



## 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

Health Care Facilities

Community Anchor Institutions

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)

## Additional Information

- 1) Describe Applicant's and/or project Partner's experience building and/or operating broadband networks.
  
- 2) Describe how your proposal meets the needs of the community to be served as described in the "Guidelines."
  
- 3) Describe any plans or programs you have developed to improve adoption in the community described in this proposal. Please include letters of support from key community partners that indicate their awareness of your project.
  
- 4) Provide documents that demonstrate your organization currently has the necessary funds (50% of total project cost) to complete this project/proposal. List documents here and attach documents to this proposal.
  
- 5) List any lease, franchise agreement, interconnection agreement, authorization, permit, or other items needed to complete this project.

## 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:**

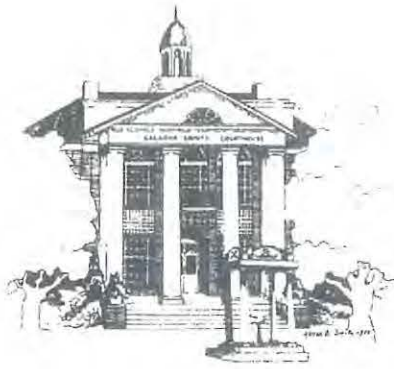
*All questions and completed applications should be submitted to [Broadband@ORS.SC.GOV](mailto:Broadband@ORS.SC.GOV)*

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



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April 21, 2021

## SC 2021 Rural Broadband Grant Program

### Office of Regulatory Staff

As the Administrator for Calhoun County, I have seen the need for true highspeed internet service. The citizens of our community suffer from the lack of internet reliability and speed that are critical to success in today's environment. Whether it is a child trying to complete homework or their parents struggling to work online, this deficiency of critical infrastructure results in continued hardship for our citizens.

It is my understanding that Tri-County Electric Cooperative is making application for funding assistance through the 2021 Rural Broadband Grant Program. The leadership of Tri-County has committed to construct a fiber to the home network that will provide symmetrical Gigabit service to the citizens in our community. This will be a true game changer for our county.

We fully support Tri-County's application and hope that they will be able to succeed in receiving assistance in providing this much needed service.

Respectfully

John E. McLauchlin

County Administrator / Development Director