

**The Headwaters Fund  
2010-11 Grant Fund Application  
COVERSHEET**

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App. #:
Org. #:

Date of application: 1 October 2010

Organization Name: Hoopa Valley Tribe

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Director/CEO: Leonard Masten, Chairman

Organization Type: Gov't type: Tribal Nonprofit type: N/A

Total current year budget: Approximately \$8 Million (General Fund)  
# of FTE employees: Approximately 200 at any one time.

Summarize the organization's mission:

The Hoopa Valley Tribe and Reservation is located in northeastern Humboldt County, and has a population of 4600 residents. The Tribe operates under a self-governance compact. The Tribal Administration's mission is to provide a wide and comprehensive variety of economic, education, health, public safety, and social services to the Reservation community.

Project title: HoopaNet Microwave Broadband Project

Amount requested: \$35,000 Total project cost: \$171,000

Period covered: 1 October 2010 to 30 September 2011

Total match amount: \$136,000 % of project budget: 79.53 %

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Type of project: Implementation

Geographic focus of project: Hoopa Valley Reservation, Hoopa, CA 96044

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## NARRATIVE QUESTIONS

### 1) Summary of project/grant request.

The HoopaNet Microwave Broadband Project will revitalize economic activity on the Hoopa Valley Reservation through the innovation and market access that only high-speed broadband technology can provide for a remote economically disadvantaged community. Grant funding will contribute to the purchase and installation of broadband microwave network infrastructure equipment.

### 2) Project Description.

The HoopaNet Microwave Broadband Project will install a microwave-linked (wireless) broadband intranet and Internet communication service on the Hoopa Valley Reservation. The system is designed to promote economic activity, education, and improve and expand upon healthcare, social, and tribal administrative services. This project initiates high speed Broadband services to businesses and residences on the Reservation. It will connect nine Tribal departments while reducing the cost of Internet access by as much as 90 percent.

Grant funding from several organizations will provide for the backbone high-speed broadband microwave link equipment and installation. The system will connect via microwave link to the Internet initiating in Eureka, CA, then to Horse Mountain, and then onto the Reservation by microwave repeater located on Sugar Pine Mountain. This site is located just inside the western boundary of the Reservation. From Sugar Pine Mountain, the system will link by microwave to the Bald Hill cell tower located just above and at the north end of the main reservation community. From there the microwave signal will link south down the valley to nine important Tribal organizations, such as the K'ima:w Medical Center, the Neighborhood Facility (Tribal Administration), the Wildland Fire Emergency Operations Center, and Tribal Police.

Microwave antennas will provide connectivity at each location. As funding permits, access points will be developed in the future to insure coverage of all populated areas and public wireless hot spots will also be established. The robust system is designed with flexibility and security in mind, incorporating the latest security features, firewalls, and access protocols.

All stakeholders located on the Reservation are very enthusiastic about the implementation of this project. Not only will the new broadband system improve tribal administrative efficiency and access to services for residents, local small businesses are eager to utilize the high-speed capabilities. Supporting small businesses is one of the most important roles for HoopaNet. This project will initiate an array of small business development services with the goal being to offer comprehensive administrative, accounting, legal, and marketing support. Business creation and plan workshops, and training, such as web-page design, will be offered to small business entrepreneurs to enable them to take advantage of the new high-speed broadband service.

The K'ima:w Medical Center will use the broadband service to expand healthcare services out into the Reservation community, for the shut-in disabled and elderly. The Medical Center intends to add new residential medical monitoring and telemedicine information services, as subsequent funding becomes available.

The system has sufficient bandwidth to enable the use of surveillance cameras at key tribal locations and connect to Tribal Dispatch. Tribal Police will use such capabilities to improve response time to reduce property crimes, such as burglary and vandalism on the Reservation.

HoopaNet will be an internet service provider to businesses, charitable organizations, government, and private individuals. HoopaNet will foster improvements for all communication/broadband activities on the Reservation, while providing new training and employment opportunities.

3) The Headwaters Fund Board is interested in economic development strategies based on the outcomes listed below. Identify how the project will work toward one or more of these outcomes to further economic development in Humboldt County and lead to job creation.

Implementation of the HoopaNet Microwave Broadband Project will enable economic development across several sectors and Targets of Opportunity. By using this project as a means to stimulate economic development and exchange on and external to the Reservation, conceivably every one of the Targets of Opportunity will benefit from access to high-speed broadband service.

Key externally oriented economic activities on the Reservation such as Forest Products or Tourism, can use the new service to better promote their products and services. Small businesses specializing in natural foodstuff gathering or vegetable or produce growing will be able to do the same. A tribal products co-op website will be developed to enhance market visibility for these agricultural products.

The advent of high-speed broadband service on the Reservation will directly and immediately improve the use of information technology by the Tribal Administration and the community. Areas such as healthcare and education will immediately embark upon using this technology to significantly improve their programs and expand their service, education, or training offerings. Once the system is in place, numerous opportunities will then become available to leverage this investment, to seek new funding in support of tribal programs, economic development, and job creation that takes advantage of the availability of this technology.

The real opportunity derived from this project for the Reservation community lies in the realm of economic development and self-sufficiency. Every effort will be made to provide orientation, training, and support to community residents to use HoopaNet as a means to further their own personal financial wellbeing and economic security. Thereby, a natural benefit will then be a reduction in the poverty level on the Reservation.

4) If the project will directly create jobs, describe how many, whether the jobs are at or above the median wage level, and what kinds of jobs they are.

This project will indirectly create jobs, through those individuals, businesses, and tribal programs that utilize the broadband service for economic development. A key objective is to provide the technological means and support to promote such activity. Thus, it is anticipated that nominally 100 new jobs will be created Reservation-wide as a result of this project in the within first year after project implementation. HoopaNet will create two to three new jobs as well.

5) If appropriate, explain how the project will provide environmental benefits in one or more of the categories listed below.

- Protects and or improves the natural environment
- Supports the sustainable use of environmental resources
- Utilizes environmental knowledge in the creation of jobs

While this project is not, per se, an environmental project, the equipment chosen for this project is both efficient requiring low-power consumption and low-profile, to minimize impact on the environment. Placement of equipment will be determined both by practical or technical constraints, as well as minimizing any environmental concerns.

High-speed broadband access will allow those Tribal functions that have stewardship over tribal environmental resources, such as Hoopa Forestry or the Tribal Environmental Protection Agency to communicate more effectively with both internal and external stakeholders. By using broadband technology to promote those interactions, the Tribe sustainable use of those resources will benefit for the long term.

It is hoped that many of the jobs that can result and benefit from implementing HoopaNet will center on productive and environmentally friendly use of the Reservation's natural resources, such as timber products. The Tribe has a long-standing philosophy of considering both environmental impact and the value of properly using their natural resources. Jobs created as a result of this project can be expected to have to meet the same expectations as any economic activity on the Reservation.

6) Explain how the project contributes to the quality of life for Humboldt County residents in any of the categories listed below.

- Builds leadership
- Revitalizes communities/infrastructure
- Builds public infrastructure
- Improves public or pedestrian transportation
- Utilizes existing buildings
- Fits with the community image and identity
- Preserves heritage
- Contributes to Humboldt County being a desirable place to live

The HoopaNet Microwave Broadband System, as designed, contributes to nearly all of these categories. The Hoopa Valley Tribe sees this project as way the Tribe can provide leadership in technological innovation in a remote rural community. Indeed, this project is envisioned as a way the Tribe can be a contributing partner in promoting a much larger broadband network spanning Humboldt County.

Certainly, this project is a key component of the economic development and revitalization of the community for the Tribe. Nonetheless, the system once installed becomes an asset benefiting Humboldt County, in that the Tribe becomes as more effective partner as a resource to the County, say in the areas of public safety, health care provision, and social services.

HoopaNet is a public infrastructure project at heart. While Tribal Administration and Programs will benefit, it is the residents of the community and surrounding County that will find public high-speed broadband access as a new doorway to economic opportunity and exchange, educational opportunities, wellness, and entertainment. The system will be installed on and in existing buildings and structures throughout the Reservation.

As approved by the Hoopa Tribal Council, HoopaNet is seen to be in keeping with Tribal cultural values and identity, and as an important means of strengthening of community identity and image, by allowing the Tribe to share in the Information Technology revolution. Already the use of an internal intranet is being discussed as a means to promote tribal culturally based programs.

Finally, the revitalization the Reservation community will derive from this project will be externally visible to all, and thus in turn contribute to the overall quality of life in Humboldt County.

7) Explain the qualifications the organization, staff and project partners bring to the project. Outline key staff and partners including their qualifications.

Wally Weaver, Chief Financial Officer with the Hoopa Housing Authority will lead the project. Mr. Weaver has extensive experience in implementing and sustaining information technology projects. Jim Allen, Tribal Information Technology Director, will establish intranet security and use protocols and assist with installation within the Tribal Administration.

Carlson Wireless from Arcata, who designed the system, will consult during the project implementation. Six Rivers Communications, from Eureka will be the equipment supplier and installer.

The project will also have available the consulting resources of CTC in Washington, DC whose experience and capabilities with projects of this nature are very comprehensive.

8) Describe the work which has already been done to ensure that this project will be a success (i.e. prior research, planning or permitting).

This project is the result of hundreds hours of studies, meetings, and discussions regarding broadband-based economic development on the Hoopa Valley Reservation over the last two years. We have not yet been successful in obtaining State or Federal funding due to the extraordinary competition for these resources. Given the severe economic difficulties caused by the decline in timber sales, the Tribe can no longer wait for these resources. This broadband infrastructure is essential to the economic stabilization of the Reservation.

This “first-step” project is a technology equipment installation project. The technical system proposed has been completely designed and equipment specified by Carlson Wireless, under Mr. Weaver’s direction. Costs and project schedule were developed in cooperation with Six Rivers Communications.

The project can be thought of as “shovel ready”. A six-month project period is projected, though a total of one year is allowed to allow for the impact of inclement weather on the main repeater sites. The Hoopa Tribal Council has given its approval of the project. At this point, no permitting is required or envisioned.

9) Describe the outcomes expected from the project. Quantify the outcomes where possible and explain how the outcomes were calculated. Include a calculation of how many and who will benefit from the project. Please be specific and state assumptions. (275 word maximum)

This project will impact all facets of Reservation community life. Three principal outcomes are expected. The first is to provide the means to expanded economic opportunity to the Reservation residents. This project opens a new doorway and path for a remote rural community to the rest of the World, where none existed before. Training and ongoing support for community residents will be used to sustain this outcome.

The second outcome will be more efficient and expanded Tribal services to the Reservation community. Innovation and modernization of tribal business and governmental processes will most certainly occur. Education and healthcare on the Reservation will vastly benefit from the new high-speed access to new resources on the Internet. The Tribal Administration will also realize significant cost savings as a myriad of older, out-moded, low-speed Internet connections and associated fees are eliminated. Nine departments will initially be connected. Currently 475 computers share a single T1. Eighty-three departments and programs will be connected within two years.

The most important outcome will be the increased sense of community strength, vitality, and cohesiveness. Providing high-speed broadband communications to the Reservation is perhaps the best economic development step the Tribe could take. No other project can open up the World for this community in the way or can be leveraged in so many ways for developing future opportunities throughout the Reservation. HoopaNet will be created as a tribal internet service business. We project that 100 individuals and businesses will sign up in the first year of operations. And, that 100 to 150 new users can be added in each subsequent year until the overall goal of approximately 1100 users is reached.

10) What will be the change in the community if the project has succeeded?

Since 2007 the Reservation community has been impacted by a prolonged and severe economic downturn, primarily as a result of a loss of timber sales. The Tribe is working to diversify in providing economic resources and opportunity for the Reservation community. Evidence that this project promotes those changes would be visible in three forms. A return to and enhancement of economic vitality and diversification within the Reservation would be the most visible evidence. New jobs, new types of jobs and skills, and new small businesses derived from using HoopaNet as a resource would be the best evidence the project has succeeded.

Longer-term evidence of success would come by studying community statistics. As HoopaNet lends itself to improving economic conditions on the Reservation, key indicators of health and wellbeing, crime, and social conditions should improve. By providing jobs, and improving access to better healthcare and educational resources, HoopaNet can directly impact the community demographics in a discernable way. It may even be that life expectancy on the Reservation will improve, as the elderly and disabled receive better medical attention and have new social connectivity.

But, the most important indicator success will be changes in the long-term aspirations of the Reservation youth. This project will provide exposure to opportunity and education that they might not have gained otherwise. Unfortunately, Reservation life for many youth and young adults is a dead-end street. By carefully promoting the use of HoopaNet in conjunction with economic development, education, and job skills training many of these disadvantaged youth will find new hope and develop new dreams and goals for their lives.

11) What are the risks and challenges to successful implementation of the project? What are you doing to mitigate that risk?

Risks and challenges to the project come in two aspects. First, it is imaginable there could be technical difficulties with the project implementation. This project consists of purchasing and installing commercial-grade microwave (wireless) broadband transmission radios. The system has been fully designed by Carlson Wireless, an industry leader in designing and implementing wireless broadband systems. Carlson will work closely as a consultant during the implementation to insure all technical issues are properly addressed and resolved. Six Rivers Communications is a very respectable and experienced vendor and installer of such equipment. Their expertise will also be essential to resolving any unforeseen technical issues. The system is designed to be a turn-key operation once the equipment is installed. In addition, the system is designed to be expandable and allow for future improvements in technological improvements, such as white space wireless frequency access recently approved by the Federal Communications Commission.

Secondly, modest challenges arise if there are difficulties encouraging adoption and use of the system, most likely for residential users. However, it is anticipated that adoption and use will follow a fairly typically technology adoption curve, with early adopters, and so forth. As support resources, such as training workshops are put in place it is likely the success of the project, in terms of increasing numbers and types of users will follow a predictable profile. Those managing HoopaNet will analyze ways to expand service offerings and the customer base, and will produce monthly financial statements that can be carefully monitored. Receivables will be tightly controlled due to community poverty levels. Services will need to be rolled out as rapidly as possible to establish a revenue stream.

12) How will the project be sustained after the grant?

The HoopaNet system will require ongoing maintenance and support. Some expense will be distributed through the Tribal Administration through the calculation of overhead expense for each department. Non-tribal government users such as residents and small businesses will be asked to pay a very low, affordable monthly service fee based upon customer usage and speed requirements. These fees will also be used to maintain and support HoopaNet operations.

In addition, since the HoopaNet system can be leveraged in so many ways, it is thought that many new grant-funding opportunities will present themselves. Grants will be sought to both expand and enhance the capabilities of the actual microwave broadband system, as well as the programs using HoopaNet as an integral resource.

13) What would happen to the project if you did not receive Headwaters Funding?

This project is being supported by several organizations within the Reservation community, each of whom is contributing as much as they think they can reasonably afford. While the Tribe itself has a large operating budget, discretionary funding for such projects is severely limited. At the same time, there is a critical need for economic development on the Reservation. This project is thought to be one of the best means to promote that economic development. Without Headwaters funding, this project would have to be delayed indefinitely, until a similar funding opportunity can be found, and meanwhile economic conditions on the Reservation worsen. It is also likely that at some point a delay in finding the remaining funds required will cause a loss of some of the funding already in hand.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

**Project Budget**

**Governance**

**Support Letters**

**IRS tax status certification** – Not Applicable

**Hoop Valley Tribe 2010 Financial Audit**

**Annual operating budget** – See attached Audit

## Project Budget

<b>Project Expense Item</b>	<b>Total Cost (\$)</b>	<b>Requested Amount from Headwaters Grant Fund</b>	<b>Amount of Matching Funds</b>	<b>Source of Matching Funds</b>
Equipment & Installation - Network Quote per Six Rivers Communications	116,087.50			
Equipment - Firewalls, Routers	15,000.00			
Maintenance Agreement	10,000.00			
Network Consulting	10,000.00			
Subtotal	151,087.50			
Overhead - non-staff related	<u>19,912.50</u>			
All overhead costs as % of Total Project Costs	<u>11.64%</u>			
Total Project Cost	<u><u>171,000.00</u></u>	35,000	45,000	Hoopla Housing Authority
			35,000	Hoopla TANF
			35,000	K'ima:w Medical Center
			12,000	Casino
			5,000	MiniMart
			4,000	Hoopla Wildland Fire

All matching funds are dedicated to this project at this time.

## **Governance**

### **Hoopa Valley Tribal Council**

**Leonard Masten, Chairman**

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March 26, 2010

Broadband Initiatives Program  
Rural Utilities Service  
U.S. Department of Agriculture,  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 1599, Room 2868, Washington, DC 20250

RE: Hoopa Valley Tribe's Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP) Application

The Hoopa Valley TANF Program hereby affirms its intention to pay the monthly cost of internet connectivity for its approximately 120 families if the Hoopa Valley Tribe's application to RUS for wireless last mile broadband infrastructure for the Hoopa Valley Reservation and wireless last mile broadband infrastructure for the community of Orleans is funded.

Internet connectivity is extremely important to building new job skills, to improving education capabilities and to being able to communicate effectively about new job opportunities. For these reasons, we consider it essential to equipping and enabling our clients to find and maintain permanent employment, thereby moving them off of TANF roles.

We believe that this project will bring important resources to our area and benefit residents where it is needed most, in building the income necessary to provide for their families.

This proposal will provide affordable access to essential broadband services. Please help us bridge the digital divide by supporting this proposal.

Sincerely,

Andy Andreoli  
Executive Director



# Hoopa Valley Tribal Police

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March 24, 2010

Broadband Initiatives Program  
Rural Utilities Service  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Stop 1599  
Room 2868  
Washington, DC 20250

RE: U.S. Department of Agriculture Broadband Infrastructure Applications

Dear Sirs:

The Hoopa Valley Tribal Police wholeheartedly encourage and support the development of high-speed broadband access and expanded services to benefit the Hoopa Valley Tribal operations, schools, emergency services and community business's, including all local residences and residents. We support and endorse the Hoopa Broadband Project – Broadband Infrastructure Application the U.S. Departments of Agriculture, to bring broadband to the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation. We look forward to the tremendous impact on economic diversity and sustainability the Internet can provide for our tribal membership and community.

The Tribal Police Department currently suffers from limited connectivity to the internet. Essential services to law enforcement (such as those of the Department of Justice) are internet based and therefore unavailable to this organization at this time.

Therefore, we fully endorse and recommend the Hoopa Broadband Project's U.S. Department of Agriculture grant applications. We applaud those Department's efforts to bring broadband access and connections to Reservations such as ourselves, and to all Tribal Nations.

Respectfully,

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Robert Kane, Chief of Police  
Hoopa Valley Tribal Police Department

# Hoopa Tribal Education Association

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HOOPA VALLEY TRIBE

August 11, 2009

To: U.S. Departments of Agriculture and Commerce

From: Hoopa Tribal Education Association

Subject: Community Broadband Proposals Letter of Support

On behalf of the Hoopa Tribal Education Association (HTEA), I hereby support proposals to the U.S. Departments of Agriculture and Commerce to provide high-speed broadband access and services on the Hoopa Valley Indian Tribe Reservation.

The Tribe, through the support and guidance of HTEA, offers a comprehensive program of education services, from pre-school (including Early Head Start and Head Start), K-12, up through adult education. The Tribe has a solid high school graduation rate of 80%, however, higher education rates are significantly lower, with only about 7% of residents having an associates or higher degree. The tribe operates a college extension program accredited through the College of the Redwoods, which enrolled 840 people last academic year. This program is in considerable demand, so much so that evening college courses overflow to the local high school to have sufficient classroom space. Across the board, the Education Department is highly motivated to take advantage of broadband access to enhance both in-house and distance learning opportunities using the Internet. Besides strengthening mainstream education, the Education Department is also planning to offer new adult vocational training to support economic and small business development on the Reservation.

In addition, when broadband access becomes available at the residential level, Hoopa's education programs are planning to roll out an array of home parental education and young child enrichment offerings based upon high-speed broadband access. Examples include online interactive parent/child childhood development games and education, online dietary education and support, and online family support counseling and education, all coordinated together in an easy to use and continuously updated program. In addition, this year the Tribe is opening the nearly completed Early Childhood Education Facility (ECEP) that will house the Tribe's Early Head Start and Head Start center-based program. Again, the Tribe is already planning to make use of broadband access in the ECEP to enhance those programs education components, as well as providing resources for teachers and support staff.

It is very clear that educational programs on the Reservation will benefit substantially from having high-speed broadband access to the Internet. We expect that such capabilities will provide creative educational opportunities and resources across all of our programs. To this end, the Hoopa Tribal Education Association wholeheartedly encourages and supports any grant proposal submissions under the U.S. government's Recovery Act stimulus programs seeking to bring broadband access to Hoopa.

Sincerely,

Greg Masten  
Education Director





# Hoopa Valley Tribal Council

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August 11, 2009

To: U.S. Departments of Agriculture and Commerce

Subject: Community Broadband Proposals Letter of Support

On behalf of the Hoopa Tribes Office of Emergency Services, Hoopa Tribal Emergency Services are in support of proposals to the U.S. Departments of Agriculture and Commerce to provide high-speed broadband access and services on the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation.

The Tribe, operates a federally and state sponsored Wildland Fire Department and Interagency Emergency Operations Center (EOC), a community-based all-risk Volunteer Fire Department, a Police Department, whose sworn officers are also cross deputized by the Humboldt County Sheriff, and an ALS/EMS-Ambulance Service. The widespread availability of broadband access in the Hoopa community will be a tremendous resource asset for our combined Emergency Services operations. For example, as awardees of a new DHS/FEMA grant to renovate and upgrade the EOC, provision was made in the grant proposal and budget to upgrade the facility telecommunications. Those monies could be leveraged to integrated broadband access in the facility. This would be especially useful as the grant also is funding a new interagency GIS resource lab in the EOC, for use in real-time regional firefighting efforts. Users of on-line GIS resources would greatly benefit from high bandwidth data access.

When broadband access becomes available for commercial and retail properties on the Reservation, Hoopa Police Department is eager to install surveillance systems that can be used for rapid alerting and dispatch as a means of deterring property crimes. It is also planned this surveillance system will be used to promote public safety in residential neighborhoods, parks, and schools. They are also planning to budget for operating expense to support online access to police intelligence and reporting databases; something that has been impossible previously due to limited internet-access bandwidth. The system we are developing at Hoopa will even allow for mobile access within the proposed wireless service area.

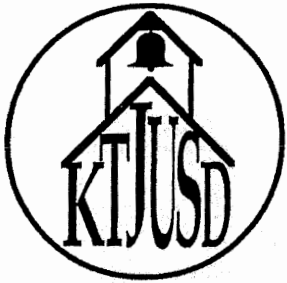
Finally, the Tribe is already planning to make use of broadband access to provide greatly enhanced resources for the community's emergency services professional staff, for example in hosting professional continuing education programs. Furthermore, the Tribe often hosts regional training programs such as for emergency first-responder and firefighter training, and is planning to utilize teleconference training as an important means of strengthening and increasing regional visibility for these training services. Such training will even be extended to the local community in support of residential and public safety awareness programs.

It is very clear that emergency services on the Reservation will benefit substantially from having high-speed broadband access to the Internet. High-speed broadband access will undoubtedly strengthen the cohesion and efficiency of all our emergency resources, across all of our programs. To this end, the Hoopa Emergency Services wholeheartedly encourages and supports any grant proposal submissions under the U.S. government's Recovery Act stimulus programs seeking to bring broadband access to Hoopa.

Sincerely,

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Rod Mendes  
Director



# Klamath-Trinity Joint Unified School District

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March 10, 2010

Leonard Masten, Chairman  
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Hoopa Valley Tribe

Dear Mr. Masten:

Klamath-Trinity Joint Unified School District is pleased to support the Hoopa Valley Tribe's proposal to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA) Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) to fund their Public Computer Centers (PCC) project. The PCC will also house the Hoopa Public Computer and Economic Development Center. We understand this funding is available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, and that the intent of this grant application is to provide additional access to computers and state-of-the-art software technology to assist students with homework, along with after-school socialization activities and community job training opportunities.

Computers and internet access create a critical opportunity for low-income families who struggle every day to improve their lives and the lives of their children. It is vitally important that these efforts to provide state-of-the-art broadband technology throughout the remote and rural parts of Northern California are supported. Thank you again for the Tribe's on-going support and partnership in these efforts to bridge the digital divide and take full advantage of what the internet has to offer.

Sincerely,

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Cyn Van Fleet  
Business Manager