

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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6. Application Project Number	HTC-01
7. Application Project Name	SC ARPA-01
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

10. Application Comments

Re: CHA-01

Project Name: ARPA-2022-BSO-RBB-Charleston

Many of the census blocks located within the Awendaw and McClellanville areas of Charleston County are either served or in the process of being served by Home Telecom as part of the USDA's ReConnect project. The attached map, labeled as Exhibit A, demonstrates where Home Telecom is building fiber-to-the-home broadband compared to Comcast's SFRF application. Shapefiles can be provided upon request.

Construction in these areas is well underway, and customers are in the process of being connected with service. Under Home's currently funded project, approximately 50% of the census blocks within Comcast's application will be served by the end of 2023. The approval of Comcast's application for the census blocks located within the Awendaw and McClellanville areas means these areas will be overbuilt with funding that could be used in other unserved areas of rural South Carolina.