

South Carolina 2022 ARPA 1.0 Priority Area SLFRF Comment Form



ARPA 1.0 Comment Form *ONE form per project*

ORS is NOT accepting any revisions to Grant Applications during the Comment Period. However, all ISPs are welcomed to comment on their own Grant Application(s) to notify ORS of any scrivener's error(s) that may exist. All comments will be published on the ORS website.

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4. Applicant Parent Organization Name	Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
5. Applicant Legal Entity Name	Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
6. Application Project Number	WIL-01
7. Application Project Name	ARPA-2022-BSO-RBB-Williamsburg
REQUIRED 8. Is this a comment for a revision of your own ARPA 1.0 Grant Application (Yes/No)	No
9. Do you have documentation and/or evidence to submit to the SC Broadband Office which supports your position?	Yes - Upon request

10. Application Comments

Comcast Cable Communications has submitted an application for 480 miles of fiber construction in Williamsburg County. FTC has also applied for many of these same areas. FTC has also submitted a large portion of these areas as Funded Projects which will be completed before June, 2023. In the areas where Comcast has applied, FTC currently offers broadband speeds ranging from 25/3 to 100/10 Mbps to over 50% of the structures. FTC is headquartered in Kingstree, which is the county seat of Williamsburg County, and is committed to building fiber to all customers in approximately five years, as funding permits. FTC has been committed to providing broadband over various forms of DSL for years and is now transitioning to fiber at a rapid pace. Time to market is constrained by supply chain issues impacting almost every aspect of fiber construction but we are focused on serving the county where our company was founded 70 years ago.