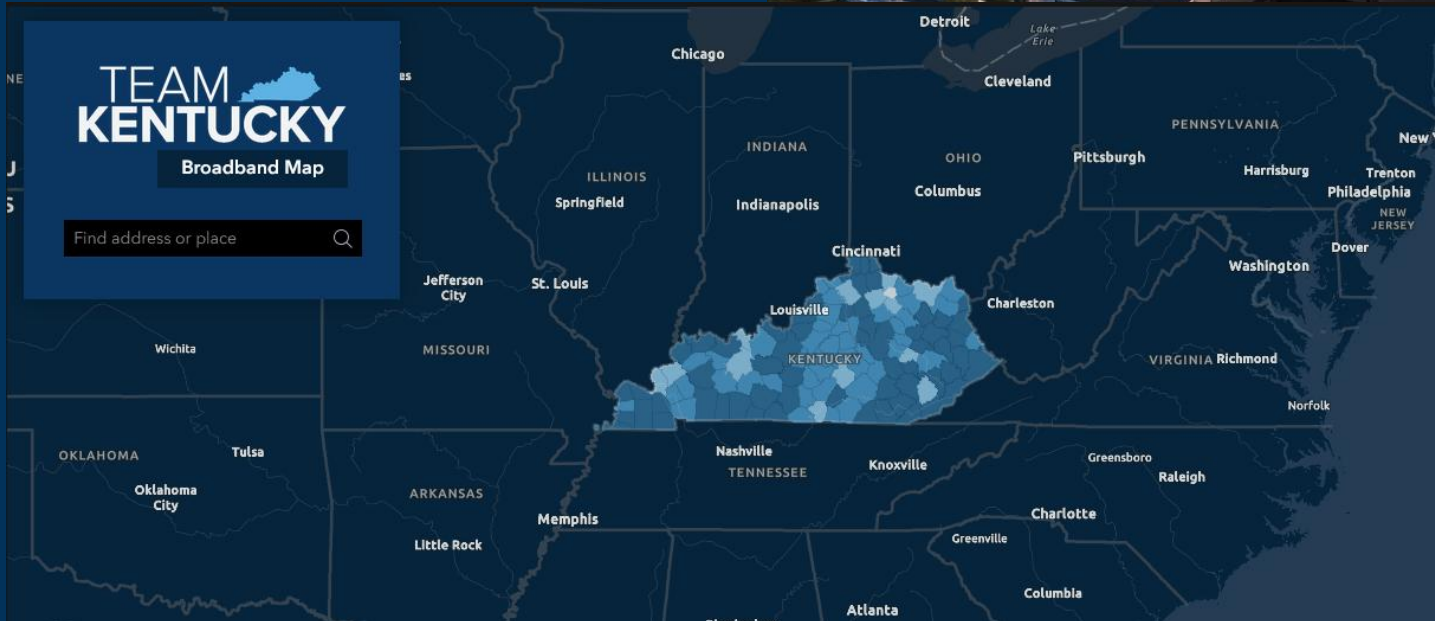


Office of Broadband Development Update

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Maps and Data Hub



Kentucky Office of Broadband Mapping Hub. Learn more about high speed internet coverage, projects, and funding across the Commonwealth.

<https://broadbanddatahub.ky.gov>

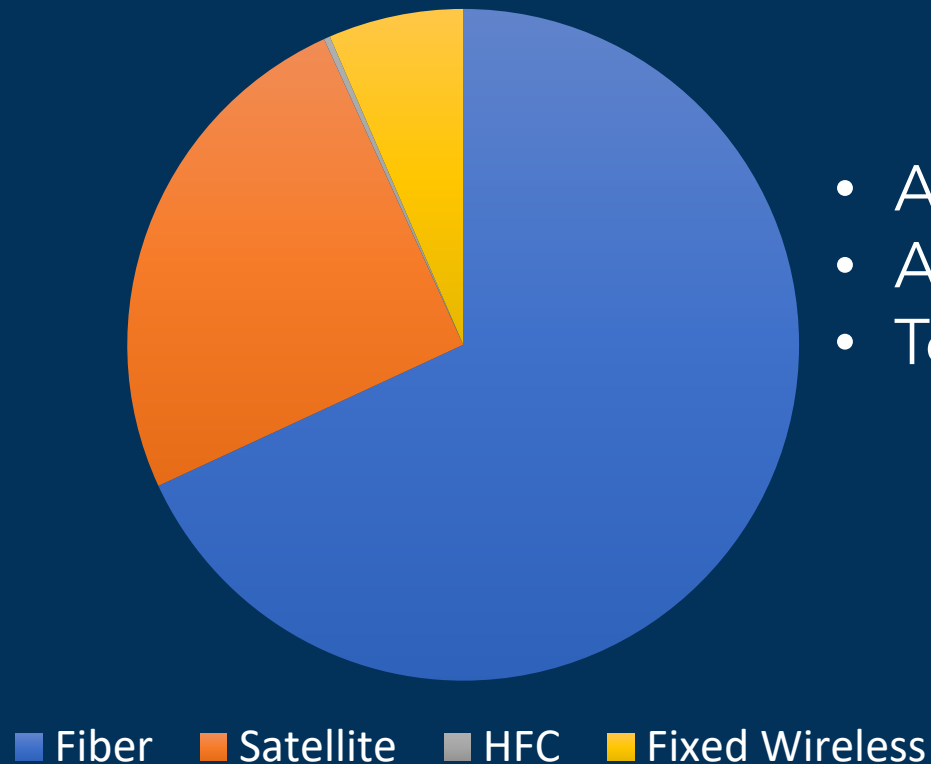
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BEAD: Where We Are

- NTIA approved Kentucky's Final Proposal in February 2026.
- 91 awards to 21 providers:
 - Amazon Kuiper Commercial Services LLC
 - BellSouth Telecommunications LLC
 - Bluegrass Fiber LLC
 - Comcast Cable Communications Management LLC
 - Conexon Connect LLC
 - Crystal Broadband Networks Inc
 - Foothills Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation Inc.
 - Gibson Connect LLC.
 - IBT Group USA LLC
 - Pennyrite Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation
 - Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation Inc.
 - South Central Rural Telecommunications Cooperative Inc.
 - Space Exploration Technologies Corp.
 - Spectrum Mid-America LLC
 - Strategic Management LLC
 - Telecast Communications LLC
 - Thacker-Grigsby Telephone Company Incorporated
 - Tri-County Electric Membership Corporation
 - Virginia Everywhere LLC
 - White Cloud Communications US LLC
 - Zitel

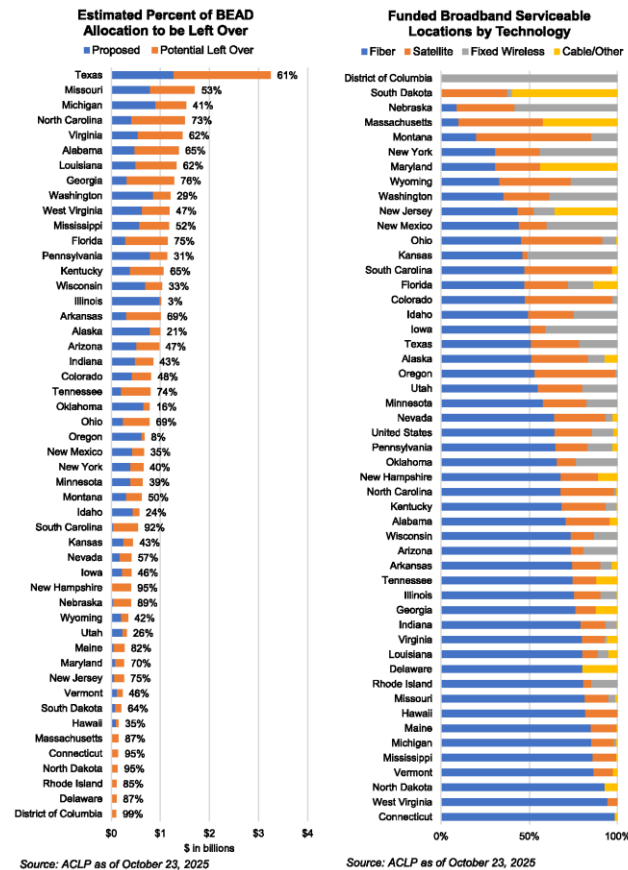
Awards Overview

Technology Type



- Average BEAD cost per location: \$4,212
- Average match: \$2,733
- Total BEAD Funds Awarded: \$367,126,274

BEAD: National Perspective



- Overall, most states will have considerable funds remaining
 - Kentucky has \$685M
- States are awaiting guidance from NTIA on what “non-deployment” uses will be allowed for remaining funds
- NTIA officials recently stated that the guidance will come “by the end of the summer.”

Other Updates

- Payment disbursements are starting to pick up from ARPA Round 1 and Round 2 projects
- Most ARPA projects will be completed by end of 2026
- ARPA Capital Projects fund allowed 6-month extensions for broadband projects
 - Kentucky requested extensions for 21 projects to allow more time to complete projects that had been impacted by permitting delays, supply chain disruptions, and/or severe weather

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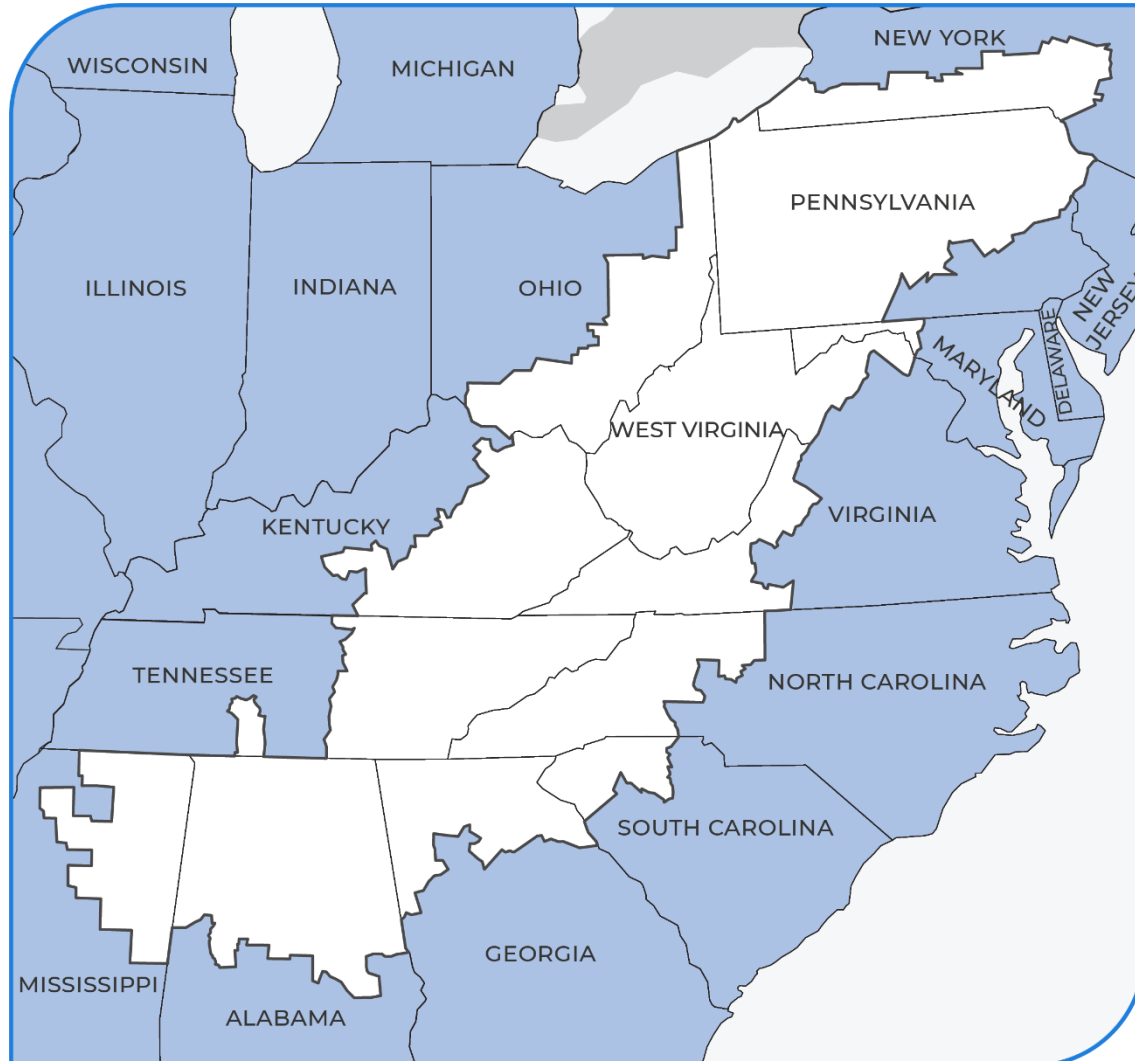
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ARC and KY Broadband Investments

Appalachian Region



- **13 states**
- **423 counties**
- **206,000 square miles**
- **26 million people**
- **74 local development districts**

ARC Strategic Goals



BUILDING APPALACHIAN BUSINESSES



BUILDING APPALACHIA'S WORKFORCE ECOSYSTEM



BUILDING APPALACHIA'S INFRASTRUCTURE



BUILDING REGIONAL CULTURE AND TOURISM



BUILDING COMMUNITY LEADERS AND CAPACITY

ARC Roles

Catalyst

Investor

**Capacity
Builder**

Advocate

Convener

Researcher

Evaluator

**Equity
Driver**

Coach

Navigator

ARC Investments in Kentucky

In partnership with the Kentucky Department for Local Government, ARC supported 49 projects in Kentucky totaling \$23.6 million in fiscal year (FY) 2025. These investments were matched by \$20.9 million. They are also educating and training 1,863 students and workers, serving 7,887 households/businesses with infrastructure, and benefiting the 1.2 million residents in Kentucky's 54 Appalachian counties.

ARC and Broadband Investments

ARC recognizes broadband/connectivity as a core economic-development driver. Common projects include, but are not limited to:

- broadband infrastructure and deployment;
- middle-mile and related infrastructure;
- broadband access and adoption;
- connectivity and community capacity;
- emerging communications technologies;
- planning, technical assistance, and related activities

However.....

Not every broadband investment has to be a large deployment project. ARC can help communities turn connectivity into practical public benefits:

- safer parks
- stronger downtowns
- better schools
- more resilient local government
- improved access to services

“What problem in your community could technology help solve?”

If your community wants to...

Make downtown more attractive

Improve a park

Help students

Improve public safety

Prepare for floods or emergencies

Help residents access services

Support small businesses

Improve local government operations

Support tourism

Help people get jobs

A broadband/digital investment might be...

Public Wi-Fi, smart kiosks, digital wayfinding, cameras

Wi-Fi, security cameras, emergency call stations, connected lighting

Devices, hotspots, computer labs, classroom technology

Tablets for first responders, mobile connectivity, cameras, monitoring equipment

Water-level sensors, weather monitoring, backup communications

Telehealth rooms, public computers, Wi-Fi at libraries/community centers

Downtown Wi-Fi, digital training, e-commerce tools, shared technology

Meeting technology, cybersecurity, network upgrades, mobile devices

Wi-Fi at recreation sites, digital trail information, visitor kiosks

Workforce computer labs, remote-work spaces, digital skills programs

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