



February 5, 2021

Dear ISPs, Mayors and County Judges:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Broadband Office has completed its first round of awards. There will be another round when federal or State funds are secured. In the interim, please continue to send in your projects for evaluation.

When sending in your projects consider whether the area is currently served according to FCC maps. If it appears served and you believe the area is not served by 25Mbps/3Mbps provide us proof with your letter. You can have community members log on to our website and conduct a speed test and complete the survey. This information will come straight to our office. If there is no or poor internet service, the community leaders, i.e. school superintendent, Chief of Police, Sheriff, Mayor or County Judge, can write a letter concerning the specific problems they are having with internet service. We also will accept letters from residents. Please include the letters with your submitted application. We will review the letters and decide whether we will fund it. Please note, the submission letters do not guarantee a grant. We review these submissions on a case-by-case basis.

When the next round starts we will request new gantt charts. Thank you again for getting rural Arkansans connected.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "S. Porch", written over a blue circular scribble.

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