

Lee County
Phase III Broadband Infrastructure Application
Question and Responses

1. Can Lee County provide a list of eligible locations with addresses and lat/long coordinates? If not, can Lee County let us know what source of eligible locations should be used? If not, can Lee County also provide a shape file of the yellow geographic project area?

Response: The County cannot provide GIS information or a shape file. Applicants should rely upon publicly available information, for example, data provided by the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) or the Alabama Department of Economic Affairs (“ADECA”), to determine eligible locations.

2. How did Lee County determine that there is 9.1 miles of broadband infrastructure required?

Response: This is an estimate based upon the length of the identified project lines.

3. Can Lee County show that these locations were not awarded previously during the CPF ADECA process?

Response: See Response to Question 1. If Applicant is aware, or has reason to believe, that all or part of this project would not be eligible under the parameters as outlined in the Application, Applicant should make this information available to the County in its Submission.

4. Our team walked out the area and we believe that [an ISP] has Fiber available to the homes on along the green lines in the map attached and I believe that if this is the case it would make that portion of the project ineligible for the ARPA funds after reading the application. How should we respond to the Application?

Response: See Response to Question 3.

5. Please provide clarification as to the parameters for providing prevailing wages for workers of the Project and Davis-Bacon Act requirements.

Response: Consistent with the Final Rule issued by Treasury, the Davis-Bacon Act, and all accompanying administrative requirements, do not apply to this Project. Nonetheless, Subrecipients are still encouraged to provide prevailing wages for workers of the Project.

6. Is there an opportunity to amend Certification 2 to state that the ISP will offer a low-cost broadband product to qualifying households in lieu of the reference to the ACP?

Response: Yes. Applicants should submit certifications as amended and included herein.

Certifications

Initial

1. By signing below, I certify that the project is designed to, upon completion, meet or exceed 100 Mbps download speed and at least 20 Mbps upload speed. _____

2. By signing below, I confirm that the ISP does, or will upon completion of the project, provide a broad-based affordable product for low-income households. _____

3. By signing below, I confirm that the applicant will comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, and further has read and will comply with the terms and conditions of the county's ARPA award (Attachment 1), should a grant be awarded. _____

4. By signing below, I confirm that, to the best of knowledge of the applicant, that areas included in any application submitted do not include construction of broadband infrastructure in areas where there are existing federal or state funding commitments for reliable service at speeds of at least 100 Mbps download speed and 20 Mbps upload speed or for costs that will be reimbursed by other federal or state funding streams. _____

5. By signing below, I confirm that the applicant can and will comply with the Administrative Requirements of 2 C.F.R. Part 200, as applicable, should a grant be awarded. _____

6. By signing below, I confirm that the applicant is not debarred or suspended from receiving federal funds consistent with 2 C.F.R. Part 180. _____

Name

Date