Cox Awarded Funding to Bring High-Speed Internet to more than 20,000 Oklahomans

\$85M from Oklahoma's First-Round American Rescue Plan Act will help connect un- and underserved households in 13 counties to Cox's fiber network

Oklahoma, January 25, 2025 – Cox Fiber broadband service will be available for the first time to 22,500 homes spanning 13 counties outside the greater metro areas of Oklahoma City and Tulsa thanks in part to funding through the Oklahoma Broadband Office. This public-private partnership enables Cox to build out a fiber-to-the-home network to provide multi-gig, symmetrical speeds on the latest technology.

Cox will soon begin engineering, construction design and necessary permitting for this fiber network and will be working with local, state, and federal agencies to obtain necessary approvals.

The grants will help bring Cox Fiber to households in the following counties:

Counties Near Oklahoma City Greater Metro Area

- Canadian
- Logan
- McClain
- Oklahoma (3 projects)
- Seminole

Counties Near Tulsa Greater Metro Area

- Creek
- Delaware
- Mayes
- Osage
- Tulsa (2 projects)
- Rogers
- Wagoner
- Washington

This expansion is part of Cox's commitment to invest in underserved and rural communities nationwide and bridge the digital divide. Across Oklahoma, the company has already expanded its network to nearly 20,000 homes in areas without adequate broadband. Just recently, Cox began connecting residents through a fiber cooperative agreement with Indian Electric Cooperative that when complete, will provide access to approximately 14,000 Oklahomans. Households in these grant award areas will also have access to Cox's <u>affordable internet plans</u>. Connect2Compete and ConnectAssist are available to qualifying households and provide access to necessary equipment, digital training, and cyber protections, along with a low-priced, 100mbps broadband connection.

Cox is continuing to build upon its proven track record of delivering meaningful investments in its network. In the last 10 years, the company has invested more than \$11 billion in network upgrades to deliver some of the most powerful internet, TV, phone, smart home, and mobile services and will continue making multibillion-dollar annual infrastructure investments over the next several years. The company has a strong history of bringing the most advanced technology to offer speed, reliability, and performance when customers need it.

Cox applauds the Oklahoma Broadband Office and state leaders for their commitment to ensuring these funds are used to provide high-speed connectivity to un- and underserved communities throughout Oklahoma. Click <u>here</u> to see the Oklahoma Broadband Office's <u>official announcement</u>.

About Cox Communications

Cox Communications is committed to creating meaningful moments of human connection through technology. As the largest private broadband company in America, we operate fiber broadband networks in more than 30 states, providing connections and advanced cloud and managed IT services for nearly seven million homes and businesses nationwide. We're dedicated to empowering others to build a better future and celebrate diverse products, people, suppliers, communities and the characteristics that make each one unique. Cox Communications is the largest division of Cox Enterprises, a family-owned business founded in 1898 by Governor James M. Cox.

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