

**LEE COUNTY BROADBAND EXPANSION GRANT
LOACHAPOKA REGION
SECOND NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

The Lee County Commission hereby provides public notice of a funding opportunity for a broadband infrastructure expansion project in the Loachapoka Region of Lee County as identified and outlined in the grant application and accompanying maps. The Commission proposes to award a grant utilizing funds available to the county through the American Rescue Plan Act's (ARPA) Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds Program (SLFRF).

GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Awarding Agency:	Lee County Commission, funded through American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provided by the United States Department of Treasury
Funding Opportunity Title:	Broadband Infrastructure Expansion
Funding Instrument Type:	Grant funded through ARPA
Announcement Type:	Second Grant Offering
Project Number:	01081-519-230530-0241
Assistance Listings Number:	21.027
Federal Assistance Identification Number:	SLFRP1206
Application Availability:	Application packets will be available beginning Friday, June 21, 2024, and are available through Lee County's website at www.leeco.us .
Application Deadline:	Applications shall be submitted no later than Friday, July 19, 2024.

Application Submission:

Applications shall be submitted to Lee County Chief Administrative Officer Holly Leverette at hleverette@leeco.us.

Applicant Eligibility:

Eligible applicants include a cooperative, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, other private business entity, or unit of local government that currently provides broadband service. Vendors interested in participating in one aspect of the project are not considered eligible applicants but may partner with an eligible applicant.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project will consist of the construction of approximately 9.1 miles of broadband infrastructure in the Loachapoka region of the county as identified in maps of the county provided in the application packet, which maps include recommended routes for extending broadband service to the proposed service area of potential customers. An application packet with accompanying attachments and maps may be obtained at www.leeco.us.

The application packet and attachments include all information regarding project requirements and priorities, application preparation and submission, evaluation criteria and process, and applicable terms and conditions for award.