

South Carolina 2022 ARPA 1.0 Priority Area SLFRF Comment Form

ORS is NOT accepting any revisions to Grant Applications. Commenters must submit their own Grant Application(s) to notify ORS of any scriv

1. Commenter's Name

2. Commenter's Email

3. Commenter's Phone

4. Applicant Parent Organization Name

5. Applicant Legal Entity Name

6. Application Project Number

7. Application Project Name

REQUIRED

8. Is this a comment for a revision of your own ARPA 1.0 Grant Application (Yes/No)

9. Do you have documentation and/or evidence to submit to the SC Broadband Office which supports your position?

10. Application Comments



ARPA 1.0 Comment Form
ONE form per project

**ons during the Comment Period. However, all ISPs are welcomed to comment on their
rener's error(s) that may exist. All comments will be published on the ORS website.**

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No

Yes

The majority of the Comcast application overlaps with our funded and under construction ReConnect grant project. HTC has previously submitted this project information to ORS multiple times, and we do not think it should not have appeared as an eligible area on the ARPA project map. We have also enclosed supporting evidence that indicates which census block falls under which category, as well as an estimated completion date for each. The areas marked Active are completed areas that are serving customers today, and the areas marked 'Future' are our secured funding areas that will be complete by the end of Q1 2023, with many homes coming online as early as October of 2022. HTC crews have been on time or ahead of schedule in all of our projects to date, and expect this case will be no different. We have also enclosed geotagged construction photos as supporting evidence.

Hobcaw Barony (census blocks 450439205081047, 450439205081042, and 450439205081043) is a 16,000-acre undeveloped, protected tract of land used for research by multiple universities. HTC is serving the University of South Carolina Belle W. Baruch Institute for Marine and Coastal Sciences with fiber. The owners and tenants of this property have not requested additional services, but we stand ready to serve them when they do. This area is also part of our CAF II award, which was reflected in our FPR submission.

South Island (census blocks 450439208003057 and 450439208003044) is an uninhabited area, mostly consisting of protected land. It is only accessible by boat or ferry, which is something that may not be obvious to an applicant or agency unless field inspections were performed. HTC built fiber up to the water across from South Island as part of the South Carolina Broadband Infrastructure Program. There's only one inhabited location remaining on the island without access to broadband. Should ORS deem this location a priority, HTC is capable of delivering the most economical broadband solution to this location.

Sandy Island (census block 450439204001074) is an area we plan to apply for funding for through the upcoming Main Street funding program. As you can see from our various data submittals, our network surrounds this location and we would be the most economical solution for this community. Also, this area is only accessible by boat, which is something that may not be obvious to an applicant or agency unless field inspections were

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