

USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$781,127.00

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants

State/County: KS/Barton, KS/Ellsworth, KS/Rice, KS/Stafford

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Project Description: This Rural Development investment will help establish telehealth programs that connect vulnerable populations across four rural counties to vital services that address public health needs and the treatment of opioid, methamphetamine and substance use disorder. The project will use interactive equipment to connect county jails to critical nursing services through telemedicine technologies. Clients of the health departments will be able to access public health services remotely. Community corrections and juvenile services will be able to provide vital counseling, treatment and educational programs that address substance use disorder. The program will create regional access to public health that is not currently available due to geographical barriers and personnel shortages. Equipment will be installed in two jails, four county health departments and at the district location of community corrections and juvenile services. The project will improve outreach with public health and treatment services through professional consultation, medical diagnoses, medical treatment, and by providing essential public health programs.

People Who Will Benefit: 11,691

Additional Funding: Applicant Contribution: \$117,169.00

Total Project Cost: \$898,296.00