

# COMMNET WIRELESS & ATLANTIC TELE-NETWORK INTERNATIONAL

## PROJECT BACKGROUND

In January 2019, members of Lit Communities worked with Comment Wireless, LLC / Atlantic Tele-Network International, Inc. to formulate a broadband grant funding strategy, perform state and federal grant research specific to tribal organizations, and development and evaluation of proposed project opportunities across an eight-state region. Commnet/ATNI is an owner and partner with the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority which provides telecommunications, wireless, and broadband services to residents of the Navajo Nation. Through our services, we assisted Commnet/ATNI with the identification of project opportunities, project development and matching with the respective grant programs based upon their characteristics.

## FIRM INVOLVEMENT

Members of Lit Communities worked on this project with their previous employer, Neighborly Corporation. They performed comprehensive grant consulting services ranging from grant funding strategy development, program research and project development. We assisted with the formation of the vision, goals and objectives for the funding strategy as well as the identification of needs to tailor the grant research and project development. Members of Lit Communities prepared detailed grant program synopses for nearly 20 funding programs and conducted five virtual and in-person meetings to coordinate on the development of the preliminary scope of work, schedule and cost estimates for multiple project opportunities in their service area.

## REFERENCE

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## SIZE

Eight States

## FUNDING AGENCIES

USAC- FCC: Universal  
Service Admin. Company  
USDA - Rural Development  
USDOC - Economic  
Development Admin.

## GRANT PROGRAMS

Community Connect  
ReConnect Pilot Program  
Rural Healthcare Program  
Distance Learning &  
Telemedicine Grant

## DATE OF PROJECT

September 2018 -  
Present

## KEY PERSONNEL

Brian Snider - CEO  
Rene Gonzalez - CSO

