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<b>Organization:</b>	<b>Bend Cable Communications, LLC (BendBroadband)</b>
<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Central Oregon Fiber Alliance</b>
<b>Project Type:</b>	<b>Comprehensive Community Infrastructure</b>
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### ABOUT THE PROJECT

While the City of Bend, the largest city in Oregon east of the Cascades, has a high-speed, city-wide wireless broadband network, the surrounding economically distressed areas of central Oregon lack adequate broadband connectivity. **BendBroadband's** Central Oregon Fiber Alliance project is a partnership with the local communities of Madras, Prineville, Sunriver, and LaPine as well as key health, educational, public safety, and business development entities that plans to create a comprehensive, regional 40 Gbps fiber ring.

The Central Oregon Fiber Alliance proposes to:

- Construct a 132-mile ring of new fiber that would encompass a region with more than 1,100 households and 1,200 businesses. The project expects to spur new or improved high-speed Internet access for these consumers by enabling local Internet service providers to connect to the new open network.
- Fund direct fiber connections to at least four area business parks and local business districts hubs with capacity of up to 100 Mbps, spurring economic development in the region.
- Provide high-speed connections for all 25 community anchor institutions in the service area, including a community college, eight public safety entities, three schools, four libraries, and two health care facilities.

### ORGANIZATION'S HISTORY

Bend Cable Communications, which does business as BendBroadband, is a local, family-owned business that has provided served central Oregonians for more than 50 years. In 1997, the company was the first to provide high-speed Internet service in Oregon. BendBroadband provides residential and business services including wireline and fixed wireless Internet, fiber connectivity, and telephony.

### PROJECT PARTNERS

- Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council
- Mountain View Hospital
- The governments and affiliated health, education, and public safety agencies of the City of Madras, Jefferson County, Crook County, Deschutes County.

Data provided in the project description is based on information supplied by the applicant. An executive summary of this application can be found on [www.ntia.doc.gov/broadbandusa](http://www.ntia.doc.gov/broadbandusa).

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