

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-02
7. Application Project Name	SC ARPA-02
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: DOR-01

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

Many of the project areas proposed by Comcast within Dorchester County are either served or in the process of being served with ARPA funding from Dorchester County. As noted in the attached press release from Dorchester County (labeled as Exhibit A), Dorchester County recently awarded a total of \$17.1 million in a public-private partnership to build fiber-to-the-home broadband in separate areas of western Dorchester County. The attached map (labeled as Exhibit B) demonstrates where the Dorchester County projects are compared to Comcast's SFRF application. Shapefiles can be provided upon request.

Construction in this area is already underway. Approximately 95% of the census blocks within Comcast's application are scheduled for completion by the end of 2024 under the currently funded projects. The approval of Comcast's application for these census blocks means this area will be overbuilt with funding that could be used in other unserved areas of rural South Carolina. Since the majority of these census blocks will be served under Dorchester County's ARPA funding, any remaining isolated residents may best be served by the ORS' Last Mile Grant Program.