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Lower Sioux Indian Community (Cansayapi Otunwe) is proud to announce that we have been awarded a broadband grant for **\$1,995,787** as part of the Biden-Harris Administration's Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program (TBCP) that is administered by the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). During the pandemic, Lower Sioux realized just how important broadband connectivity was to our community as our children relied on it for schooling, adults needed it for work and the whole community utilized it to stay connected. This Lower Sioux Broadband will allow us to provide affordable efficient fiber directly to our 160+ homes and businesses within our community. This endeavor will allow us to be in control of our own infrastructure broadband services and in doing so, it will give us the capabilities to control not only our current broadband needs but will also allow us to plan out our future as our community expands.

"Too often we have felt as if we are overlooked by regional broadband providers, or we are just an after-thought to service providers in general for the needs of Lower Sioux. However, today is a big step forward for us to take control of a vital piece of infrastructure and ensure that the broadband needs of our community are put first as we navigate our digital future."-*Lower Sioux Tribal President Robert Larsen*

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