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# Nexstream to Lead \$77.5M Broadband Expansion in Texas with BOOT II Grant

Fredericksburg, TX – February 5, 2025 – Nexstream, a leader in bridging the digital divide, is proud to announce its selection as a recipient of the Texas Broadband Development Office's (BDO) BOOT II (Bringing Online Opportunities to Texas) grant. This award underscores Nexstream's commitment to delivering highspeed, reliable Internet to underserved communities throughout Texas and beyond, leveraging innovative technology and local investment.

As the grant recipient, Nexstream will lead the deployment of broadband infrastructure in Edwards County. The grant award totals \$77.5 million and will serve 2,724 locations across the county. This project will require the construction of approximately 1,200 miles of fiber, bringing high-speed Internet to rural communities.

"This grant is a testament to Nexstream's unwavering dedication to bridging the digital divide and investing in the communities we serve," said Hilory Parker, Nexstream COO. "We are excited to bring fiber-fast connectivity to Texans who need it most, while reinforcing our commitment to local innovation and economic growth."

#### Leadership in Bridging the Digital Divide

Nexstream is expanding its footprint across Texas, already holding 56 licensed wireless spectrum areas across 18 counties.



By integrating advanced fiber infrastructure with wireless technology, Nexstream extends high-speed connectivity to even the most underserved areas.

## Local Investment and Impact

The BOOT II grant reflects a strong partnership between Nexstream and the communities it serves. In Edwards County, Nexstream committed a 10% match, contributing over \$9.47 million to the initiative. This investment highlights Nexstream's dedication to fostering economic growth in rural areas by supporting workforce development and creating long-term opportunities for connectivity and prosperity.

## A Milestone for Texas Connectivity

With the deployment of this project, Nexstream aims to deliver future-proof infrastructure that aligns with emerging Smart community initiatives. These efforts will enhance economic opportunities, improve quality of life, and ensure rural Texans benefit from reliable, high-speed Internet access.

# **Digital Equity and Inclusion**

This grant represents a significant step toward digital equity and inclusion for rural communities across Texas. With Rocksprings, Texas—the largest city in Edwards County and known for its rich ranching heritage—serving as a focal point, the broadband expansion will provide residents with greater access to education, healthcare, and business opportunities. Reliable connectivity will empower local workforces, support long-term economic growth, and help bridge the digital divide.

# Looking Ahead

The construction of these fiber networks is slated to begin in 2025, with plans to bring transformational connectivity to thousands of homes, businesses, and public institutions.

For more information about Nexstream's services or updates on the BOOT II grant projects, visit *press.nexstream.net* or contact *press@nexstream.net*.



### **About Nexstream**

Nexstream is a leading provider of broadband solutions, specializing in fiber, wireless broadband, and ISPaaS (Internet Service Provider as a Service). Headquartered in Fredericksburg, Texas, Nexstream is committed to delivering innovative connectivity solutions that bridge the digital divide and empower underserved communities.