**Lee County Broadband Expansion Grant Phase II FAQ’s**

1. **If after awarding funds to all deserving applications to serve the Phase II priority areas (****less than 25Mbps x 3Mbps), if the county has not committed all of the remaining $3.4M in allotted funds, would the County consider awarding funding for proposals that will place fiber in areas that are not currently receiving reliable and consistent service of 100Mbps x 20Mbps service from the single provider in that area?**

The Lee County Commission prioritized expanding broadband in Lee County to unserved and underserved **(**less than 25Mbps x 3Mbps) areas first to all areas of the county. Until this is accomplished the commission would not review proposals to allow for reliable wireline connection to 100/20.

1. **Will the County provide the spatial files used to create the map(s) of the Phase 2 Broadband Expansion Project Areas, in particular, the Priority Areas and the Potential Customers?**

Yes.

1. **Does “Potential Customers” equal “Eligible Locations” for this opportunity?**

“Potential Customers” is any possible location throughout the County, residential or non-residential, that could be a broadband customer.

1. **If not a spatial file, will the County provide the addresses and latitude/longitude coordinates for the eligible addresses for this project?**

The County is relying on the applications received to determine eligible addresses for a submitted project.

1. **What is the source of the “Potential Customers” layer on the maps?**

This layer was developed in 2022 for the original broadband feasibility study from available Bing Aerial photography.

1. **There appears to be an overlap between priority areas, potential customers, and RDOF areas. How should providers interpret this overlap?**

The applicant is to verify areas of eligibility when it submits the project application. The RDOF areas and other data on the map is there to assist the applicants in this effort.

1. **Can the materials used be coax hardwire to a few areas or does it all have to be fiber?**

The standard is that coax can be used as long as the end result meets the required speed requirements.

1. **If submitting for all areas and/or any additional areas known to the ISP that would qualify for the grant, does the ISP need to submit individual projects applications for the different areas or can 1 application be submitted?**

1 application can be submitted with each project area broken out to include information related to each project as well as cost for that project.

1. **If a priority polygon is situated in two identified areas, which identified area should that polygon be included in? ex. The polygon included in the Northeast and East Central project areas.**

Areas crossing project areas boundaries can be included in either zone at the applicant’s discretion.