



November 26, 2024

Office of Broadband
Department of Housing and Community Development
600 East Main Street, Suite 300
Richmond VA 23219

RE: Scott County Telephone Cooperative's Letter of Intent for Virginia's Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment Program.

Scott County Telephone Cooperative (SCTC) is the incumbent telephone service provider for the rural areas of Scott County in Southwest Virginia. Started back in 1951, the cooperative is a non-profit company collectively owned by the membership. Through the years, the Co-op has grown and continued to evolve to its present-day status as a total communication services provider. The entire county is now serviced with a redundantly ringed fiber optic cable-based network. In addition to the redundantly ringed network backbone, the cooperative has redundant connections to the Internet contracted from multiple providers to insure a high level of network availability to its customer base. SCTC's goal is to always provide superior Telecom and Internet access services to our customer base at competitive pricing.

It is our intent to apply for, and utilize, BEAD funding to provide fiber to the premise connectivity to eligible locations in our region. The funds requested would be used to build last mile infrastructure and install premise equipment to support at a minimum 100M/100M home internet speeds to eligible residential locations, and 1G/1G business internet speeds to eligible Anchor Institutions.

Sincerely,

Scott County Telephone Cooperative

Matthew Hill, CEO

Areas to Serve under BEAD

County	Network Provided
Scott	FIBER
Lee	FIBER
Wise	FIBER
Russell	FIBER
Dickenson	FIBER