

South Carolina 2023 ARPA ADGP Grant Application



Section 1.1 - Applicant Information

Legal Entity/Organization Name	TriCoLink, Inc.
Parent Organization	Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Entity Type (e.g. Corporation, non-profit, cooperative, governmental entity)	Corporation
Primary Contact Name	Chad T. Lowder
Title	CEO
Mailing Address City, State, Zip	PO Box 217, St. Matthews, SC. 29135
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FCC Registration Number (FRN):	29670247
Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number	118074110
Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) Number	RBQFT6CNZBY9
Tax ID Number	
SC State Vendor Number	7000324135

Section 1.2 - Secondary Contact

Secondary Contact Name	Louis Arsenault
Title	VP of Technology and Fiber
Mailing Address City, State, Zip	P O Box 217 St. Matthews SC 29135
Phone Number	803-655-1030
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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

**We did not include any projects with AIC in this project.

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)

TriCoLink's line work is based off of Tri-County's current Electric line work design. We provide the GIS electric line work to our Fiber Project Manager to design the fiber map using our GIS. We contracted software through Conexon which used Crescent Link. The accuracy should be within 50 feet or less and the fiber submitted in this application totals to 7,731,097 feet.

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

100/100

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

Yes

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

No

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)	HKN-99
Project Name	Hopkins

Section 2.2 - Construction/Installation Period

Construction Start Date	March 31, 2021
Construction End Date	January 5, 2022
Installation Start Date	June 22, 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.

TriCoLink, Inc. may build through an existing federal or state funded area to provide service to a Priority Unserved area or Underserved area to make available access to broadband within the next year rather than wait the 5 year timeline set by Federal and State funding. TriCoLink will not overbuild USDA Reconnect in any area.

Section 2.5 - Funding Source

Description	Fund Source Name	Amount
Applicant-Provided Funding		\$ -
Third-Party Funding Source (if applicable)	National Rural Utilities	\$ 2,512,717.11
Third-Party Funding Source (if applicable)		\$ -
Third-Party Funding Source (if applicable)		\$ -
Total Project Cost		\$ 2,512,717.11