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January 17, 2023

Senator Justin Boyd, Co-Chair
 Representative Roger Lynch, Co-Chair
 PEER Subcommittee
 Joint Budget Committee
 State Capitol Building
 Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: FY 23 American Rescue Plan Act Request

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Section 37 (01) of Act 199 of 2022, I am forwarding the attached American Rescue Plan Act request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

- Southern Arkansas University – Tech – Financial Aid Grants to Students for 2023 Spring Semester \$251,252
- ADH – Health – Maternal, Infant, Early Childhood Homevisiting Grant Program \$1,999,754
- ADH – Health – STD Prevention-Coronavirus Disease Supplemental \$1,743,229
- ADH – Health – Epidemiology/Lab Capacity \$12,047,635
- ADH – Health – Epidemiology/Lab Capacity \$543, 524
- UACC – Hope-Texarkana – Reallocation of Previously Approved Appropriation \$0
- UA – Fort Smith – Reallocation of Previously Approved Appropriation \$0

Pursuant to Section 37 (02) of Act 199 of 2022, I am forwarding the attached American Rescue Plan Act request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

- DOC – Economic Development Commission – Eight broadband projects and broadband administrative expenses through 2026 \$55,358,223



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Larry W. Walther'.

Larry W. Walther
Cabinet Secretary

Attachment(s)

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
SECTION 37 OF ACT 199 OF 2022**

Agency: Southern Arkansas Univeristy Tech Business Area Code: 0115
 Program Title: Education Stabilization Fund (American Rescue Plan)
 Granting Organization: U.S. Department of Education CFDA #: 84.425T
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/13/2022 Ending: 6/30/2023

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
 New Grant Award P425T220 070 -- To be disbursed as financial aid grants for students in the Spring 2023 semester.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: UNIV Fund Code: 217ARPA Direct Funding: X
 Funds Center: D51 Internal Order/WBS Element: _____ Steering Comm. Approved: _____
 Continuation: _____

| | Program Funding Amount |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Regular Salaries | |
| Extra Help | |
| Personal Services Matching | |
| Operating Expenses | |
| Conference & Travel Expenses | |
| Professional Fees | |
| Capital Outlay | |
| Data Processing | |
| Grants and Aid (CI: 04) | 251,252 |
| Other: | |
| Other: | |
| Total | \$ 251,252 |

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 07/13/2023

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DFA IGS State Technology Planning Date
 Items requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans as submitted to DFA IGS State Technology Planning.

Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

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Approved by: [Signature] 12.7.22
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date

Robert Brech 12/20/22
 Office of Budget Date

Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

MPK 12/12/22

December 7, 2022

Mr. Michael Krenn
Office of Budget
1509 West 7th, 2nd Floor
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Mr. Krenn:

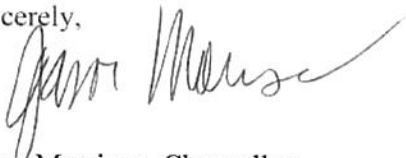
Southern Arkansas University Tech recently received notification from the US Department of Education of a new discretionary grant awarded through the American Rescue Plan. The funds will be used solely for student financial aid grants and will be disbursed in the Spring Semester of 2023.

Attached is the Grant Award Notification along with the ARPA Appropriation Request form.

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| PR/Award | P425T220070 |
| CFDA | 84.425T |
| Funding Amount | \$251,252 |
| Funding Period | July 13, 2022 – July 12, 2023 |

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Jason Morrison, Chancellor

**Arkansas Department of Health
Appropriation Request –
Award from the
HRSA American Rescue Plan Act Funding for Home Visiting**

Background

The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have brought additional challenges to families with young children, especially in low-income and at-risk communities. HRSA is issuing American Rescue Plan (ARP) awards to current Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) grant recipients to support home visiting activities that address needs of parents, children, and families related to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Needs identified for Arkansas home visiting programs include:

- Innovation Award with an effective date of 4/1/2022 to 09/30/2024.
- Funds will be used for the development, implementation, and evaluation of innovations by MIECHV recipients that will leverage new technology and/or data collection and sharing strategies to improve MIECHV service delivery and extend the impact of MIECHV-funded voluntary early childhood home visiting services.

Purpose

The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) in conjunction with the Arkansas Children’s Hospital Home Visiting Network, will use the ARP funds to support home visiting activities that address the identified needs of families and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This request is to approve grant funds for appropriations in the amount of \$1,999,754.

Goals

- Determine how evidenced based-home visiting (EBHV) program duration vary as a function of surveyed environmental risk in the home vary and telehealth start date in relation to the program start date and method (phone/video calls).
- Examine how home visitors use their time with families in telehealth home visiting to determine if the content of visits is functionally different than in-person visits and if the associations between program content and retention of high-risk groups is the same in virtual visits as was demonstrated in earlier work with in-person visits.
- Design and pilot a mechanism that highlights family content needs as part of the online platform (eFMI).
- a) First stage: Using the eFMI based on the patterns of risks identified, we will design an initial intervention to highlight when families are at risk for early attrition from services.
- b) Second stage: Conduct focus groups with home visitors and pilot the achieved intervention to support the tailoring of program content based on the theory of precision home visiting.
- Evaluate the two-stage process developed and implemented in Aim 3 at 6 months and at 1 year retention rates.

Sustainability

This funding is listed as one-time funding and intended to address needs which emerged or were exacerbated by the pandemic.

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
SECTION 37 OF ACT 199 OF 2022**

Agency: Arkansas Department of Health Business Area Code: 0645

Program Title: Strengthening STD Prevention-Coronavirus Diseases Supplemental

Granting Organization: DHHS Centers for Disease Control CFDA #: 93.977

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2022 6/30/2023

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
This is year 2 funding that the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) Infectious Disease Branch received through the the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for its Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Prevention Program. Funding will be used to develop core Disease Intervention Specialist training curriculum to expand efforts for STD, tuberculosis, and hepatitis C. The DIS training curriculum is specialized to public health and strategic infectious disease program needs. Activities include statewide implementation of Community Embedded Disease Intervention Specialist (CEDIS) . The CEDIS will perform linkage, prevention, oversight, and outbreak response for STD, TB, Hepatitis C and other infectious diseases. The STD Prevention Program will partner with other entities through a statewide competitive selection process for CEDIS program implementation.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: HHS Fund Code: FRP645J Direct Funding: X
Funds Center: AN5 Internal Order/WBS Element: RSTH0022 Steering Comm. Approved: _____
Continuation: _____

| | Program Funding Amount |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Regular Salaries | |
| Extra Help | |
| Personal Services Matching | |
| Operating Expenses | 408,229 |
| Conference & Travel Expenses | |
| Professional Fees | |
| Capital Outlay | |
| Data Processing | |
| Grants and Aid (CI: 04) | 1,335,000 |
| Other: | |
| Other: | |
| Total | \$ 1,743,229 |

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 01/01/2021-12/31/2023

DFA IGS State Technology Planning Date _____
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Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

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Approved By: [Signature] 11/28/22 Robert Brech 12/20/22
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date
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Arkansas STD Prevention Program
Strengthening STD Prevention and Control for Health Departments
CDC-RFA-PS19-1901 CDC DIS Workforce Supplement

The Arkansas Department of Health, Center for Health Protection, Infectious Disease Branch has been awarded \$1,743,229 from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) to support the governmental public health response to COVID-19 and other infectious diseases. Funding to the Arkansas STD Prevention program is for five years.

Supplemental funding will be utilized by the Infectious Disease Branch, STD Prevention Program for better preparing incoming Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) through enrollment into required trainings for receiving DIS certification through the national program once available. In addition, funding will support an increase in workforce efforts for statewide implementation of Community Embedded Disease Intervention Specialist (CEDIS) for performing prevention, linkage, and oversight for infectious diseases that include STD, TB, and Hepatitis C.

The Infectious Disease Branch, STD Prevention Program will complete a Request for Application process for awarding sub-grants to eligible community-based organizations and/or Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) for hiring, training, and retaining disease investigative personnel. The disease investigative personnel will conduct prevention and linkage case activities for STD, TB, Hepatitis C, and other infectious diseases of public health concern. The efforts performed will include linkage to prevention, treatment, and outbreak response. Multiple sub-recipients, up to five (5), can be awarded for utilizing funding throughout the state at a minimum of \$250,000 up to a maximum of \$292,500. Sub-recipients will be awarded a one-year sub-grant with six renewal options.

Efforts of sub-recipients will be statewide and serve an estimated number of 200,000 persons.

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
SECTION 37 OF ACT 199 OF 2022**

Agency: Arkansas Department of Health Business Area Code: 0645
 Program Title: Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases (ELC)
 Granting Organization: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) CFDA #: 93.323
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 8/1/2022 Ending: 6/30/2023

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
 The intention of this funding is to support COVID-19 testing and mitigation in homeless service sites, encampments, and other congregate settings like group homes. As COVID-19 continues to spread across the United States, particularly with the introduction of new variants, testing and mitigation in homeless shelters, encampments, and other congregate settings continues to be a critical need. The objectives and goals of this funding are focused on providing support to homeless service sites, encampments, and other congregate living facilities for the detection and mitigation of COVID-19. The purpose of SHARP (HaI/AR) these funds are broadly intended to provide critical resources to state, local, and territorial health departments in support of a broad range of healthcare infection prevention and control (IPC) activities and epidemiologic surveillance related activities to detect, monitor, mitigate, and prevent the spread of SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 in healthcare settings. These funds may also reasonably address other conditions in healthcare settings, such as healthcare associated infections (HAIs) and antimicrobial resistance (AR), which rely upon the same fundamental IPC and epidemiologic surveillance approaches that are used to detect, monitor, mitigate, and prevent the spread of SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 in healthcare settings. Moreover, the prevention of AR pathogens and improving the appropriate use of antibiotics helps to protect COVID patients from complications and potential comorbidities. The purpose of this funding is to assist skilled nursing facilities and other long-term care facilities during their response to SARS-CoV-2 infections, and to build and maintain statewide capacity for the infection prevention infrastructure necessary to support resident, visitor, and facility healthcare personnel safety. Primary activities are aimed at response to COVID-19, but other infectious disease and conditions may be reasonably addressed to the extent they are in support of or related to work to control the spread of SARS-CoV-2. Long-term care facilities are prioritized for specific COVID-19 funds due to the nature of transmission of COVID-19 and the high impact this can have in these settings. Funds are available to be spent up to one year after the end of the federal public health emergency is declared over. As such, funds have been aimed at purchasing point of care testing supplies, respirator fit testing supplies, and through various subgrants to improve infection control competencies through train the trainer education opportunities, on-site assessments, regional educational offerings, infection prevention collaborative to support system wide best practices, and through development of a long-term care respiratory protection program toolkit. The purpose of these funds is to Increase health departments' capacity to manage and report on traveler-related data, provide support and guidance for travel-related public health activities, and communicate with travelers which will improve the nation's preparedness to address future phases of this pandemic and other pandemics in the future.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: HHS Fund Code: FRP645Z Direct Funding:
 Funds Center: NEW Internal Order/WBS Element: _____ Steering Comm. Approved: _____
 Continuation: _____

| Program Funding Amount | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Regular Salaries | 2,805,060 |
| Extra Help | 89,580 |
| Personal Services Matching | 917,144 |
| Operating Expenses | 4,148,253 |
| Conference & Travel Expenses | 4,636 |
| Professional Fees | 30,000 |
| Capital Outlay | 20,000 |
| Data Processing | |
| Grants and Aid (CI: 04) | 3,296,589 |
| Other: | |
| Other: IDC | 736,373 |
| Total | \$ 12,047,635 |



Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 07/31/2024

DFA IGS State Technology Planning Date _____
 Items requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans as submitted to DFA IGS State Technology Planning.

Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

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Approved by:  Robert Brech 12/20/22
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date
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ELC HAI/AR Grant MFG Justifications

ELC Supplement Name: "Nursing Home & Long-Term Care Facility Strike Team and Infrastructure Project" aka STRIKE

Funding Period: August 1st, 2021 – up to one year beyond the end of the federal public health emergency or through July 31, 2024, whichever comes first

Funding Amount: \$3,337,570 for SNF (CMS-certified nursing home – n~230 facilities) and \$3,283,660 (n=150 for assisted living and n=100 for all the other LTCs) for all other long-term care

Funding Amount Determination:

Recipients are expected to address both Sections (i.e., Activities for both skilled nursing facilities and nursing facilities and other long-term care facilities). Each respective section has a total funding of \$250 million (hence the total \$500 million); and funds will be awarded to the current 64 ELC recipients according to the following formula.

- 75% (\$187.5 million per Section) of the total funds will be allocated based on the proportion of Medicare- and/or Medicaid-certified nursing homes, as appropriate, in the jurisdiction (57 of the 64 recipients are funded based on this criteria). [Note: Nursing homes are the primary target of these funded activities. The term nursing home refers to both skilled nursing facilities and nursing facilities that are eligible to receive payment under the Medicare or Medicaid programs, respectively.]
- 20% (\$50 million per Section) of the total funds will be allocated based on the proportion of the US population in the jurisdiction (all 64 ELC recipients are funded based on this criteria)
- 5% (\$12.5 million per Section) of the total funds will be allocated equally among 57 jurisdictions (57 of the 64 ELC recipients are based on this criteria)

Goals of Funding:

The intention of this funding is to assist recipients with supporting long-term care facilities during their response to SARS-CoV-2 infections, and to build and maintain the infection prevention infrastructure necessary to support resident, visitor, and facility healthcare personnel safety. Nursing homes (skilled nursing facilities and nursing facilities) are the primary target for these funds. Other infectious diseases and conditions may be reasonably addressed to the extent they are in support of or related to work to control the spread of SARS-CoV-2.

ADH Strategy for Funding:

The ADH plans to utilize these time-limited funds to support long-term facilities in their response to the COVID-19 project through several targeted sub-grants. No personnel funds were requested. The one required activity is to offer technical assistance to long-term care facilities to support effective implementation of practices to prevent transmission of SARS-CoV-2, and or/to support clinical services during outbreaks of SARS-CoV-2. To accomplish this, the ADH proposed a large subgrant which vendors can apply for all or parts of the activity (dependent on funds) to conduct train-the-trainer events for N95 respirator fit testing, to develop a respiratory protection program toolkit, regional infection control educational events that participants can utilize to lead to greater certifications, scholarships for attendance at trade and professional schools to support the long-term care workforce, and an overall collaborative to discuss best practices. In addition, funds can be utilized to purchase point-of-care testing supplies, laboratory testing supplies, N95 respirator fit testing kits, and long-term care educational books specific to infection control.

Funding Categories

Supplies: \$3,722,000

Contracts: \$2,900,000 (We are proposing one large contract that different elements can be applied for – which may end up with one sub-contractor or multiple because there are limited stakeholders for long-term care). Funds are also available for DHS' Office of Long Term Care to participate in collaboratives.

ELC HAI/AR Grant MFG Justifications

ELC Supplement Name: "Strengthening HAI/AR Program Capacity" aka SHARP

Funding Period: August 1st, 2021 – July 31, 2024 *Approved in March 2022

Funding Amount: \$4,776,645

Funding was requested to be broken down equally between each of the five projects outlined below with a slight emphasis on additional funding for Project 1.

Funding Amount Determination:

The \$385 million, under the Strengthening HAI/AR Program Capacity supplement, will be awarded to the current 64 ELC recipients according to the factors below to address each recipient's projected needs in terms of epidemiology and laboratory support.

- A base award (i.e., \$86,340,000) consists of \$1.5 million for the 50 states, Puerto Rico, and six large local health departments (n=57); the base is \$120,000 for the remaining territorial jurisdictions (n=7).
- For recipients that serve as sites for AR Lab Network regional labs (n=7), \$10 million divided by regional population.
- The remaining funds (i.e., \$288,660,000) applied by the number of Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)-certified hospital, nursing home and dialysis facilities, and the proportion of U.S. population (n=64).

Goals of Funding:

These funds are broadly intended to provide critical resources to state, local, and territorial health departments in support of a broad range of healthcare infection prevention and control (IPC) activities and epidemiologic surveillance related activities to detect, monitor, mitigate, and prevent the spread of infections across a variety of healthcare settings.

ADH Strategy for Funding:

Overall, there are 27 required activities that align and expand on HAI functions previously awarded. Funds were prioritized for existing staff that had been brought on through COVID dollars. As such, the bulk of funding is in salaries. SHARP has five projects (see next page):

Funding Categories

- Salaries for 23 personnel: \$4,145,804 (~90% of the funding)
 - Only 1 new position was requested for PCQ and getting a position number and that was to get a full time pharmacist for antibiotic stewardship
- Supplies for both general office and laboratory: \$213,400
- Equipment: \$20,000
- Travel: \$62,386
- Contracts: \$395,055

This award consists of 5 supplemental awards issued from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention through the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity cooperative agreement. A summary of each award is mentioned below:

COVID-19 Homeless Service Sites - \$449,760

Funds provided for the detection and mitigation of COVID-19 in settings that support homeless persons. These funds will support a coalition working with this group.

COVID-19 SHARP - \$4,776,645

Resources provided via this award are to support necessary expenses to strengthen HAI/AR Programs and related public health infrastructure in a manner that ensures adequate resources are made available in an equitable fashion according to CDC priorities and the purposes of the funding, including but not limited to: timely and effective response to COVID-19 and other HAI/AR outbreaks; expanded laboratory capacity for early detection of and rapid response to drug-resistant pathogens; enhanced use of the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) to augment surveillance and provide data for action; and improved infection control capacity and practices, implementation of antibiotic stewardship core elements, information sharing, and coordinated data-driven prevention efforts in all healthcare settings.

Majority of funds are being utilized to maintain staffing that was brought on with COVID-19 supplemental dollars. One new position is proposed to bring on a dedicated pharmacist to support antimicrobial stewardship efforts. A few subgrants are proposed to support outpatient providers on antibiotic prescribing practices, training for whole genome sequencing, and using administrative claims data, and to sponsor the Annual Arkansas Antibiotic Stewardship Summit.

COVID-19 Long-Term Care Strike Team - \$6,621,230

The ADH plans to utilize these time-limited funds to support long-term care facilities in their response to the COVID-19 project through several target sub-grants. Funds were allocated to have reciprocal activities completed in both skilled nursing facilities as well as other long-term care facilities. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention outlined one required activity and two optional activities to provide a framework to improve and sustain facility capacity to detect and respond to infectious diseases and emerging pathogens. The one required activity is to offer technical assistance to long-term care facilities to support effective implementation of practices to prevent transmission of SARS-CoV-2, and or/to support clinical services during outbreaks of SARS-CoV-2 outbreaks. To accomplish this, the ADH proposed a large subgrant which vendors can apply for all or parts of the activity (dependent on funds) to conduct train-the-trainer events for N95 respirator fit testing, to develop a respiratory protection program toolkit, regional infection control educational events that participants can utilize to lead to greater certifications, scholarships for attendance at trade and professional schools to support the long-term care workforce, and an overall collaborative to discuss best practices. In addition, funds can be utilized to purchase point-of-care testing supplies, laboratory testing supplies, N95 respirator fit testing kits, and long-term care educational books specific to infection control.

COVID-19 Traveler's Health 2 - \$200,000

This award and associated guidance expand on the previously awarded funds and supported activities under the Travelers Health COVID-19 award that was issued in December 2020, under Budget Period 2 of the ELC Cooperative Agreement. Previous activities included: 1) developing streamlined approaches

for the collection, reporting, and sharing of international or domestic traveler-related data, as well as building capacity for data-sharing among public health networks; 2) identifying, developing, and implementing innovative solutions for communicating with international or domestic travelers; and 3) providing support and guidance for public health activities at travel hubs and among travel industry stakeholders. Increasing health departments' capacity to manage and report on traveler-related data, provide support and guidance for travel-related public health activities, and communicate with travelers will improve the nation's preparedness to address future phases of this pandemic and other pandemics in the future. Funds have been requested to support two extra help positions and a small budget of laboratory testing and general office supplies.

Strengthening 5 Critical Areas



HAI/AR Program Activities: G1, COVID Supplement + SHARP



**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
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SECTION 37 OF ACT 199 OF 2022**

Agency: Arkansas Department of Health Business Area Code: 0645

Program Title: Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC)

Granting Organization: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention CFDA #: 6 NU50CK000538-04-01

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 8/1/2022 Ending: 6/30/2023

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
The Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases (ELC) Cross-cutting Epidemiology and Laboratory program is intended to improve core capabilities of jurisdictional health departments. This flexible funding helps meet health departments' core public health needs and supports the redirection of resources to confront rapidly emergent situations. ELC enhances epidemiology and laboratory capacity by supporting personnel to help address capacity deficits, programmatic gaps, and support unanticipated events. Flexible funding has proven to be an effective model for strengthening epidemiology and laboratory capacity among health departments United States Government in the implementation and enforcement of federal orders related to quarantine and isolation.

The funds would support PHL Starlims and Epi Argis Server. These are items approved in our Core ELC but funded with COVID federal funds.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: HHS Fund Code: _____ Direct Funding: X
Funds Center: _____ Internal Order/WBS Element: _____ Steering Comm. Approved: _____
Continuation: _____

| Program Funding Amount | |
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| Regular Salaries | |
| Extra Help | |
| Personal Services Matching | |
| Operating Expenses | \$493,524 |
| Conference & Travel Expenses | |
| Professional Fees | |
| Capital Outlay | 50,000 |
| Data Processing | |
| Grants and Aid (CI: 04) | |
| Other: | |
| Other: | |
| Total | \$ 543,524 |

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 08/01/2022-07/31/2023

Minghua Li 12/29/2022

DFA IGS State Technology Planning Date
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Approved by: Robert Brech 12/20/22
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

MFG - \$543,524 requested amount

- This request is for Project C1 & C2 – Laboratory Data Exchange. The funds are ARPA funded. ADH-PHL requests support for LIMS technical services specifically needed for the Newborn Screening LIMS Replacement. ADH-PHL requests support for LIMS technical services to support routine changes in lab testing processes, instrumentation, and workflow improvements. Epidemiology Informatics To continue the availability of the ADH internal and external ArcGIS servers and provide the public with access to the ADH Data Hub for communicable and noncommunicable diseases and Provide ADH with ESRI system support up to 20 hours.

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| Technical Services for Newborn Screening LIMS Replacement (Lab) (CTR) (Regular) | \$ 363,044.00 |
| STARLIMS Technical Services (Lab) (CTR) (Regular) | \$ 110,880.00 |
| ArcGIS Pro Server (CTR) | \$ 50,000.00 |
| ArcGIS Support (CTR) | \$ 19,600.00 |
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| | \$ 543,524.00 |



December 15, 2022

Larry W. Walther, Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration
Office of the Secretary
1509 West 7th Street, Suite 401
Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

RE: American Rescue Plan Act Funding (Act 199 of 2022)

Dear Secretary Walther:

The University of Arkansas Community College at Hope-Texarkana (UACCHT) respectfully requests review of revision to the appropriation from the American Rescue Plan Act authorized in Section 37 of Act 199 of 2022 regarding the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Formula Grants – Institutional Funds. Due to rising costs of the HVAC upgrades that were previously approved, revisions have been made to UACCHT’s plan for the use of the HEERF III Institutional Funds.

This request is for the FY2023. The funding to be disbursed or reimbursed from the Education Stabilization Fund (American Rescue Plan) for UACCHT is \$1,559,491 for the institutional portion.

• **Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Formula Grants – Institutional Funds**

For the institutional portion, UACCHT intends to use the funds for purposes outlined in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The guidance accompanying the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 states a portion of the funds must be used by institutions to implement evidence-based practices to monitor and suppress coronavirus in accordance with public health guidelines and conduct direct outreach to financial aid applicants about the opportunity to receive a financial aid adjustment due to the recent unemployment of a family member or independent student, or other circumstances. The following plan outlines UACCHT’s intent to accomplish both of these directives.

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| Payments for COVID-19 expenses related to technology purchases | \$49,904.37 |
| Payments for upgrades to HVAC to improve air quality | \$1,404,213.18 |
| Provide additional grants for students | \$105,373.45 |
| Total funding for Institutional portion of HEERF III funds | \$1,559,491.00 |

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Christine Holt, Chancellor

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
SECTION 37 OF ACT 199 OF 2022**

Agency: University of Arkansas-Fort Smith Business Area Code: 0195
 Program Title: American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
 Granting Organization: U.S. Dept. of Education CFDA #: 84.425F
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2022 Ending: 6/30/2023

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
 UAFS requests a reallocation of \$32,400 ARPA funds from Operating Expense to Extra Help and Personal Services Matching. UAFS received approval to purchase \$1,929,988.00 of computer workstations and laptops to upgrade campus computer labs. A portion of that cost included paying the manufacturer an additional amount to image each computer for us on the campus. Due to the high cost of imaging from the company, we have elected to hire UAFS students to assist us in imaging the equipment.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: UNIV Fund Code: 216ARPA Direct Funding: x
 Funds Center: D71 Internal Order/WBS Element: _____ Steering Comm. Approved: _____
 Continuation: _____

| | Program Funding Amount |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Regular Salaries | |
| Extra Help | 30,000.00 |
| Personal Services Matching | 2,400.00 |
| Operating Expenses | (32,400.00) |
| Conference & Travel Expenses | |
| Professional Fees | |
| Capital Outlay | |
| Data Processing | |
| Grants and Aid (CI: 04) | |
| Other: | |
| Other: | |
| Total | - |

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 06/30/2023

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DFA IGS State Technology Planning Date
 Items requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans as submitted to DFA IGS State Technology Planning.

Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

| Org Unit | Pers Area | Pers SubArea | Cost Center | Position Number | Comnt Item | Position Title | Class Code | Grade | Line Item Maximum * |
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State funds will not be used to replace federal funds when such funds expire, unless appropriated by the General Assembly and authorized by the Governor.

Approved by: *Janise Chiles* 12/15/22
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date

Robert Brech 12/20/22
 Office of Budget Date

Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

MPK 12/15/22

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
SECTION 37 OF ACT 199 OF 2022**

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Agency: Arkansas Economic Development Commission Business Area Code: 0790
 Program Title: ARPA - Capital Projects Fund - Broadband
 Granting Organization: U.S. Treasury, America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) CFDA #: 21.029
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 12/15/22 Ending: 06/30/23

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
 The U.S. Treasury has awarded the State of Arkansas \$158,086,576 from the Capital Projects Fund (CPF) authorized under the America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Funding from the CPF is separate from the \$1.6B in funding awarded under the ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program. Unlike the SLFRF program, which may be spent in a variety of authorized categories, the CPF award from Treasury specifies that it may only be used for broadband projects and related administrative expenses (regular salaries and personal services matching for staff; fees for management consultants and strategic program design advisory services and program management support; costs related to project engineering design review; legal expenses related to project management support; media and communications expenses; educational related expenses to educate and teach citizens how to use and utilize broadband services; payroll for extra help staff or contract labor). Treasury has allocated \$150,236,576 of the award to be used for broadband projects with the balance of \$7,850,000 to be used for broadband administrative expenses through 2026. Attached is a list of grant awardees, respective project areas, and award amounts. The availability and use of funds is subject to all applicable State and Federal laws including guidance from Treasury regarding the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund (CPF) established by Section 604 of the Social Security Act, as added by Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). OPB is facilitating the distribution of the State's CPF through the CPF Grant Program which has been designed in accordance with Treasury's Capital Projects Fund Guidance for States, Territories, and Freely Associated States and their FAQs issued 04/28/22. Supplementary guidance may be published at any time by Treasury and/or the State. Capital Projects must invest in capital assets designed to directly enable work, education, and health monitoring. The CPF Grant Program has been designed to address the critical need for high-speed, reliable connectivity that was highlighted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: COMM Fund Code: FRP7905 Direct Funding: X
 Funds Cen.: CA9 Internal Order/WBS Element: _____ Steering Comm. Approved: X (12/01/22)
 Continuation: _____

| Program Funding Amount | |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| Regular Salaries | |
| Extra Help | |
| Personal Services Matching | |
| Operating Expenses | |
| Conference & Travel Expenses | |
| Professional Fees | |
| Capital Outlay | |
| Data Processing | |
| Grants and Aid (CI: 04) | 53,358,223 |
| Other: 590:00:46 | 2,000,000 |
| Other: | |
| Total | \$ 55,358,223 |

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 12/15/22 - 06/30/26

DFA IGS State Technology Planning Date
 Items requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans as submitted to DFA IGS State Technology Planning.

Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

| Org Unit | Pers Area | Pers SubArea | Cost Center | Position Number | Comnt Item | Position Title | Class Code | Grade | Line Item Maximum * |
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State funds will not be used to replace federal funds when such funds expire, unless appropriated by the General Assembly and authorized by the Governor.

Approved by:  01/13/23
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date  1-17-23
 Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Management Date
 Hugh McDonald, Arkansas Department of Commerce MT 1/13/23



Hugh McDonald
Secretary

January 13, 2023

Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chairman
Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chairman
Joint Budget Committee
94th Arkansas General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Re: Requested Appropriation for ARC Grant Awards

Dear Senator Dismang and Representative Jean,

The United States Treasury awarded the State of Arkansas \$158,086,576 from the Capital Projects Fund ("CPF") authorized under the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA"). U.S. Treasury has allocated \$150,236,576 of the award to be used for broadband projects, with the balance of \$7,850,000 to be used for broadband administrative expenses through 2026.

AEDC is requesting appropriation of \$53,358,223.01 to fund eight broadband projects and \$2 million in broadband administrative expenses, for a total request of \$55,358,223.01. Attached to this letter is a detailed list of the proposed projects, along with supporting documentation concerning the project areas.

This request comes to the Joint Budget Committee ("JBC") following the approval of fourteen broadband projects by the Arkansas Legislative Council ("ALC") in December 2022, totaling \$93,892,885. The December 2022 request was also funded through the CPF award. AEDC did not request an appropriation of administrative expenses at that time. The project awards being submitted today were made using the same objective scoring criteria as the December project awards.

All twenty-two CPF-funded broadband projects will be subject to the terms of the Arkansas Rural Connect ("ARC") grant program rule approved by ALC on November 18, 2022.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Kindest regards,

Glen E. Howie, Jr.
Director, Arkansas State Broadband Office

cc: Hugh McDonald, Secretary of Commerce

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Arkansas Rural Connect Proposed Projects Round 3

Arkansas Department of Commerce Broadband Office
January 17, 2023

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Summary of Proposed Projects

Count of Proposed Projects

8

Count of Households (HH) per BSLF

5,797

Total Grant Request Amount

\$53,358,223.01

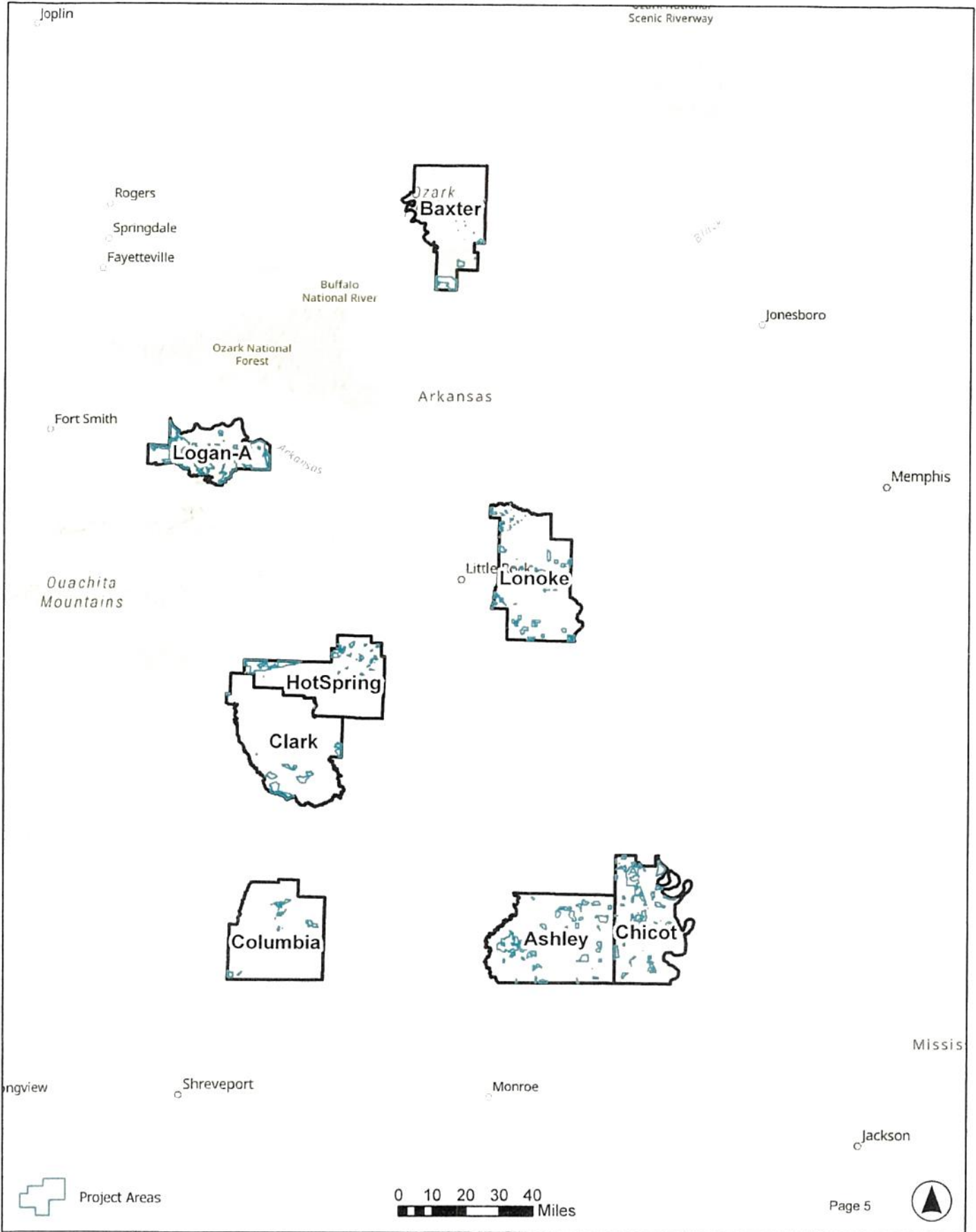
Average Grant Cost per HH

\$9,204.45

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 |
|------------|--|-------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Ashley | CableSouth Media, LLC | 1,248 | \$10,704,315.16 | \$7,921,193.22 | 74 | \$6,347.11 |
| Baxter | NEXT, Powered by NAEC | 120 | \$2,907,120.00 | \$2,151,269.00 | 74 | \$17,927.24 |
| Chicot | Ashley-Chicot Electric Cooperative, Inc | 364 | \$8,828,949.00 | \$6,621,712.00 | 75 | \$18,191.52 |
| Clark | South Central Connect, LLC | 111 | \$2,236,182.55 | \$1,677,136.16 | 75 | \$15,109.33 |
| Columbia | Four States Fiber | 494 | \$8,011,464.09 | \$5,207,451.66 | 65 | \$10,541.40 |
| Hot Spring | South Central Connect, LLC/Central Arkansas Telephone Cooperative Inc. | 870 | \$6,106,282.00 | \$4,579,711.50 | 75 | \$5,264.04 |
| Logan-A | Wave Rural Connect, LLC/CoxCom, LLC | 1,714 | \$19,643,835.03 | \$14,252,451.37 | 73 | \$8,315.32 |
| Lonoke | Connect2First Internet | 876 | \$14,793,646.10 | \$10,947,298.10 | 74 | \$12,496.92 |

Arkansas Rural Connect Broadband Project Areas



Project ID: Ashley

Top Applicant ISP: **CableSouth Media, LLC**

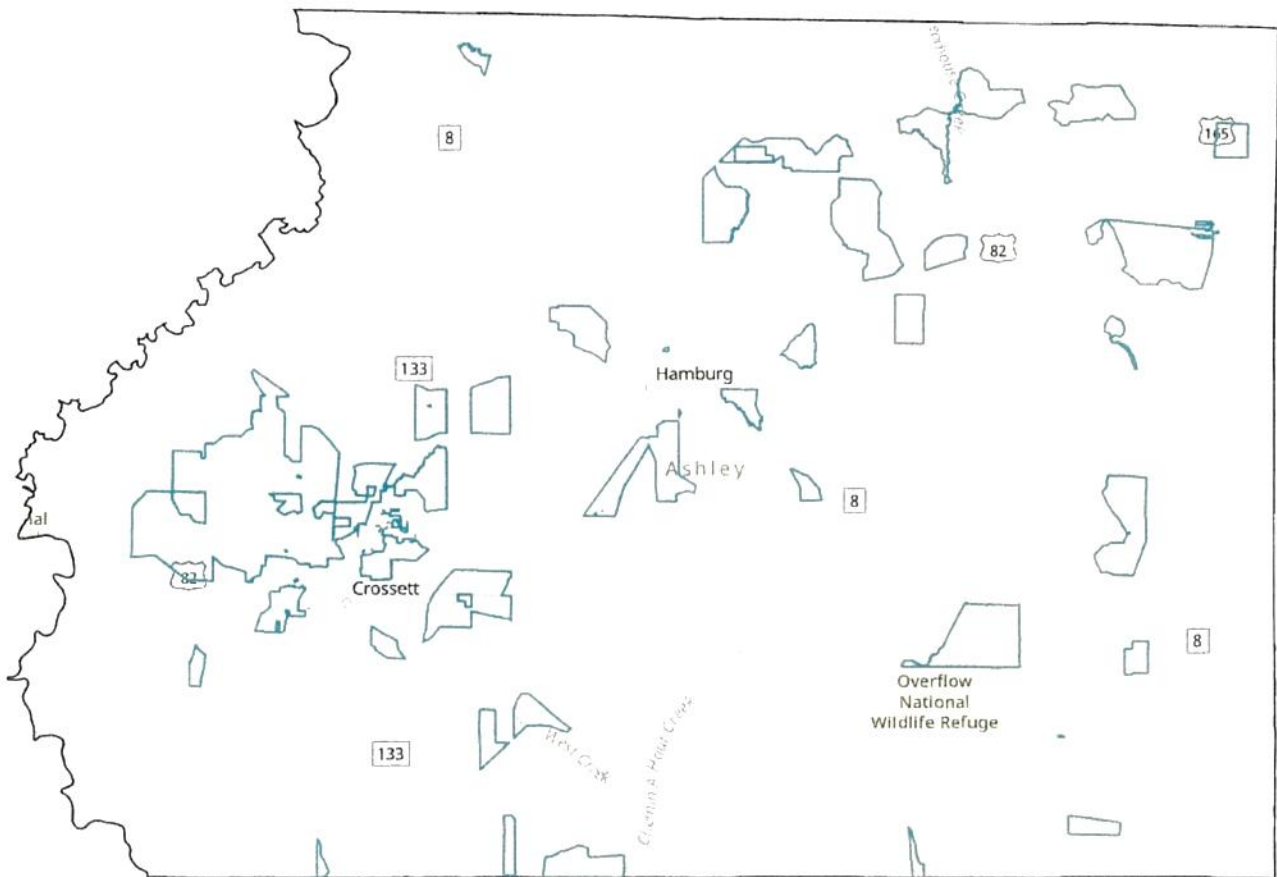
Total Cost of Project: **\$10,704,315.16**

Number of Households: **1,248**

Grant Request Amount: **\$7,921,193.22**

Grant Cost per Household: **\$6,347.11**

Grant Request Percent of Total Project Cost: **74.00%**



 Project Areas

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Project ID: Baxter

Top Applicant ISP: **NEXT, Powered by NAEC**

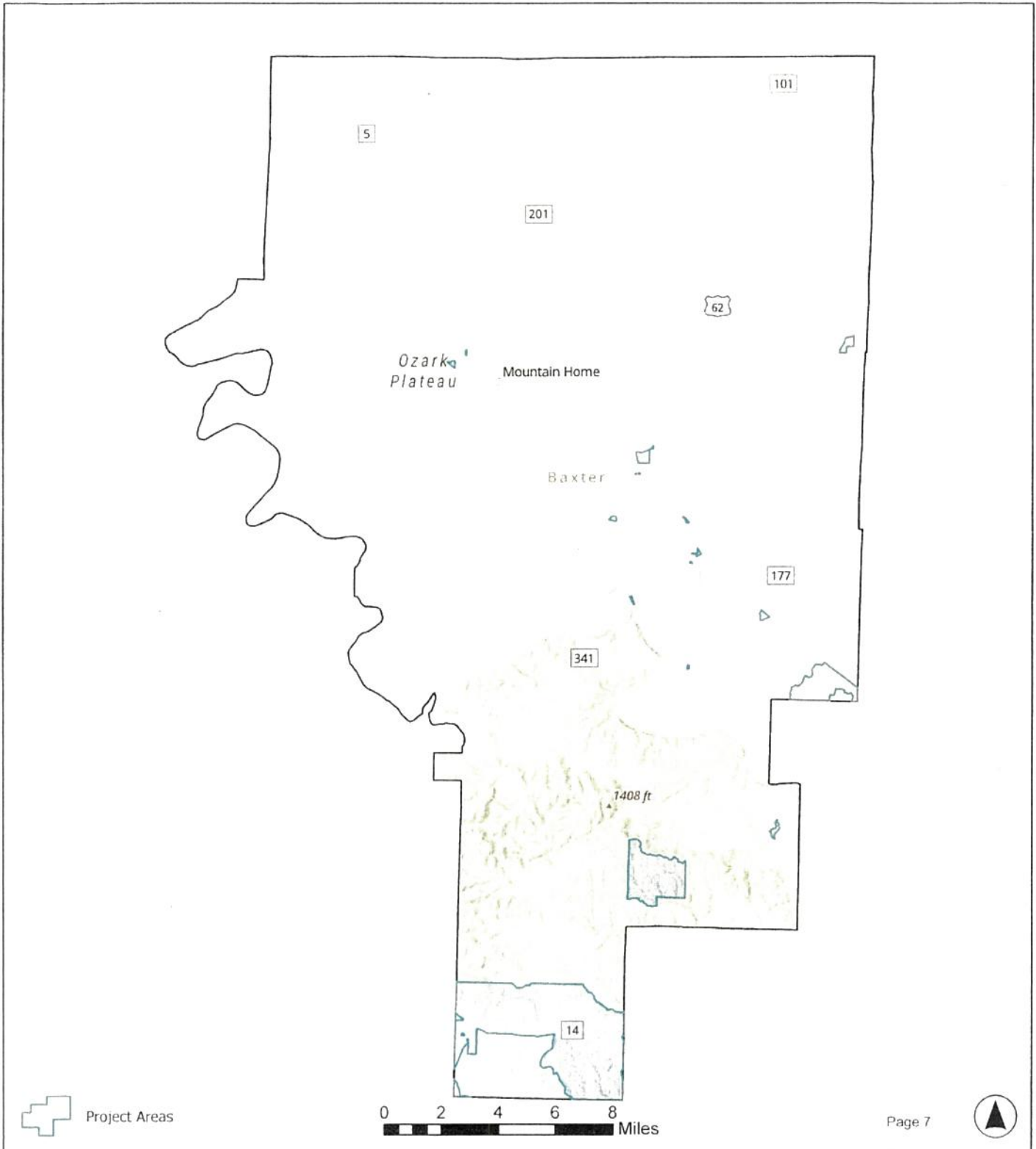
Total Cost of Project: **\$2,907,120.00**

Number of Households: **120**

Grant Request Amount: **\$2,151,269.00**

Grant Cost per Household: **\$17,927.24**

Grant Request Percent of Total Project Cost: **74.00%**



Project ID: Chicot

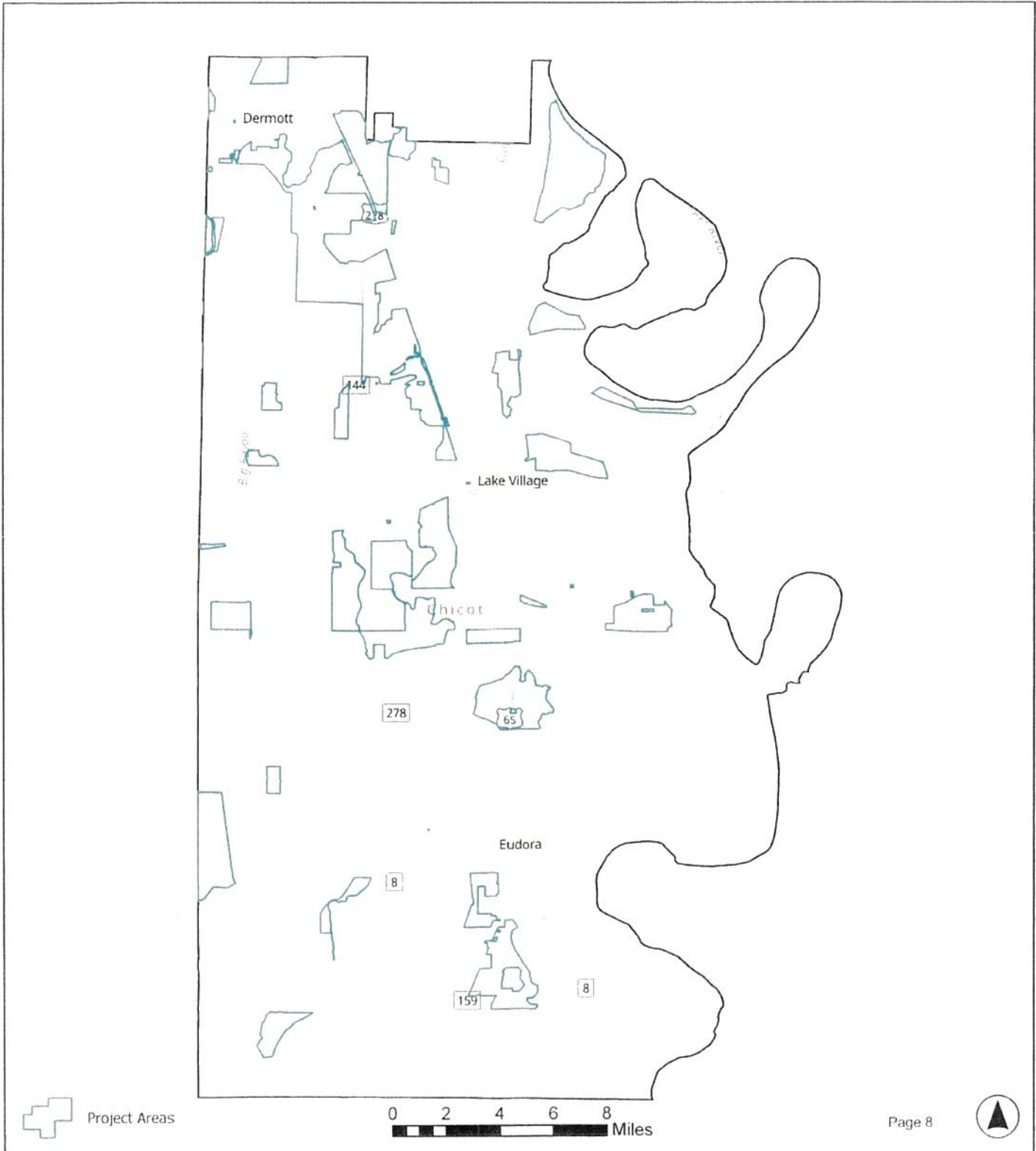
Top Applicant ISP: **Ashley-Chicot Electric Cooperative, Total Cost of Project: \$8,828,949.00**
Inc

Number of Households: **364**

Grant Request Amount: **\$6,621,712.00**

Grant Cost per Household: **\$18,191.52**

Grant Request Percent of Total Project Cost: **75.00%**



Project ID: Clark

Top Applicant ISP: **South Central Connect, LLC**

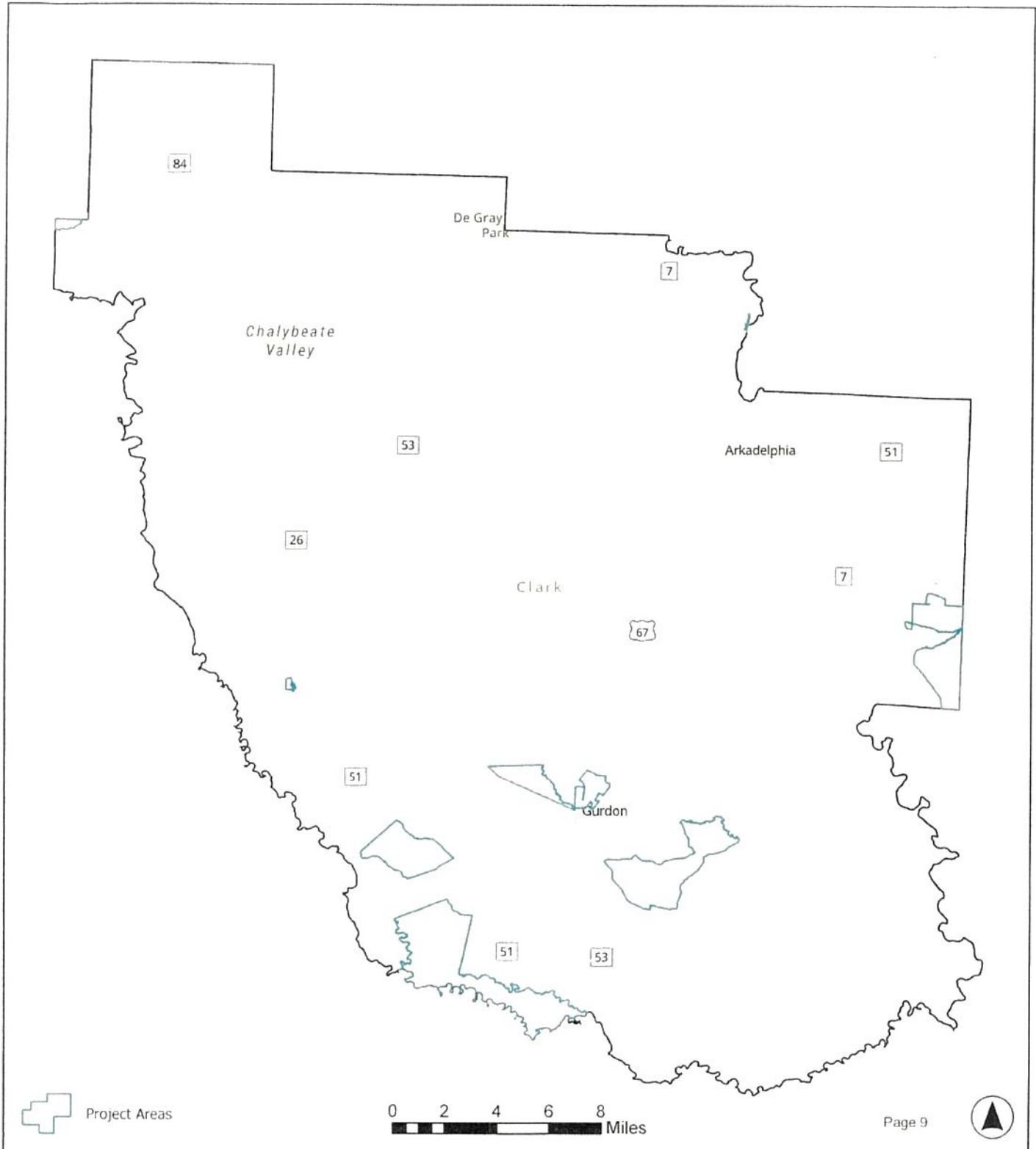
Total Cost of Project: **\$2,236,182.55**

Number of Households: **111**

Grant Request Amount: **\$1,677,136.16**

Grant Cost per Household: **\$15,109.33**

Grant Request Percent of Total Project Cost: **75.00%**



Project ID: Columbia

Top Applicant ISP: **Four States Fiber**

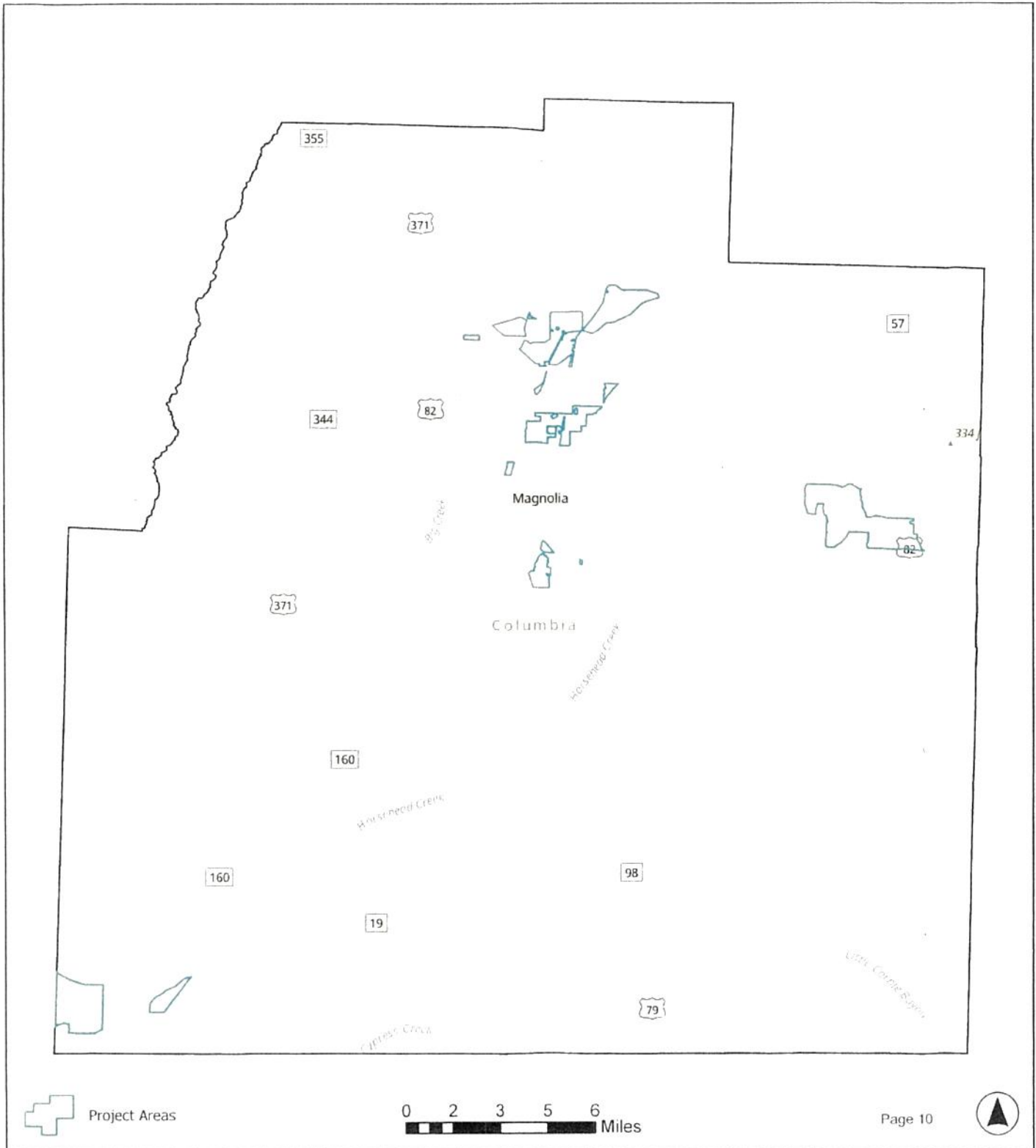
Total Cost of Project: **\$8,011,464.09**

Number of Households: **494**

Grant Request Amount: **\$5,207,451.66**

Grant Cost per Household: **\$10,541.40**

Grant Request Percent of Total Project Cost: **65.00%**



Project ID: Hot Spring

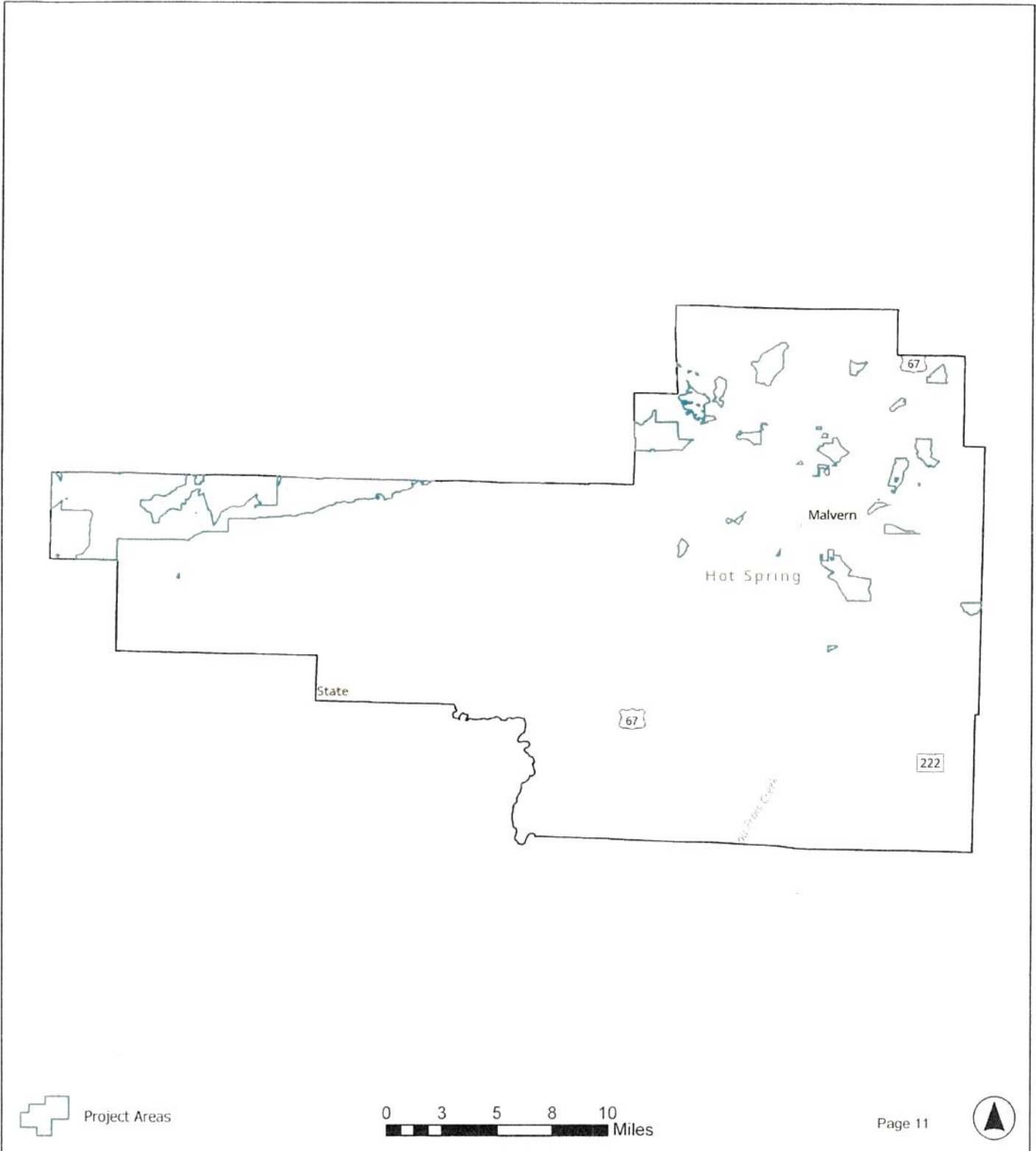
Top Applicant ISP: **South Central Connect, LLC/Central Arkansas Telephone Cooperative** Total Cost of Project: **\$6,106,282.00**

Number of Households: **870**

Grant Request Amount: **\$4,579,711.50**

Grant Cost per Household: **\$5,264.04**

Grant Request Percent of Total Project Cost: **75.00%**



Project ID: Logan-A

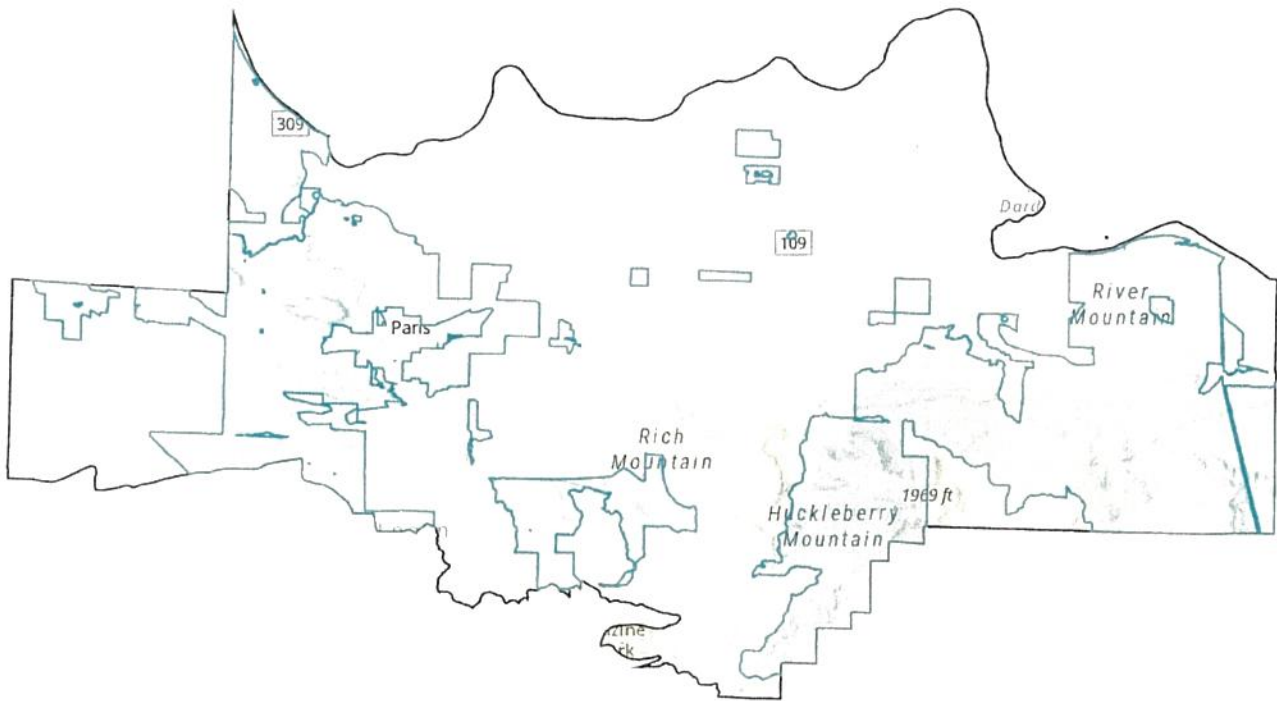
Top Applicant ISP: **Wave Rural Connect, LLC/CoxCom**, Total Cost of Project: **\$19,643,835.03**
LLC

Number of Households: 1,714

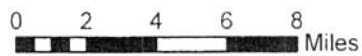
Grant Request Amount: **\$14,252,451.37**

Grant Cost per Household: **\$8,315.32**

Grant Request Percent of Total Project Cost: **72.55%**



 Project Areas



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Project ID: Lonoke

Top Applicant ISP: **Connect2First Internet**

Total Cost of Project: **\$14,793,646.10**

Number of Households: **876**

Grant Request Amount: **\$10,947,298.10**

Grant Cost per Household: **\$12,496.92**

Grant Request Percent of Total Project Cost: **74.00%**

