

DALE COUNTY BROADBAND EXPANSION GRANT NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

The Dale County Commission hereby provides public notice of a funding opportunity for a broadband infrastructure expansion project in the eastern portion of Dale County as identified and outlined in the grant application and accompanying maps. The Commission proposes to award a grant utilizing funds of up to \$1,000,000 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

Awarding Agency:	Dale County Commission, funded through American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provided by the United States Department of Treasury
Funding Opportunity Title:	Broadband Infrastructure Expansion
Funding Instrument Type:	Grant funded through ARPA
Announcement Type:	Initial Grant Offering
Project Number:	01045-519-240312-0023
Assistance Listings Number:	ALN 21.027
Federal Assistance Identification Number:	SLFRP3270
Application Availability:	Application packets will be available beginning March 13, 2024 Available on the Dale County website at www.dalecountyal.org and at the Alabama Counties website at https://www.alabamacounties.org/iacprogram/iac-bidding-opportunities/
Application Deadline:	Applications shall be submitted no later than April 12, 2024

Application Submission: Applications shall be submitted to Dale County Administrator Cheryl Ganey at cheryl.ganey@dalecountyal.gov.

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 infrastructure in the unserved or underserved areas in Dale County along the CR-14 corridor from US-231 to CR-73 and east of CR-73 to the county line and north of CR-14 as identified on the attached map. The project can only include portions of the county where there is no current access to a wireline connection capable of reliably delivering at least minimum speeds of 25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload and where there are no current publicly funded grant projects awarded or ongoing privately funded projects. This project will require construction of broadband infrastructure to provide reliable service at speeds of at least 100 Mbps download speed and 20 Mbps upload speed.

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.