



Michael Preston
Secretary of Commerce,
Executive Director
Arkansas Economic
Development Commission

December 12, 2022

Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
Representative Michelle Gray, Co-Chair
Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review Committee
Arkansas Legislative Council
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Re: Revised ARC Grant Awards Project List

Dear Senator Dismang and Representative Gray:

This letter supplements Secretary Preston's letter to you of December 8, 2022 concerning recommended ARC grant projects to be approved by PEER at its December 13, 2022 meeting.

Following the transmittal of Secretary Preston's letter, some questions have arisen concerning six of the proposed project awards. To be certain that we have provided the committee with accurate information for the projects in question, we have removed these projects from the recommended project list so that they may be reviewed more closely by the State Broadband Office. Accordingly, attached is a revised list of fourteen projects totaling \$93,892,885 in requested grant funding. The information provided for these fourteen projects is the same as what was included with Secretary Preston's letter.

I expect to resubmit the removed projects once the review is completed, likely in January or whenever the Joint Budget Committee desires to review the request.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Glen E. Howie Jr.".

Glen Howie
Director, State Broadband Office



Arkansas Rural Connect Revised Proposed Projects Round 3

Arkansas Department of Commerce Broadband Office
December 13, 2022

Summary of Revised Proposed Projects

Count of Revised Proposed Projects
14

Count of Households (HH) per BSLF
13,879

Total Grant Request Amount
\$93,892,885.00

Average Total Cost per HH
\$6,765.10

Revised Proposed Projects Detail

Project ID	Internet Service Provider	HH per BSLF	Total Cost of Project	Requested Grant Amount	Grant Request Amount %	Grant Cost Per HH
Boone-B	Hometown Internet, LLC	775	\$9,869,876.00	\$7,402,407.00	75	\$9,551.49
Cleburne-A	Connect2First Internet	807	\$7,785,780.60	\$4,593,610.56	59	\$5,692.21
Cross	Comcast Cable Communications, LLC	534	\$7,493,181.85	\$5,230,990.25	70	\$9,795.86
Faulkner-B	Comcast Cable Communications, LLC	1,645	\$14,125,034.99	\$7,717,919.12	55	\$4,691.74
Franklin	Wave Rural Connect, LLC	598	\$8,766,044.00	\$4,756,000.00	54	\$7,953.18
Garland	South Central Connect, LLC	1,718	\$15,338,684.50	\$11,504,013.40	75	\$6,696.17
Jackson	Farmers Rural Connect, Inc	249	\$3,588,823.50	\$2,691,617.60	75	\$10,809.71
Logan-B	Wave Rural Connect, LLC	1,702	\$13,957,257.20	\$9,000,000.00	64	\$5,287.90
Montgomery-A	Four States Fiber	1,082	\$14,678,882.09	\$11,009,162.57	75	\$10,174.83
Montgomery-B	South Central Connect, LLC	839	\$11,621,606.40	\$8,716,204.80	75	\$10,388.80
Pulaski-A	Comcast Cable Communications, LLC	891	\$7,573,326.99	\$3,884,359.41	51	\$4,359.55
Pulaski-B	Comcast Cable Communications, LLC	1,333	\$5,766,702.78	\$1,574,886.53	27	\$1,181.46
Searcy-B	Petit Jean Electric Cooperative Corp	755	\$8,182,903.16	\$6,137,177.37	75	\$8,128.71
St. Francis	Woodruff Electric Cooperative Corporation dba Enlightened	951	\$13,074,737.66	\$9,675,305.90	74	\$10,173.82