



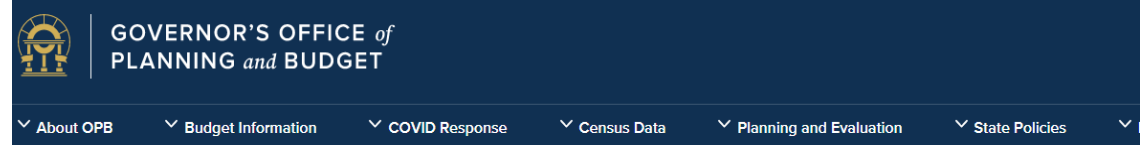
Broadband Funding Update

October 2022

Grants will be administered by the Office of Planning & Budget, with GTA providing technical assistance.

American Rescue Plan Act

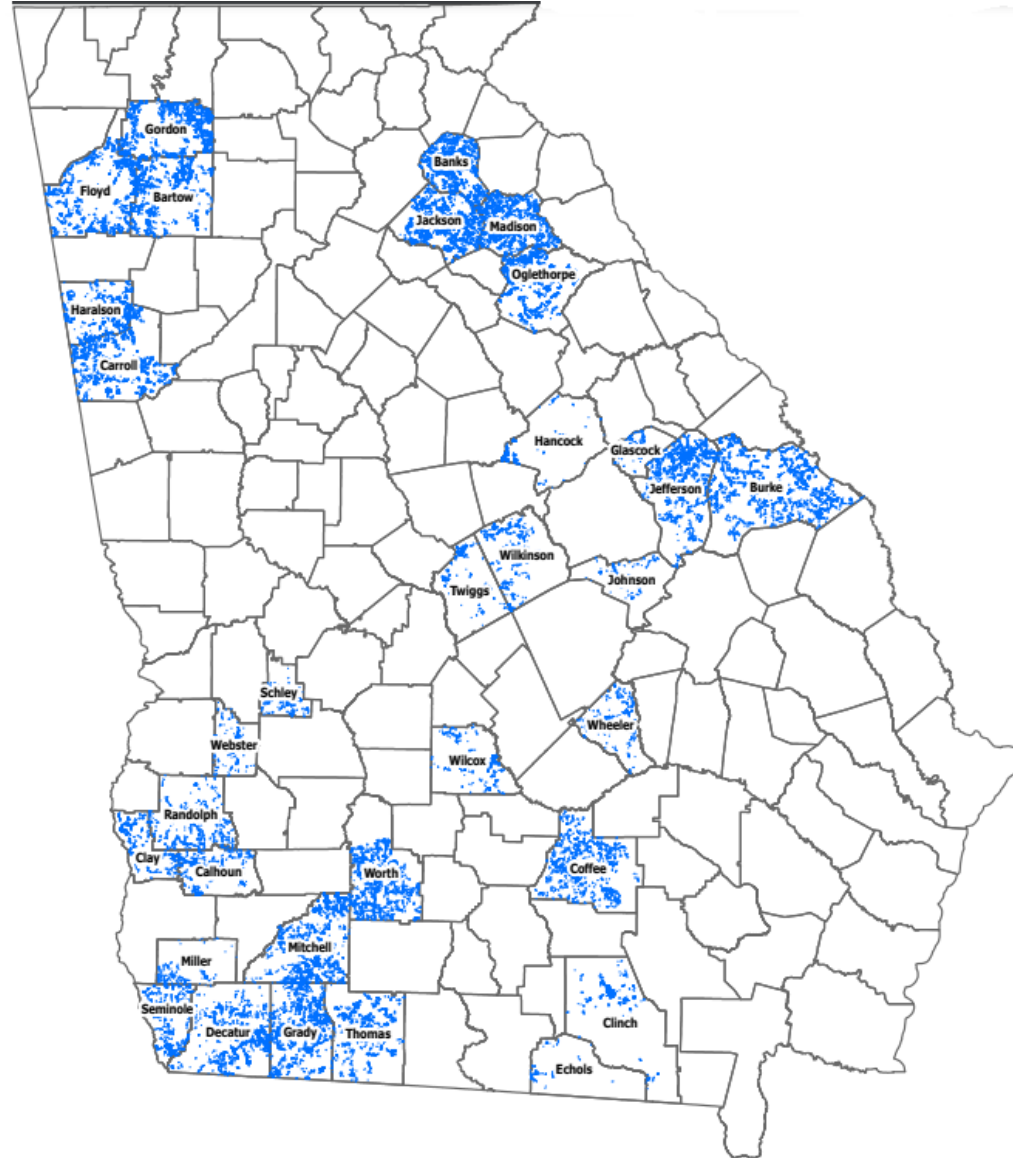
- Governor Kemp announced \$400 million in **State Fiscal Recovery Funds** for broadband on February 1
- **Capital Projects Fund**
 - \$259,875,389
 - Up to 5% for administration
 - 1a: Broadband Infrastructure
 - 1b: Digital Connectivity



Capital Projects Fund

The Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund (CCPF) will address many challenges laid bare by the pandemic, especially in rural America and low- and moderate-income communities, helping to ensure that all communities have access to the high-quality, modern infrastructure needed to thrive, including internet access.

Capital Projects Fund Grant Program



County Eligibility

- Based on the July 1, 2022 refresh of the Georgia Broadband Availability Map the state looked at counties that met the following criteria after current federal and state funding locations were removed:
 - More than 2,500 unserved locations
 - More than 20% unserved
- The state also conducted a service verification process to allow providers to give additional information to the state regarding locations that have been served since the last time they reported data to the state and to account for current buildouts.
- Final eligible project areas had to meet the metrics above following the service verification process.

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

November 3, 2022: Applications Due by 5:00 PM EST

November 23, 2022: Application Review Complete

By the end of 2022: Final Recommendations and Preliminary Awards Announced (Date is dependent upon Georgia's CPF Grant and Program Plan approval from Treasury)

Future Broadband Funding Programs

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)

- At least \$100 million allocated to each state for broadband expansion
- State allotments are yet to be determined
- Additional funds to be awarded for digital equity and middle mile projects
- The state has applied for NTIA's:
 - Digital Equity Planning Grant: \$1,429,212.96
 - Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) Planning Funds: \$4,999,994.65

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