

Capital Projects Fund Grant Program

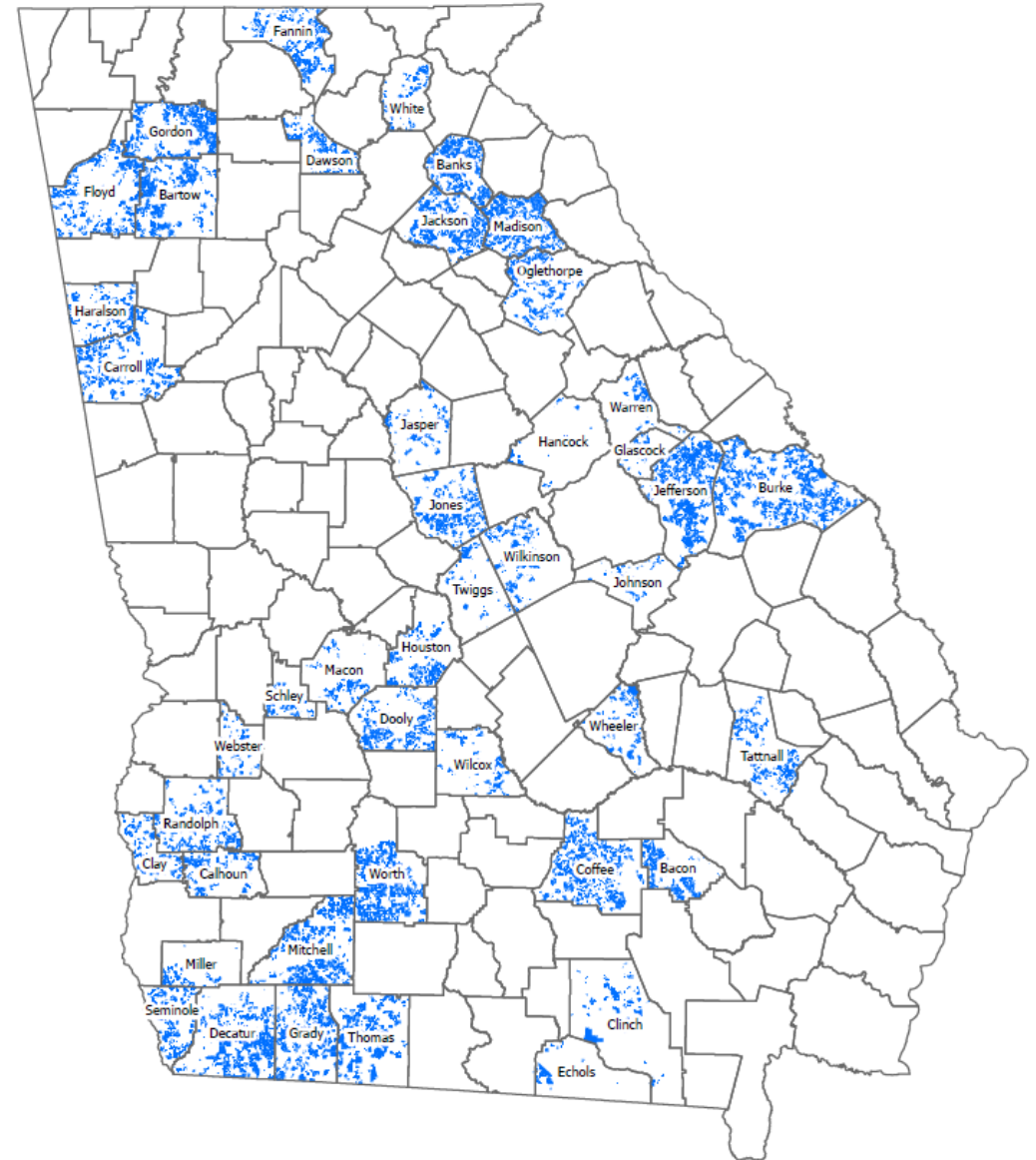
Applicant Workshop 1

August 17, 2022

9:00 AM

Preliminary Eligible Projects Areas

Bacon	Dooly	Jasper	Seminole
Banks	Echols	Jefferson	Tattnall
Bartow	Fannin	Johnson	Thomas
Burke	Floyd	Jones	Twiggs
Calhoun	Glascok	Macon	Warren
Carroll	Gordon	Madison	Webster
Clay	Grady	Miller	Wheeler
Clinch	Hancock	Mitchell	White
Coffee	Haralson	Oglethorpe	Wilcox
Dawson	Houston	Randolph	Wilkinson
Decatur	Jackson	Schley	Worth



CPF Grant Program Details

- Approximately \$240M available
- 44 preliminary eligible project areas
 - Selected based on the most unserved counties in the state both from a percentage basis and numbers basis
- Final project areas announced following Service Verification Process
 - Applications must be designed to serve all locations within a final project area
- Service Verification Process
 - August 15-26, 2022
- Eligible applicants
 - Internet service providers (ISPs) including co-operatives, electric utilities, and other entities that build or operate broadband networks
 - Partnerships and consortium applications will be allowed (e.g., two providers partnering to serve an eligible project area).

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Grant Program Timeline

- August 15, 2022: NOFO and Preliminary Eligible Project Areas Released
- August 15, 2022: Service Verification Process Opens
- August 17, 2022: Virtual Applicant Workshop 1 at 9:00 AM EST
- August 26, 2022: Service Verification Process Closes at 5:00 PM EST
- September 6, 2022: Application Window Opens
- September 8, 2022: Virtual Applicant Workshop 2 at 10:00 AM EST
- October 7, 2022: Applications Due by 5:00 PM EST
- October 28, 2022: Application Review Complete
- Fall 2022: Final Recommendations and Preliminary Awards Announced (Date is dependent upon Georgia's CPF Grant and Program Plan approval from Treasury)

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Service Verification Process

- Based on the timeline stated in Section XIII of the NOFO, a map of State-identified preliminary eligible project areas will be publicly posted on [OPB's website](#) for service providers to review. If a service provider believes that a proposed eligible project location overlaps with their current service network or any new locations of theirs that are currently being built or have been built since the most recent publication of the Georgia Broadband Map (documentation will be required to show active buildouts, not just future plans), they can file a service verification by the deadline specified in Section XIII of the NOFO. All locations submitted by a provider for Service Verification must reliably meet the state's minimum definition of broadband service (25mbps/3mbps or faster wired or wireless terrestrial service). Any provider submitting a service verification must complete the Service Verification Form available at <https://opb.georgia.gov/capital-projects-fund> along with providing address-level information for locations that they believe are already served.

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Scoring Criteria

- Project Design and Implementation (25%)
 - A project timeline is a required document for this section. Failure to submit a project timeline will result in an application being deemed incomplete.
- Capabilities and Competencies (20%)
- Performance Measures (10%)
- Project Budget (including matching funds) (30%)
 - Documentation of the amount of grant funds being requested along with a detailed budget and matching funds must be submitted using the provided budget template. Failure to do so will result in an application being deemed incomplete.
- Community Engagement (10%)
 - Including letters of support from local governments, elected officials, residents, public surveys, etc.
- Affordable Offering (5%)
 - Preference will be given to applications that provide at least one low-cost, affordable option offered at speeds that are sufficient for a household with multiple users to simultaneously telework and engage in remote learning which the State deems as a minimum of 100/20 Mbps.

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Federal Uniform Guidance

- Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, including 2 C.F.R. Part 200 apply to the CPF awarded projects, except for any provisions the Treasury may determine are inapplicable to an award. Each award is further subject to such exceptions as may be otherwise provided by Treasury. Subpart F – Audit Requirements of the Uniform Guidance, implementing the Single Audit Act, shall apply to this award.

Questions?

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