivity to enable students to join classes from home. Videoconferencing and interactive display panels will enable students to explore career interests and take virtual field trips for cultural and educational enrichment. This project is also expected to help Oklahoma's rural schools recruit and retain teachers.



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PA	Robert Casey, Patrick Toomey	Matt Cartwright (08)	O.S. Johnson Technical Institute	\$490,381	This Rural Development investment will be used to implement a distance learning program in Lackawanna, Susquehanna, Pike and Wayne counties. The project will link Johnson College with four rural high schools and three libraries. Students will have interactive, two-way access to Johnson College faculty and will participate in remote education, discussions, testing and skills demonstrations. Laboratories and classrooms at Johnson College will be similarly equipped to enable maximum interaction between faculty and students. In addition, three rural libraries will be equipped with laptops to give community residents access to career development services and courses at Johnson College.
PR		Jennifer Gonzalez-Colon	Centro Sor Isolina Ferre (Guayama)	\$77,223	This Rural Development investment will be used to establish a distance learning network between Jobos and the Centro Sor Isolina Ferré in Ponce, Puerto Rico. The project will connect teachers and students in schools in Tabaiba, Caimito and Jobos, providing educational opportunities for rural residents. It will also connect community health education staff with elderly residents in Jobos.
PR		Jennifer Gonzalez-Colon	Clinica Las Americas, Guaynabo (CLA) Inc.	\$694,110	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide telemedicine services to link 46 sites and 13 municipalities. Equipment will enable providers and patients to connect to appointments remotely.
SC	Lindsey Graham, Tim Scott	Jeff Duncan (03)	School District of Pickens County	\$845,291	This Rural Development investment will be used to establish distance learning systems and digital resources in seven rural communities in Pickens County. The system will deliver community support, dual-credit and foreign language courses; virtual field trips; science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) courses; and professional development opportunities. It also will expand personalized learning for nearly 19,000 students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.
SC	Lindsey Graham, Tim Scott	Ralph Norman (05)	Clinton College	\$499,950	This Rural Development investment will be used to establish a distance learning system connecting Clinton College to with libraries, churches and adult learning centers for residents in 12 counties in rural South Carolina. Funding will provide workforce-focused certificates and college degree programs to adult learners. In addition, North Carolina Central University School of Law will provide pre-law courses and free virtual legal clinics, which provide interactive training on civil and criminal law.



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SC	Lindsey Graham, Tim Scott	Tom Rice (07)	McLeod Regional Med Center of the Pee Dee	\$697,674	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide telehealth services to rural communities in Clarendon, Chesterfield, Marlboro and Lower Florence counties. Telehealth platforms will be installed at several public schools in the area to help students receive primary care visits and medication prescriptions. In addition, a platform will be placed in primary care offices in Manning and Cheraw to enable pulmonologists to perform remote visits on patients with lung ailments, helping them receive high-quality care from home.
SC	Lindsey Graham, Tim Scott	James Clyburn (06)	Williamsburg County School District	\$792,441	This Rural Development investment will be used to establish a distance learning system to make dual enrollments available to students at colleges and universities in Williamsburg County. It will also expand Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) initiatives for 3,700 students and provide training for teachers in Greeleyville, Hemingway, Lanes, Kingstree, Salters and Stuckey.
TN	Marsha Blackburn, Bill Haggerty	Diana Harshbarger (01)	East Tennessee State University	\$121,069	This Rural Development investment will be used to help East Tennessee State University establish a telemedicine system linking five clinics in Hancock, Johnson and Washington counties. The project will provide access to behavioral and substance misuse telehealth counseling. It will also provide primary care and specialty care telemedicine support for patients who are unable to travel to one of seven nurse-managed clinics in the three counties.
TN	Marsha Blackburn, Bill Haggerty	Scott DesJarlais (04)	Grundy County Department of Education	\$274,768	This Rural Development investment will be used to establish a distance learning program to assist students from grades Pre-Kindergarten to 12th Grade in Grundy County. Services and equipment will be provided to students at all seven schools in the district and will operate as hub/end-user sites. The schools are Coalmont Elementary School and Grundy County High School in Coalmont, North Elementary School in Altamont, Palmer Elementary School in Palmer, Pelham Elementary School in Pelham, Swiss Memorial Elementary School in Gruetli-Laager, and Tracy City Elementary School in Tracy City.
TN	Marsha Blackburn, Bill Haggerty	Mark Green (07)	Hardin County Regional Health Center	\$296,352	This Rural Development investment will be used to establish a telemedicine system for residents in Hardin, Wayne and McNairy counties. Six hub/end user sites will connect patients to primary care, behavioral health providers and to substance use disorder counselors. Portable telehealth units will link patients in their homes, students in school and people at other community settings to providers at hub sites. These telemedicine services are expected to improve patient safety by reducing their risk of exposure to COVID-19 and by encouraging social distancing.



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TX	John Cornyn, Ted Cruz	Veronica Escobar (16)	Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso	\$79,978	This Rural Development investment will be used to expand telemedicine specialty services in communities along the U.S./Mexico border in West Texas. Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso will connect via telemedicine to Presidio County Health Services Inc. Presidio is the largest ambulatory health network along the U.S.-Mexico border in West Texas. It provides primary care services to patients in rural areas throughout El Paso, Presidio and Brewster counties. Through this project, clinics will be located in Alpine, Marfa and Presidio in rural Texas.
TX	John Cornyn, Ted Cruz	Jodey Arrington (19)	Castro County Hospital District	\$97,139	This Rural Development investment will be used to establish a telemedicine system linking the Northwest Medical Center in Amarillo with three hub/end-user sites in Dimmitt, in Castro County. Physicians will use telemedicine equipment to provide specialty and emergency care.
UT	Mike Lee, Mitt Romney	Blake Moore (01), Chris Stewart (02), John Curtis (03)	Universal Health Services of Provo Canyon Inc.	\$143,406	This Rural Development investment will be used to establish telemedicine equipment for the Universal Health Services of Provo Canyon Inc. and five North Central Utah Health Clinics to deliver mental health telemedicine services in rural areas across northeast Utah. Provo Canyon Behavioral Hospital will offer behavioral/mental health services and opioid education and treatment services to patients and providers in each of the five rural clinics. The project is expected to reach 30,000 individuals and serve 3,000 patients during its first three years.
VT	Patrick Leahy, Bernard Sanders	Peter Welch (At Large)	North Country Hospital Health Center Inc.	\$994,326	This Rural Development investment will be used to establish telemedicine services for North Country Hospital Health Center Inc. (NCCT) to expand capacity through patient monitoring systems and telehealth carts. The NCCT project is expected to benefit up to 64,260 people in Orleans and Caledonia counties.
VI		Stacy Plaskett	University of the Virgin Islands	\$953,314	This Rural Development investment will be used to establish distance learning technology to help medical students at the University of the Virgin Islands Medical Simulation Center receive instruction and surgical demonstrations from practicing physicians and surgeons in remote locations. Virtual reality simulators and task trainers will help medical school residents to practice technical and clinical skills and develop competence and proficiency. Nursing students on both campuses will be able to access virtual learning environments to interact with patients and practice different case scenarios safely. The project will equip 19 suites at the hub/end-user site in Kingshill, in St. Croix, and seven suites at the hub/end-user site in Charlotte Amalie, in St. Thomas.



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VI		Stacy Plaskett	Virgin Islands Montessori School Inc.	\$447,840	This Rural Development investment will be used to install videoconferencing equipment in classrooms at the Virgin Islands Montessori School Inc., a hub/end-user site in St. Thomas. This distance learning system will enable students to connect with special educators and counselors. It will also help to broaden the available subject matter for students by connecting them to other remote classrooms such as those at the University of the Virgin Islands.
VA	Tim Kaine, Mark Warner	Bob Good (05)	Southside Virginia Community College	\$75,942	This Rural Development investment will be used to expand virtual nursing instruction classes at Southside Virginia Community College's two main campuses and at four off-campus centers. The sites are in Brunswick, Charlotte, Mecklenburg, Nottoway and Greensville counties.
WV	Shelley Moore Capito, Joe Manchin	Alex Mooney (02)	Morgan County Board of Education	\$999,999	This Rural Development investment will be used to establish distance learning systems at Berkeley Springs High School, Warm Springs Middle School, Warm Springs Intermediate School, Widmyer Elementary School, Paw Paw School and Pleasant View Elementary School. The project is expected to help 2,232 students and 202 teachers in Morgan County.
WV	Shelley Moore Capito, Joe Manchin	Carol Miller (03)	Rainelle Medical Center Inc.	\$614,048	This Rural Development investment will be used to improve the information technology (IT) infrastructure at 33 Rainelle Medical Center sites. Additions will include hardware and software so the center can continue to meet the needs of residents in seven counties in southern West Virginia and keep them safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. The upgrades will enable the center to improve remote monitoring and treatment of patients with chronic diseases.
WV	Shelley Moore Capito, Joe Manchin	David McKinley (01), Alex Mooney (WV-02), Carol Miller (WV-03)	Glenville State College Foundation	\$247,500	This Rural Development investment will be used to upgrade telecommunications equipment at seven facilities at Glenville State College in central West Virginia. The equipment will enable the college to connect with dual-credit students at Gilmer County High School, Braxton County High School, Calhoun County High School, Clay County High School, Ridgewood High School and Webster County High School. Funds will also be used to purchase laptops so students can access online classes. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the college will establish courses either exclusively online or in a hybrid method in which one portion of the instruction will be delivered on campus and the other portion will be delivered via electronic communications.
WV	Shelley Moore Capito, Joe Manchin	Carol Miller (03)	New River Community and Technical College	\$145,789	This Rural Development investment will establish distance learning technology for New River Community and Technical College to expand and modernize its Interactive Video Network system across seven West Virginia counties. The project will provide services to high schools, medical facilities and a technology center. The enhanced network will increase access to Internet service and post-secondary educational programs across the region; and expand technical research and medical research opportunities.



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WV	Shelley Moore Capito, Joe Manchin	Carol Miller (03)	Lincoln Primary Care Center	\$686,656	This Rural Development investment will be used to implement a distance learning system linking the Lincoln Primary Care Center to 13 sites. Continuing education and training opportunities will be provided to increase the pool of qualified medical professionals serving Lincoln, Boone, Kanawha, Logan and Mingo counties. The project also is expected to improve the retention of medical staff.
			TOTAL	\$42,252,505	