



Broadband Overview: House Rural Development Council

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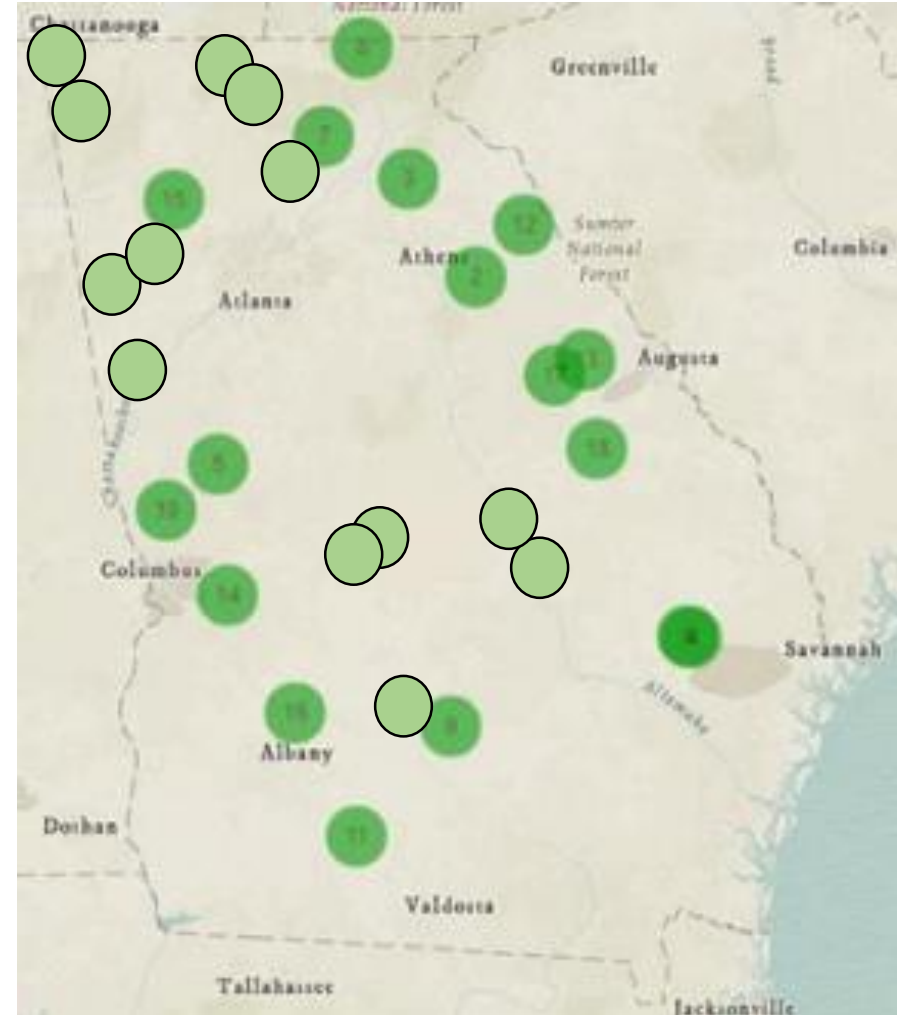
2021 Broadband Report

Broadband Collaboration

- Provider engagement
- Inter-agency coordination
 - Student connectivity & remote learning
 - Connecting county health departments
 - Affordable housing development
 - Disaster recovery & mitigation
- Interstate knowledge sharing

Broadband Ready Communities

- Banks County
- Bartow County
- City of Byron
- Carroll County
- Chattooga County
- City of Claxton
- Colquitt County
- Dade County
- Dawson County
- Elbert County
- Emanuel County
- Evans County
- Fannin County
- City of Fitzgerald
- City of Fort Valley
- City of Hagen
- Haralson County
- Harris County
- City of Hiawassee
- Jefferson County
- Lee County
- Lumpkin County
- Marion County
- McDuffie County
- City of Ocilla
- Oglethorpe County
- Paulding County
- Peach County
- City of Summerville
- Turner County
- Warren County
- City of Woodbury

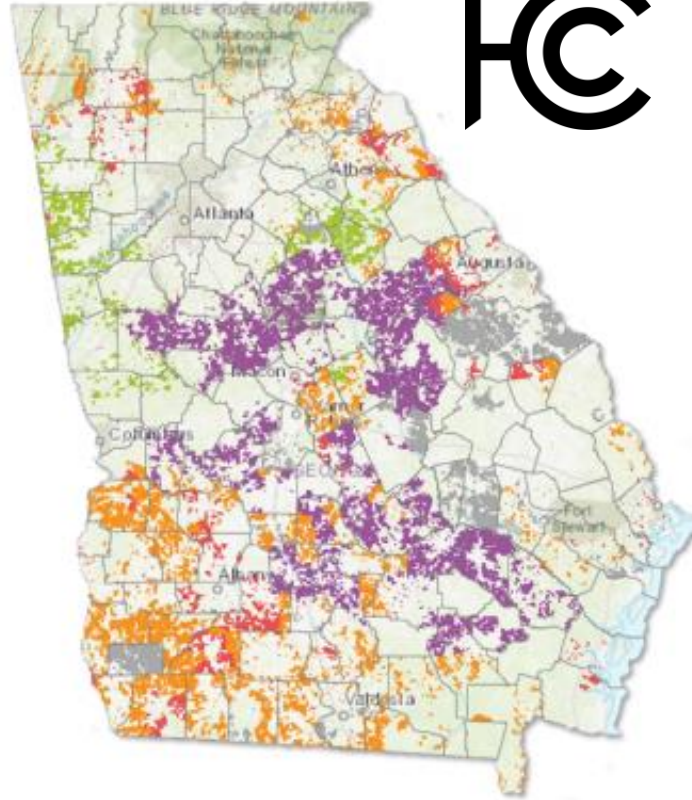


Broadband Investments



USDA ReConnect

- \$23 million total investment to serve 6,500 unserved locations
- Round 2
 - SyncGlobal (d/b/a DoveTel Communications) – \$12.5 million to serve portions of Heard and Carroll Counties
 - Pembroke Telephone Company – \$4.6 million to continue build out in Evans County
- Round 1
 - Ellijay Telephone – Gilmer County
 - Darien Telephone – McIntosh County
 - Pembroke Telephone – Evans County



FCC's RDOF auction awarded \$326 million to 15 providers to serve more than 179,000 locations in Georgia.

Community Partnerships

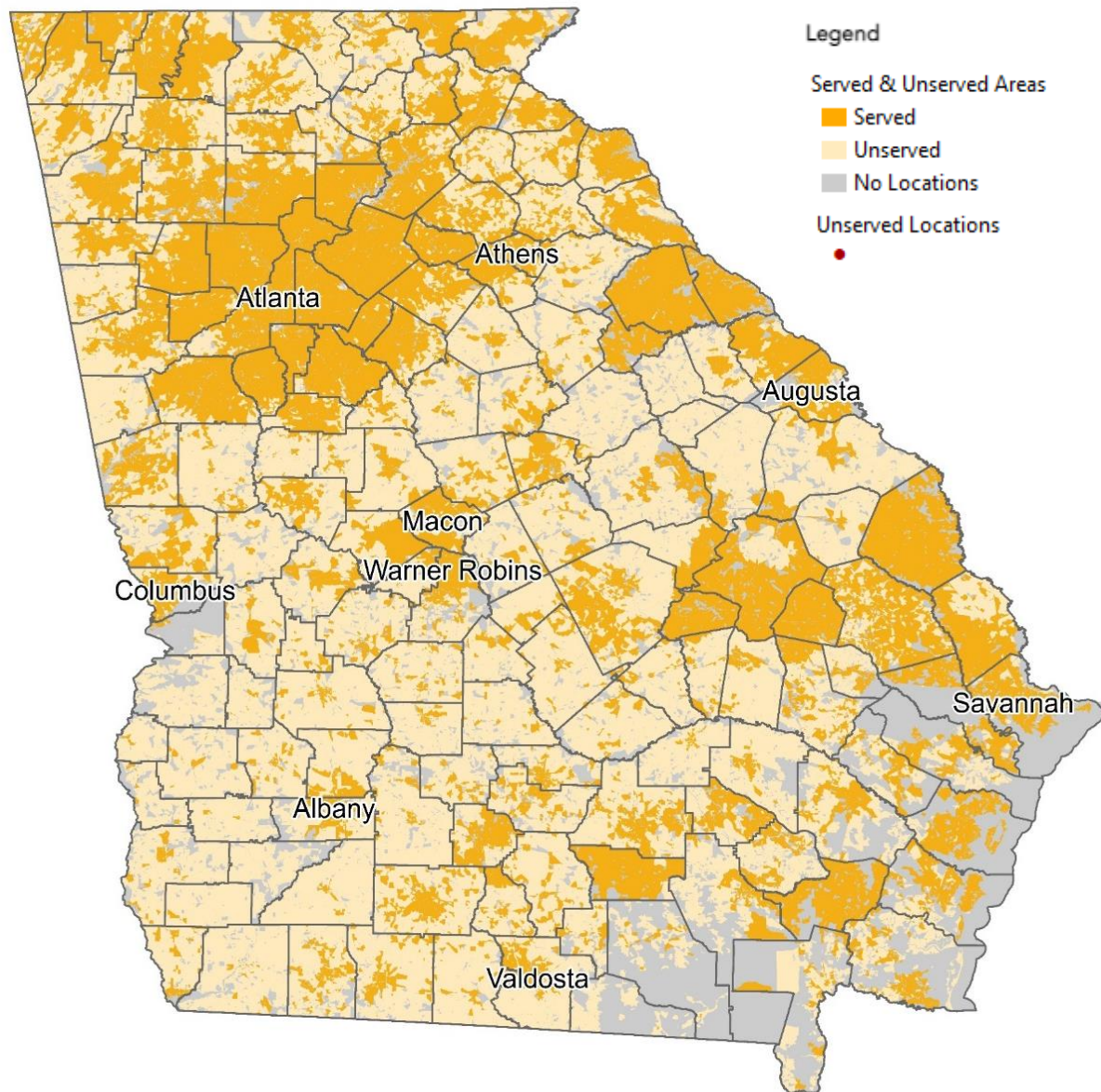


- Kinetic & Colquitt EMC
- Ellijay Telephone & Amicalola EMC
- Conexon & Washington EMC
- SyncGlobal & Carroll EMC

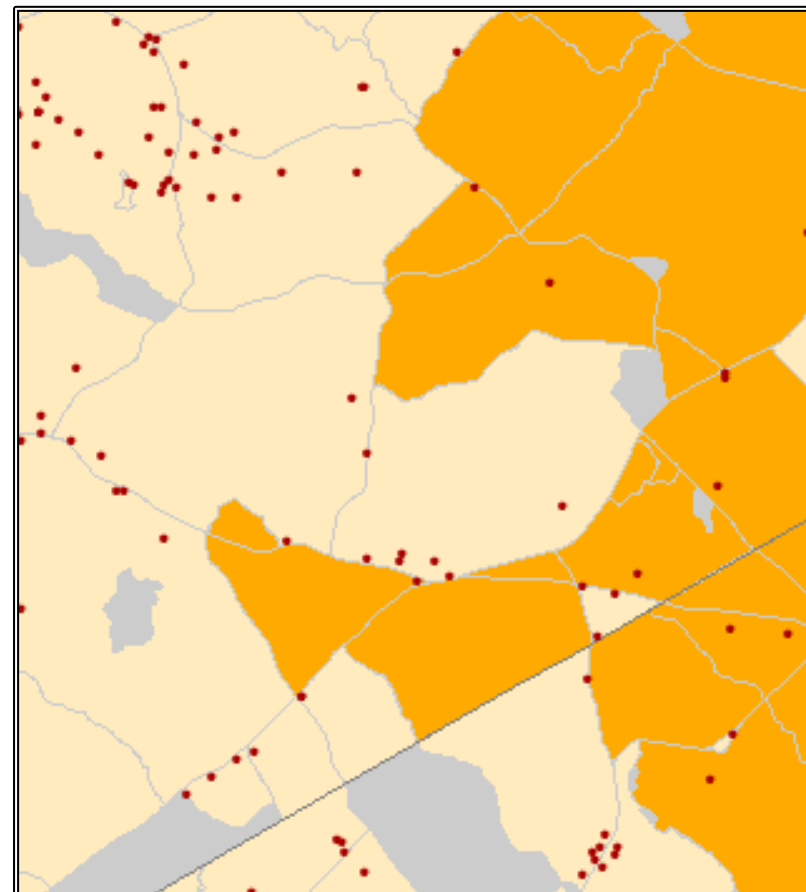
National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Grant Applications

Benefiting Counties	Applicant	Provider	Project Amount	Technology	Total Locations Proposed
Haralson, Heard, Paulding, Carroll and Polk	Development Authority of Haralson County	DoveTel Communications, LLC. SyncGlobal	\$42 million	FTTH	4500
Jenkins	Jenkins County	Pineland & Planters	\$11 million	FTTH	1681
Fannin	Fannin County Development Authority	Blue Ridge EMC	\$14 million	FTTH	3500
Banks, Habersham, and Rabun	Habersham Development Authority	North Ga Network	\$29.3 million	FTTH	4500
Habersham	Habersham County	Windstream	\$14.7 million	FTTH	5080

2021 Broadband Availability Map



- Legend
- Served & Unserved Areas
- Served
 - Unserved
 - No Locations
- Unserved Locations
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Current Broadband Initiatives

American Rescue Plan Act

- State Fiscal Recovery Fund
- Capital Projects Fund

State Strategy

- Executable Plan

American Rescue Plan

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARP; P.L. 117-2) was signed into law on March 11, 2021. It is the sixth COVID-19 relief bill enacted and provides approximately \$1.9 trillion in assistance. It includes fiscal relief funding for state and local governments, education, housing, food assistance, and additional grant programs.

According to current projections, the bill will result in at least **\$17.4 billion** to Georgia, including state and local governments and individual assistance. However, Georgia may receive more or less than the projected amount for any particular program.

The Office of Planning and Budget is the prime recipient of the State and Local Fiscal Relief Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Homeowners Assistance Fund, and Emergency Rental Assistance Program. Other funds made available through federal relief acts are directly allocated to other state and local entities.

Note: All allocation amounts are projections and are subject to change as new guidance is released. Funds have not yet been received from U.S. Treasury.

Click on the icons below to learn more about the current programs.



[State Fiscal Recovery](#)



[Local Fiscal Recovery](#)



[Capital Projects](#)



[Emergency Rental Assistance](#)



[UI Trust Fund](#)

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