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2018 Alabama Broadband Accessibility Fund Grant Application

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Will this project support local libraries?

While there are no libraries in the proposed funded service area, there are three public libraries in the territory Tombigbee is serving, Hamilton, Winfield, and Haleyville. The libraries in Hamilton and Winfield are currently receiving broadband internet services from Tombigbee and they cannot say enough about the service they are receiving and how it assists them in their work in the community (see Attachment C – Other Priorities Question 7 – Winfield Public Library.pdf and Attachment C – Other Priorities Question 7 – Hamilton Public Library.pdf). Tombigbee is going to start the construction in Haleyville during the next quarter and will provide the same service to the library there.

Tombigbee supports the initiatives of the public libraries. One of those initiatives includes the 2020 Census. It is going to be conducted primarily online meaning people are going to have to have access. Because Tombigbee Supports and provides high speed broadband internet service to the public libraries, they will be in the best position to help those without connectivity.

Other initiatives of the public libraries include digital literacy programs. So much of society today exists in a digital world. If those living in rural communities such as our proposed funded service area, don't have access to reliable high speed internet, they are being left out. The digital literacy programs being offered by public libraries are extremely important in educating people how to operate in the digital world. With the use of the Tombigbee network, the local public libraries can assist in this learning process.