NATIONAL TRIBAL BROADBAND SUMMIT

BREAKING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

HUD FUNDING OPTIONS & HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CHOCTAW NATION SUCCESS STORIES

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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OFFICE OF NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAMS (ONAP)

- ONAP works with tribal and other governments, Federal agencies, community organizations, and the private sector to provide a coordinated and comprehensive response to Indian Country's housing and community development needs.

- ONAP has five programs dedicated to Native American communities and two programs dedicated to Native Hawaiians.

Confederate Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation

OFFICE OF NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAMS (ONAP)

ONAP serves almost 580 Tribes and organizations

Headquarters: Washington, D.C.

Area Offices:

- Anchorage, Alaska
- Chicago, Illinois
- Denver, Colorado
- Honolulu, Hawaii
- Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- Phoenix, Arizona
- Seattle, Washington

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Program	Goal
Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG)	The single largest source of housing assistance to Native Americans. It is a formula grant that is distributed annually and funds a range of affordable housing activities in Indian Country.
Indian Housing Loan Guarantee Fund (Section 184)	The program guarantees loans made by private banks to Native Americans to accelerate housing development in Indian Country.
Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG)	It is a competitive grant that is distributed annually and funds projects that focus on affordable housing rehabilitation, and construction of community buildings and infrastructure.
Title VI	This program guarantees loans made by IHBG recipients who want to finance additional grant-eligible construction and development.
Tribal HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (Tribal HUD-VASH)	This program provides rental assistance and supportive services to Native American Veterans who are – or at risk of becoming – homeless in Indian Country.
Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant	It is a grant that funds a range of affordable housing activities on Hawaiian Home Lands.
Native Hawaiian Housing Loan Guarantee Fund (Section 184A)	This program guarantees loans made to Native Hawaiians who reside on Hawaiian Home Lands.

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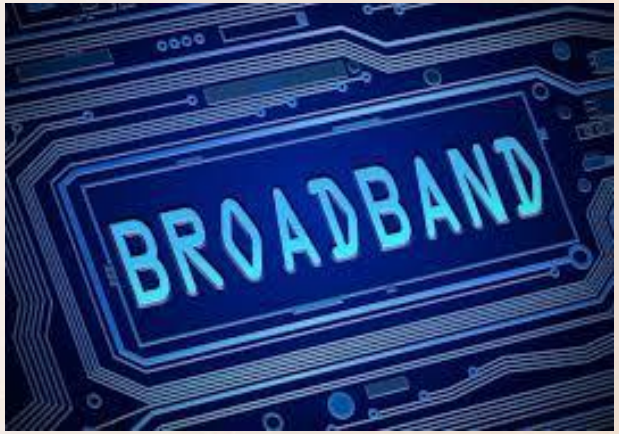
WHY IS BROADBAND IMPORTANT?

- It can enhance the lives of tribal members
- It can enhance the delivery of services, such as:
  - Telemedicine
  - Online banking
  - Education



WHAT PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP WITH BROADBAND?

- Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG)
- Title VI
- Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG)
- ConnectHome USA

BROADBAND AND ONAP

- ONAP Program Guidance 2016-01 (R) issued on February 24, 2016
  - Pinpoints HUD opportunities to fund broadband development
    - Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA)/Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG)
    - Title VI of NAHASDA
    - Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG)
  - Identifies other broadband resources

NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION ACT OF 1996 (NAHASDA)

PRESENTED BY:

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NAHASDA

- Formula funded program
- Eligible activities under Section 202 of the Act
  - Develop, operate, maintain and support affordable housing for rental or homeownership
  - Provide housing services with respect to affordable housing

NAHASDA ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES FOR BROADBAND

- Development or acquisition of new housing
  - Include the infrastructure during the construction process
- Rehabilitation or modernization of affordable housing
  - Connect to a fiber network or network wiring in units
- Infrastructure to support new housing
  - Include installation of fiber or network cable in development of site
  - Installation of permanent dishes to develop a point-to-point system in development

NAHASDA ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES FOR BROADBAND

- Housing Services/Assistance
  - Development and delivery of training courses
    - Self-sufficiency
    - Financial education
    - Job placement/Training
  - Self-sufficiency Initiatives
  - Utility Assistance

TITLE VI OF NAHASDA

WHAT IS TITLE VI

- 95% Loan Guarantee for Lenders financing eligible activities under Indian Housing Block Grant for IHBG recipients
- Maximum loan limit of 5x adjusted need portion of IHBG award
- Loan terms negotiated with IHBG recipient and bank
- Up to 20 year payback

DETERMINING MAXIMUM COMMITMENT AMOUNT

Need Allocation	400,000
-IHBG Adjustments	-0
Total Need:	400,000
Title VI Multiplier (x5)	x5
Max Title VI Loan:	2,000,000
Less Other Title VI Loans	-0
Maximum Commitment Amount (MCA):	$2,000,000

INDIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (ICDBG)

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Purpose: Develop viable Indian and Alaska Native communities, including the creation of decent housing, suitable living environments and economic opportunities for persons with low and moderate income.

INDIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (ICDBG)

- Competitive application
- Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Publication
- Regional competition
- Single purpose grants
- Grant amount thresholds vary between ONAP Region

ICDBG – ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- Infrastructure project
- Acquisition, development or rehabilitation/modernization of housing for Low-Moderate Income families
- Public Service Projects
  - New or additional services
  - Up to 15% of grant
  - Only funded if main project is funded

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WHAT IS ConnectHomeUSA ?

- Platform for **public-private collaboration to bridge the digital divide**
- **Locally-tailored solutions** for narrowing the digital divide
- 28 original pilots; 56 active communities
- 100 communities by 2021

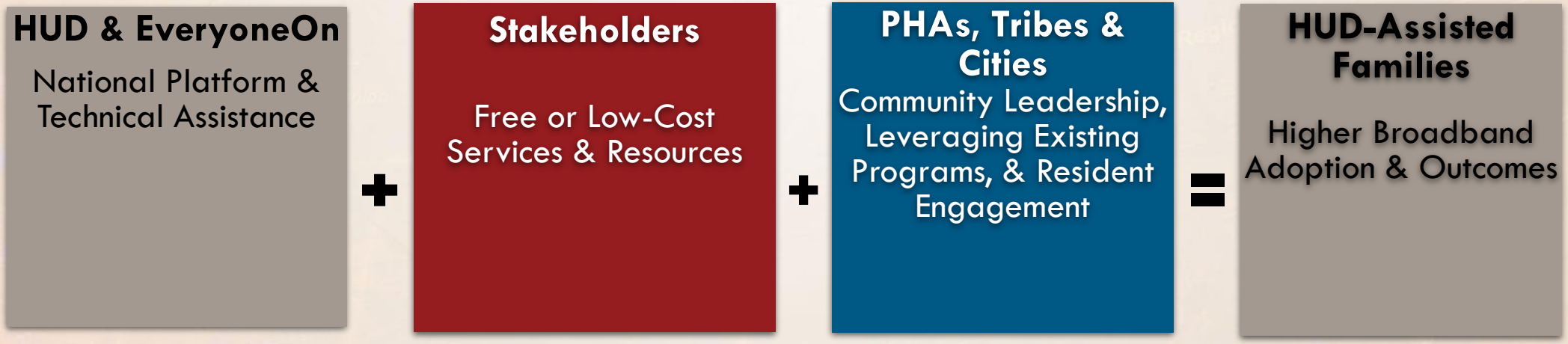
Offers HUD-assisted residents:

- Low-cost, high-speed Internet access
- Digital literacy
- Devices

everyoneon

A national nonprofit that believes everyone deserves the Internet and the opportunity it brings.

HOW CONNECTHOME USA WORKS



STAKEHOLDERS

CONNECTHOME USA'S IMPACT

- **Connections: 52,000+**
  - Estimated value (for one year): $6.2 million
- **Devices Distributed**: 10,700+
  - Estimated total value: $1.6 million
- **Residents trained**: 2,500+
  - Probably undercount
- **Outcomes**
  - Pilot study underway to measure impact of connectivity on residents' education, employment, and health.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA

ConnectHome

PRESENTED BY:

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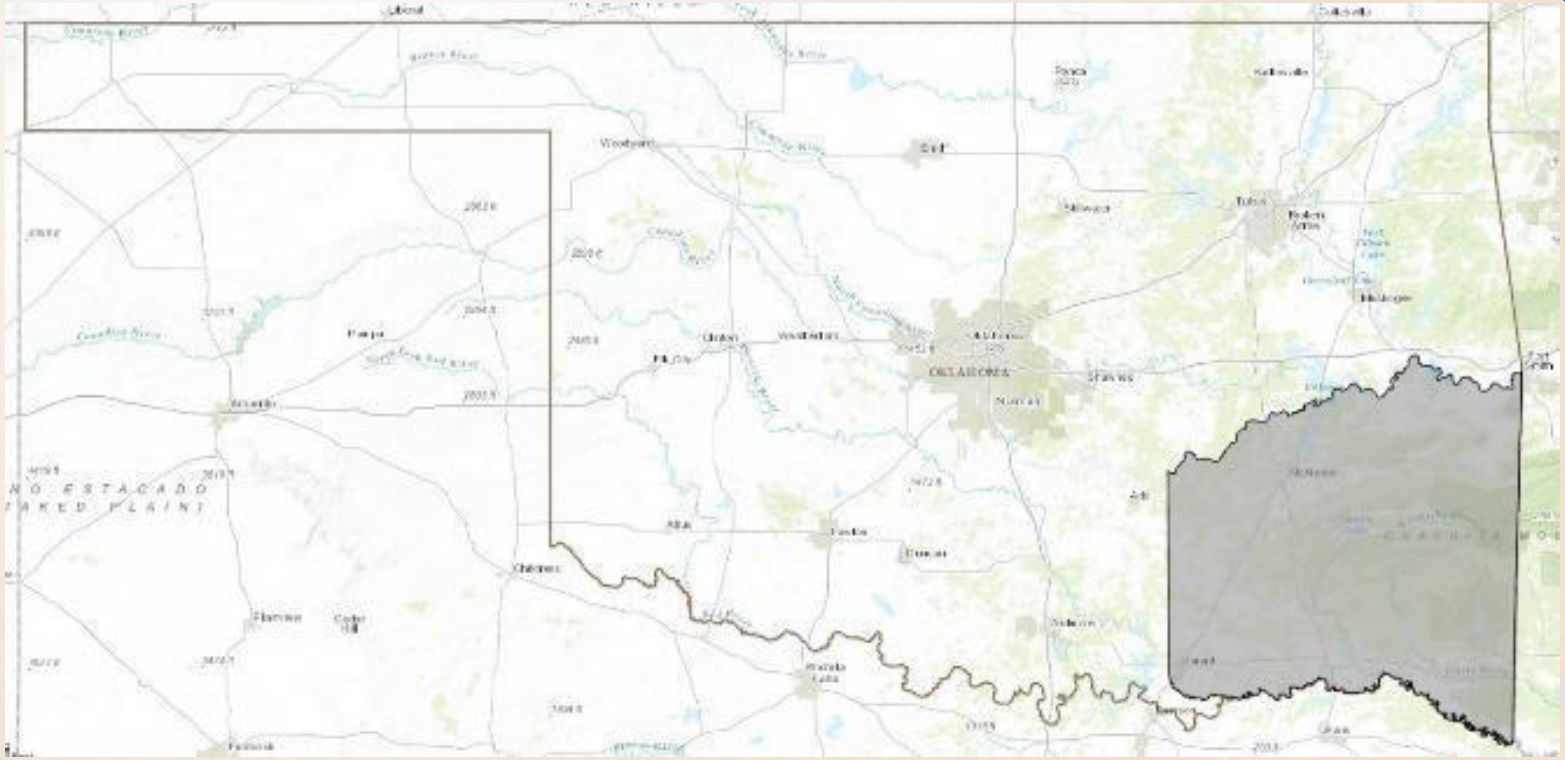
CONNECTHOME

DEFINING PROJECT

- Choctaw Nation is over 11,000 square miles in area
  - Approximately the area of the state of Maryland
- Focused on designated sites
  - Originally 8 Affordable Rental Housing Sites and 12 Independent Elder sites
  - Expanded to 146 Affordable Rental Housing Units, 87 Section 202 Units, 169 Independent Elder Units, 10 Low-Rent Units and 200 LEAP Homeownership units
  - TOTAL
    - 402 Rental Units
    - 200 Homeownership Units



PARTNER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Stakeholders

- USDA: $50,000
- GitHub: 133 Tablets
- EveryoneOn: Technical Assistance
- BestBuy: Training
- Oklahoma Libraries: Training
- Oklahoma Education Television Authority: Training

WHY?

- Improve opportunities for Choctaw Nation Youth
- Even the playing field
- Healthcare
- Connectivity to community
- Employment

PARTNERSHIP WITH CHOCTAW NATION YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD (YAB)

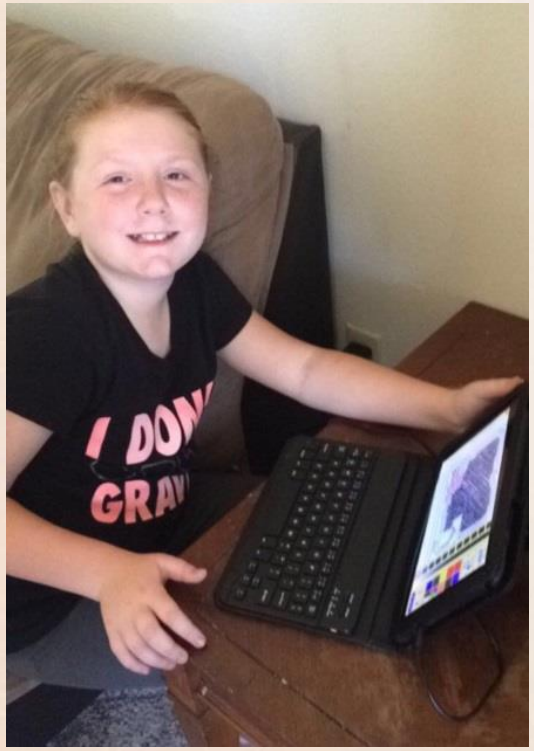
- Intent
  - Assist in training programs
  - YAB students could earn their own tablet
  - Provide more one-on-one assistance to elders and ConnectHome participants
- Surprising Outcome
  - Bonding between YAB students and Elders
  - Sharing of Tribal history
  - Game/Movie nights

Choctaw Nation
Faith◆Family◆Culture

CONNECTING TO THE CHOCTAW NATION

- Choctaw Nation Website
  - Social Services
  - Applications for other services
- Choctaw Nation Facebook
- MyCNHSA – My Choctaw Nation Health Service Authority
  - Pharmacy Refill Program
  - Appointment Scheduling

CHOCTAW YOUTH LEARNING



- Enhancing the learning
  - ABCmouse.com Early Learning Academy
  - MobyMax (Elementary – 9th Grade)
    - Math
    - Social Studies
    - Reading
  - CollegeBoard – ACT & SAT Prep Courses

ConnectHome

KANO TRAINING

anyone can make

- Classes being conducted throughout the Choctaw Nation jurisdiction
- Class consist of 25 Students
- Learn to build KANO Computer/Screen
- Learn basic coding
- Incentives: Free computer, lunch provided and networking with peers.

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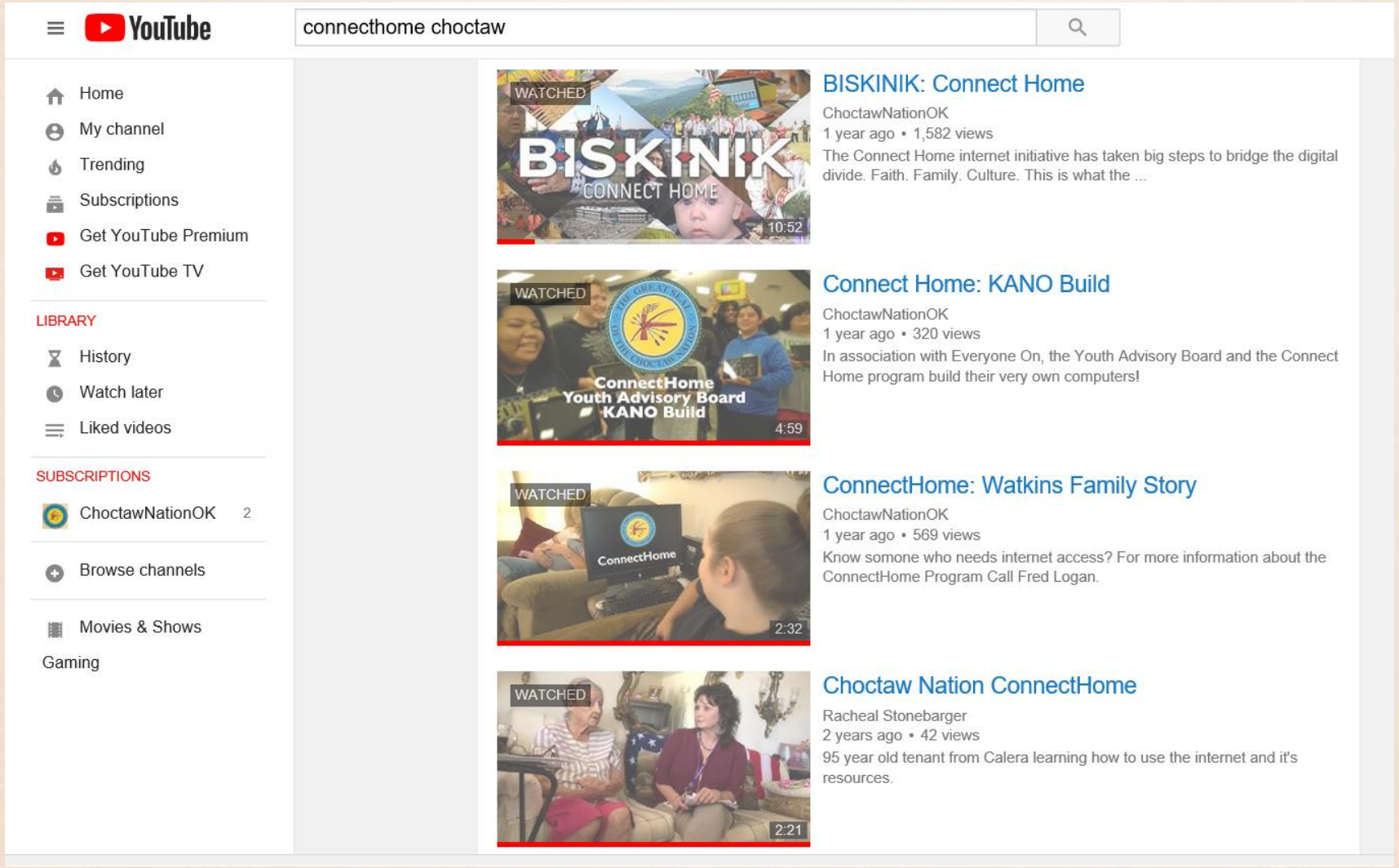
TOUCHING TRIBAL MEMBERS LIVES



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