

# **WINSTON COUNTY BROADBAND EXPANSION GRANT WEST COUNTY REGION**

## **NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

The Winston County Commission hereby provides public notice of a funding opportunity for a broadband infrastructure expansion project in the western portion of Winston County as identified and outlined in the grant application and accompanying maps. The Commission proposes to award a grant utilizing funds of up to \$600,000 available to the county through the American Rescue Plan Act's (ARPA) Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds Program (SLFRF).

### **GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

<b>Awarding Agency:</b>	Winston County Commission, funded through American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provided by the United States Department of Treasury
<b>Funding Opportunity Title:</b>	Broadband Infrastructure Expansion
<b>Funding Instrument Type:</b>	Grant funded through ARPA
<b>Announcement Type:</b>	Initial Grant Offering
<b>Project Number:</b>	01133-519-231020-0015
<b>Assistance Listings Number:</b>	21.027
<b>Federal Assistance Identification Number:</b>	SLFRP1206
<b>Application Availability:</b>	Application packets will be available beginning September 8, 2023  Available through Investing in Alabama Counties website at <a href="https://www.alabamacounties.org/iacprogram/iac-bidding-opportunities/">https://www.alabamacounties.org/iacprogram/iac-bidding-opportunities/</a>
<b>Application Deadline:</b>	Applications shall be submitted no later than October 20, 2023

**Application Submission:**

Applications shall be submitted to Winston County Accounting Clerk Gina Knight at [gknight@winstonrd.org](mailto:gknight@winstonrd.org)

**Applicant Eligibility:**

Eligible applicants include a cooperative, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, other private business entity, or unit of local government that currently provides broadband service. Vendors interested in participating in one aspect of the project are not considered eligible applicants but may partner with an eligible applicant.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

This project will consist of the construction of broadband fiber optic infrastructure to unserved and underserved populated areas in the western part of Winston County as identified on the map provided in the application packet, showing those areas in the western portion of Winston County designated as areas of concentration for the project. An application packet with accompanying attachments is available for viewing and download from the Investing in Alabama Counties website at <https://www.alabamacounties.org/iacprogram/iac-bidding-opportunities/>.

The application packet and attachments include all information regarding project requirements and priorities, application preparation and submission, evaluation criteria and process, and applicable terms and conditions for award.