

South Carolina 2023 ARPA ADGP Grant Application



Section 1.1 - Applicant Information

Legal Entity/Organization Name	Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Parent Organization	N/A
Entity Type (e.g. Corporation, non-profit, cooperative, governmental entity)	Cooperative
Primary Contact Name	Kirby Wayne
Title	Chief Operating Officer
Mailing Address City, State, Zip	122 S. Main St. Jefferson, SC 29718
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FCC Registration Number (FRN):	0001886464
Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number	009757532
Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) Number	MYK7LMF56H77
Tax ID Number	
SC State Vendor Number	7000025393

Section 1.2 - Secondary Contact

Secondary Contact Name	Lee Chambers
Title	CEO/General Manager
Mailing Address City, State, Zip	122 S. Main St. Jefferson, SC 29718
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Section 1.3 - Confirmations

Grantee confirms no State or Federal grant funds were used for any project in this application

Agree

Applicant participates in the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) and will notify consumers in the project area about the program

Agree

Applicant will provide at least one low-cost option without data usage caps at speeds sufficient for households with multiple users and will notify consumers in the project area about the low-cost option

Agree

Applicant submitted all requested data in the SCBBO bi-annual data request.

Yes

Applicant did not charge aid in construction (AIC) for any projects listed in their grant application?

Yes

Section 1.4 - Broadband Infrastructure Information

Indicate the type(s) of broadband infrastructure technology deployed in the project area. Projects must make available a minimum of 100/100 Mbps up/down and completed between 3.15.2021 - 6.30.2022

Fiber to the Premises
Minimum Sustainable Download/Upload Speeds 100/100 Mbps

Please explain how you derived the line work submitted with your application. Information must include but is not limited to the:

- 1) Source (i.e., Internal engineering software)
- 2) Accuracy (i.e., +/- 3ft.)
- 3) Total Fiber Length (feet)

Our line work came from a program called Mapwise. This is part of our NISC software and is the system we use for our internal fiber mapping. Several points throughout each build are GPS using a Trimble Geo 7X. This is accurate to +/-3'. The line information we have submitted comes directly from our working map. Our Mapping Tech copied the line work to a new file and then deleted the line work that wasn't done inside the timeframe given for ADGP.

Section 1.5 - Low Cost Plan

(Must be a minimum of 100/20 Mbps)

What Download/Upload speed is offered in your low cost plan?
Example 100/20

100/20 or 250/250 with lifeline support

Does the above speed tier include unlimited data? (YES/NO)

Yes

Is a Consumer-based Contract Required? (YES/NO)

Yes

Is the pricing fixed? (YES/NO)

Yes

If no, what's the duration?

1.6 - Attachment Checklist

(Please attach the following items to application)

Fiber/Cable Lines for each project

Yes

FCC Broadband Serviceable Location (BSL) Structures with Service Available, by technology type for each project

Yes

Signed affidavit certifying grant application is complete and accurate
Copies of Applicant's Current Fee Structure for all Internet Speed Tiers

Yes

Yes

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Section 2.1 - Project Name/Number

Project Number (Format XXX-XX)

SHT-12

Project Name

McBee/Patrick

Section 2.2 - Construction/Installation Period

Construction Start Date

March 26, 2021

Construction End Date

April 30, 2022

Installation Start Date

April 20, 2021

2.3 - Additional Information

If the proposed Project is in an area that is subject to an existing federal or state funding commitment for reliable speeds of 100/20 Mbps, explain why there was an identified need for additional broadband investment that was not met by existing federal or state funding commitments.

While there have been several loan programs such as ReConnect, we are currently unaware of any provider trying to get funding through other programs for these areas we are applying for. Most previous programs other than CARES have not been pursued as we have desired to provide speeds exceeding the federal guidelines and could only adequately justify expediting these projects with grant money. In many cases, the cost of providing service to some of these locations would far exceed any reasonable expectation for return on investment, if that was even achievable. As a cooperative, our goal is to ultimately provide fiber service to all customers within our area regardless of the financial gain for each household as it is the right thing to do to ensure that all people have equal access to broadband.

Section 2.5 - Funding Source

Description	Fund Source Name	Amount
Applicant-Provided Funding	Sandhill Telephone	\$ 750,362.71
Third-Party Funding Source (if applicable)		\$ -
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Total Project Cost		\$ 750,362.71