

## UPDATE

# Broadband Funding- Act 142 Projects

The Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Appropriations Act establishes the basis for broadband expansion in South Carolina by creating the Office of Broadband Coordinator within the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS), expanding mapping efforts, and extending funding opportunities to companies that deploy broadband in specific areas of need.

In 2020, the South Carolina General Assembly passed Act 142 authorizing the ORS to expend up to \$50 million for broadband initiatives related to COVID-19.

The Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Appropriations Act allows for broadband infrastructure projects, including those that were approved for funding pursuant to Act 142 of 2020, but not constructed by December of 2020, to be completed through the Broadband Infrastructure Program. Priority will be given to unserved homes, businesses, schools, health-care facilities, and other institutions in rural communities and communities across South Carolina with a lack of access to broadband.

## State Funding By County

### Beaufort

Hargray Communications \$131,098

### Chesterfield

Lynches River Electric Cooperative \$168,652

### Fairfield

Newberry Electric Cooperative \$247,500

TruVista Communications, Inc. \$3,213,177

### Greenwood

WC Fiber LLC \$321,715

### Hampton

Hargray Communications \$16,673

### Lancaster

Comporium - Lancaster Telephone Company \$51,900

Lynches River Electric Cooperative \$400,000

### Laurens

Newberry Electric Cooperative \$243,750

### Newberry

Newberry Electric Cooperative \$1,308,750

### Oconee

Upcountry Fiber\* \$825,000

### Orangeburg

Comporium - PBT Telecom, Inc. \$1,720,037

### Williamsburg

Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. \$13,426

**TOTAL \$8,661,678**

\* pending

## Company

## State Funding

Comporium - Lancaster Telephone Company	\$51,900
Comporium - PBT Telecom, Inc.	\$1,720,037
Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	\$13,426
Hargray Communications	\$147,771
Lynches River Electric Cooperative	\$568,652
Newberry Electric Cooperative	\$1,800,000
TruVista Communications, Inc.	\$3,213,177
Upcountry Fiber*	\$825,000
WC Fiber LLC	\$321,715

**TOTAL \$8,661,678**

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## Timeline

Funding Agreements Sent to Companies	07/09/21
Notices to Proceed Issued	08/04/21
Initial Construction Progress Report Due	11/15/21
Initial Financial Progress Report Due	01/15/21
Monthly Construction Progress Report Due	12/15/21
Monthly Financial Progress Report Due	01/01/22
Monthly Construction Progress Report Due	01/15/22
Monthly Financial Progress Report Due	02/01/22
Monthly Construction Progress Report Due	02/15/22
Monthly Financial Progress Report Due	03/01/22
Monthly Construction Progress Report Due	03/15/22
Project Completion	03/31/22
Final Reporting Due	04/30/22



More information can be found at [ORS.SC.GOV/Broadband](https://ORS.SC.GOV/Broadband)