



## APPLICATION

# South Carolina 2021 Rural Broadband Grant Program

### Applicant Information

Applicant Name/Organization

Applicant FCC Registration Number (FRN)

Primary Contact Name

Title

Mailing Address

Phone Number

City, State, Zip

Email

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### Broadband Service Provider Experience

Date of Applicant's Initial FCC Form 477 Submission

Date of Applicant's Most Recent FCC Form 477 Submission

Applicant and/or Project Partner has Experience:

- Delivering broadband service via fiber and/or hybrid fiber-coax infrastructure
- Delivering broadband service via fixed wireless infrastructure
- Building and operating broadband networks in rural areas
- Operating broadband networks in low-moderate income areas

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### Project Area Information

#### Eligible County Impact

Counties  
(list)

Cities/Towns/Municipalities  
(list)

Households

Businesses

Health Care Facilities

Community Anchor Institutions

Educational Institutions

## Contiguous County Impact

Counties  
(list)

Cities/Towns/Municipalities  
(list)

Households

Businesses

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Educational Institutions

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## Broadband Infrastructure Information

Indicate the type(s) of broadband infrastructure technology to be deployed in the project area.

- Fiber to the Premises* Minimum Sustainable Download/Upload Speeds
- Hybrid fiber-coax* Minimum Sustainable Download/Upload Speeds  
(*symmetrical upload/download speeds*)
- Hybrid fiber-coax* Minimum Sustainable Download/Upload Speeds  
(*non-symmetrical upload/download speeds*)
- Fixed wireless* Minimum Sustainable Download/Upload Speeds

### Broadband Pricing Schedules or Tiers

Indicate all rate tiers for wireline projects of at least 100/20 Mbps or fixed wireless at 50/5 Mbps or faster that will be offered to customers in the project area:

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rates less than \$10/month         | <input type="checkbox"/> Rates between \$20 - \$24.99/month |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rates between \$10 - \$14.99/month | <input type="checkbox"/> Rates between \$25 - \$34.99/month |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rates between \$15 - \$19.99/month |   |

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### Project Timeline

Project Start Date	Customer Premises
Project Construction Activity Begins	<i>Installations Begin</i>
Project Construction Activity Complete	<i>Installations End</i>
	Overall Project Completion Date

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### Project Cost Information

Total Project Cost	Average Cost per Location Served <i>(all locations or structures)</i>
Upfront Cost Requirements	
Cost of Building and/or Extending Infrastructure to Customer Premises	Average Cost per Housing Unit
	Average Cost per Business

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### Project Funding Information

South Carolina Rural Broadband Grant Program Funds requested (\$)

Applicant-Provided Funding (\$)

#### Non-Public Funding

Amount (\$)

Source(s)



## Attachments and Exhibits

Please attach the following items to application:

- Map of project area (*PDF and Shapefile formats*)
- Letters of support evidencing community need and strategic partnerships
- Any additional information evidencing community need for project
- Most recent FCC Form 477 filing

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## Certification and Signature

**CERTIFICATION:** The Applicant certifies that information included in this application is factual to their knowledge.

**Signature:**

**Print Name of Signatory:**

**Title of Signatory:**

**Date:**

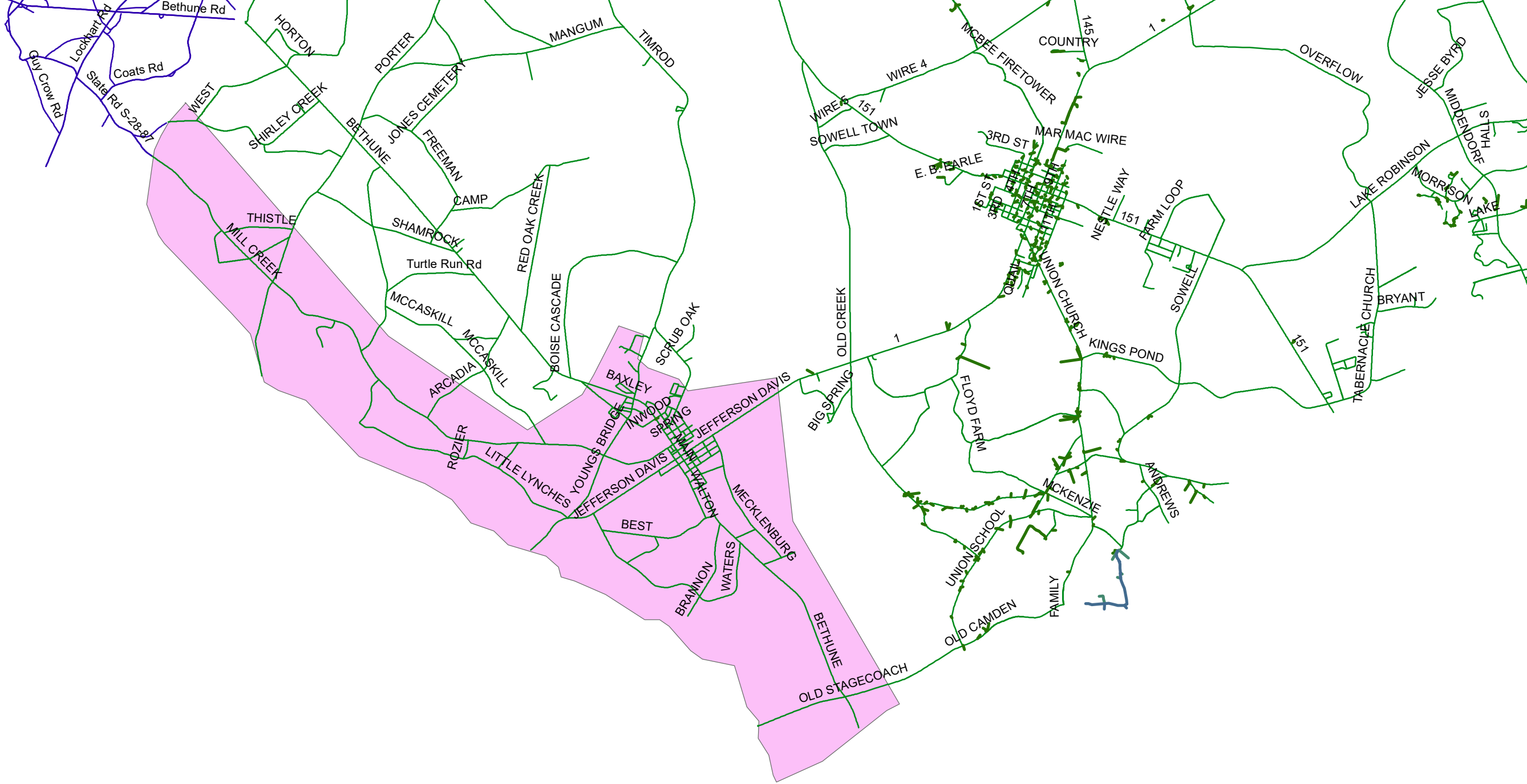
*All questions and completed applications should be submitted to [Broadband@ORS.SC.GOV](mailto:Broadband@ORS.SC.GOV)*

*Facsimile signatures and email signatures shall be as effective as original signatures to bind any party.*



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Department of Commerce  
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Charles McCoy, Mayor

# Town of Bethune

Council Members: Don Witham  
John Heflin Cynthia Hunter  
Susan Trimnal Holley

April 15, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

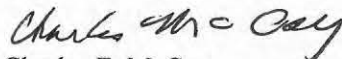
Please accept this letter as full support of Sandhill Telephone Cooperative's application for CARES Act funding for broadband infrastructure extension in Marlboro County.

As the Mayor for the Town of Bethune, I have witnessed and listened to the frustrations of the citizens, business owners, as well as educators due to lack of broadband service both within the town limit and rural areas of our community. The statistics speak for themselves.

It is well past the time that our citizens receive the much-needed technology to survive in today's world. The pandemic issues are only another added layer of frustration for folks having to work and utilize virtual technology, in a community known as a "technology desert".

I humbly ask that Sandhill Telephone Cooperative be awarded the long overdue funding to assist in obtaining broadband service.

Yours in Service,



Charles E. McCoy  
Mayor

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Sincerely,



Donald Witham