# Capital Projects Fund Grant Program

Applicant Workshop 2, Round 2

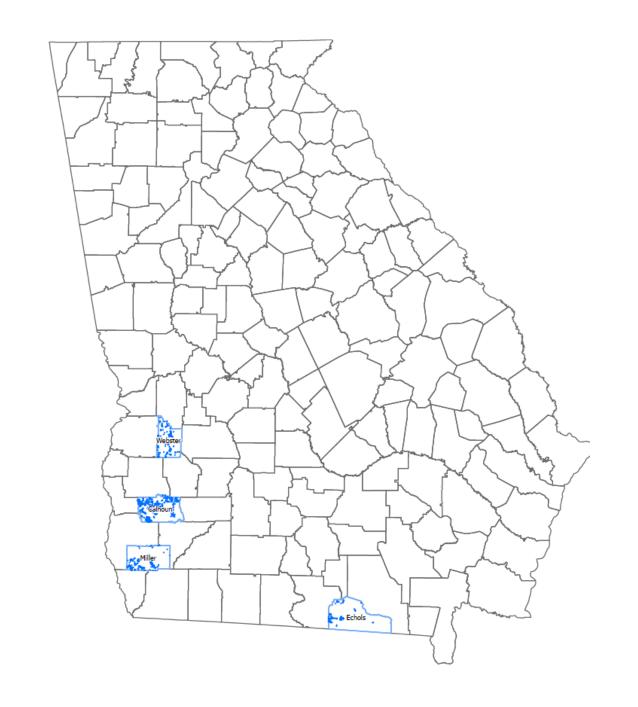
March 14, 2023

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#### Grant Program Timeline

- February 15, 2023: NOFO and Preliminary Eligible Project Areas Released
- February 15, 2023: Service Verification Process Opens
- February 20, 2023: Virtual Applicant Workshop at 9:00 AM EST
- March 3, 2023: Service Verification Process Closes at 5:00 PM EST
- March 13, 2023: Application Window Opens
- March 14, 2023: Virtual Applicant Workshop 2 at 10:00 AM EST
- April 21, 2023: Applications Due by 5:00 PM EST
- May 19, 2023: Application Review Complete
- Spring 2023: Final Recommendations and Preliminary Awards Announced

- Approximately \$15M available
- 4 eligible project areas following service verification process
  - Selected based on the most unserved counties in the state both from a percentage basis and numbers basis
- 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).
- If you are planning to apply, please request the list of eligible addresses from GTA
   (<u>Jessica.simmons@gta.ga.gov</u>). Any application containing a different set of addresses will not be eligible.



#### 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%)
  - o 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%)
  - o 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.

# Partnerships

# **Application Question**

Is this a partnership application (e.g. two or more providers partnering to serve an eligible project area)?
If yes, please include your partner's application ID number.
Yes (Partner Application ID):  No (The organization named in Question 1 is solely applying for this project area.)
Is this a consortium application (e.g. two or more providers creating a single legal entity to own the network in the eligible project area)?  Yes  No

#### 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?

#### **Contact Information**

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