

**Alabama Broadband Accessibility Fund  
Updated 2021 Annual Report  
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## **Alabama Broadband Accessibility Fund**

Because the availability of high-speed broadband services in unserved rural Alabama is essential for economic development, education, health care, and emergency services, on March 28, 2018, Governor Kay Ivey signed the Alabama Broadband Accessibility Act establishing the Alabama Broadband Accessibility Fund. On May 30, 2019, Governor Ivey signed Act #2019-327, which provided numerous amendments to the original Act. In 2021, Governor Ivey signed the Connect Alabama Act which created the Alabama Digital Expansion Authority, the Alabama Digital Expansion Division within ADECA, and the Alabama Digital Expansion Finance Authority.

### **Funding**

For the program year 2018 through 2019, ADECA received \$7.4 million. For program years 2020, 2021, and 2022, ADECA received \$20 million each year.

### **Key Legislative Changes**

#### **2018-2019**

- Minimum Speed 10/1
- Maximum Grant 20 percent or \$1,000,000
- Priority Areas
- Application Due Date Established by Legislation (150 days)
- Limited Documentation of Project Completion

#### **2019-2020**

- Minimum Speed 25/3
- Maximum Grant 35 percent or \$1,500,00
- Added Additional Consideration Categories
- Application Due Date Established by ADECA (90 days)
- Specific Documentation of Project Completion
- Added Definitions

### **New Definitions and Reporting Requirements**

- End User: “A residential, business, institutional, or government entity that uses broadband services for its own purposes and does not resell such broadband services to other entities. An internet service provider (ISP) and mobile wireless service provider are not an end user for the purposes of this act.”
- Middle Mile: “A broadband infrastructure project that does not provide broadband service to end users or to end-user devices.”
- Reporting: “operational testing, when possible, to confirm the level of service proposed in the grant application. Such regulations shall not exceed in degree or differ in kind from testing and reporting requirements imposed on the grant recipient by the Federal

Communications Commission, as adjusted for the service specifications in the ADECA grant agreement.”

### Accountability Measures

- Reimbursement Program: ADECA awards funds to the successful applicants before the project commencement; however, ADECA only disburses funds after the project is completed and verified.
- Time Requirement: Recipients must complete projects within two years of the award.

### Funded Projects (as of December 2021)

Applicant	Project Area/Name	Project Amount	Grant Amount	Potential New Services	Average Grant Cost/ New Service
<b>2018 Projects Awarded</b>					
Charter Communications, Inc.	Eastwood Point	\$55,110.00	\$11,022.00	40	\$275.55
Charter Communications, Inc.	Emerald Ridge	\$55,316.40	\$11,063.28	41	\$269.84
Charter Communications, Inc.	Glen Ridge	\$147,835.00	\$29,567.00	94	\$314.54
Charter Communications, Inc.	Grace Haven	\$30,086.00	\$6,017.20	29	\$207.49
Charter Communications, Inc.	Vickey Lane	\$42,076.00	\$8,415.20	44	\$191.25
Farmers Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.	Pea Ridge	\$372,932.00	\$74,586.00	62	\$1,203.00
Farmers Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.	Fabius	\$443,340.55	\$88,668.11	48	\$1,847.25
Millry Telephone Company, Inc.	Choctaw County Project 1	\$4,691,530.52	\$938,306.10	760	\$1,234.61
R. M. Greene, Inc.	Pittsview Area	\$21,602.87	\$4,320.57	23	\$187.85
R.M. Greene, Inc.	Dixie Area	\$253,560.43	\$50,712.09	219	\$231.56
Roanoke Telephone Company, Inc.	Five Points Community	\$396,198.00	\$79,239.60	176	\$450.23
Troy Cablevision, Inc.	SE AL Broadband Accessibility Project #1	\$2,875,576.57	\$575,115.31	957	\$600.96

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Troy Cablevision, Inc.	SE AL Broadband Accessibility Project #2	\$1,744,426.85	\$348,885.37	440	\$792.92
<b>2019 Projects Awarded</b>					
Cyber Broadband, Inc.	Smith Lake – Sipsey Pines Community	\$568,400.00	\$113,680.00	200	\$568.40
Troy Cablevision, Inc.	SE AL Broadband Accessibility Project #3	\$117,773.40	\$23,554.68	37	\$636.61
<b>2020 Projects Awarded</b>					
Central Alabama Electric Cooperative	Zone 1	\$640,500.00	\$224,175.00	318	\$704.95
Central Alabama Electric Cooperative	Zone 2	\$826,000.00	\$289,100.00	382	\$756.81
Central Alabama Electric Cooperative	Zone 3	\$1,372,000.00	\$480,200.00	534	\$899.25
Central Alabama Electric Cooperative	Zone 4	\$1,949,500.00	\$682,325.00	706	\$966.47
Central Alabama Electric Cooperative	Zone 5	\$3,048,500.00	\$1,066,975.00	1,146	\$931.04
Central Alabama Electric Cooperative	Zone 6	\$1,594,250.00	\$557,987.50	772	\$722.78
Central Alabama Electric Cooperative	Zone 7	\$1,519,000.00	\$531,650.00	529	\$1,005.01
Central Alabama Electric Cooperative	Zone 8	\$798,000.00	\$279,300.00	419	\$666.59
Charter Communications, Inc.	Town of Autaugaville	\$962,370.00	\$336,829.50	659	\$511.12
Charter Communications, Inc.	Deerfield - Dallas County	\$158,516.83	\$55,480.89	55	\$1,008.74
<i>*Charter Communications, Inc.</i>	<i>Lee Road 279</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>
<i>*Charter Communications, Inc.</i>	<i>Marina Marin - Tallapoosa County</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>
Comcast	Dauphin Island	\$2,345,000.00	\$820,750.00	2,600	\$315.67

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Cyber Broadband, Inc.	Fiber to the Premise - Smith Lake AL-Phase II	\$2,356,748.80	\$824,862.02	815	\$1,012.10
Cyber Broadband, Inc.	Fiber to the Home - Baileyton Joppa East Cullman County	\$3,810,748.00	\$1,333,761.80	1,775	\$751.42
Farmers Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.	Northern DeKalb-Jackson County	\$1,063,917.70	\$372,371.20	270	\$1,379.15
Farmers Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.	Southern DeKalb County	\$3,219,679.36	\$1,126,887.78	778	\$1,448.44
Gigafy, LLC	Rural Heflin - Fiber to the Home - Broadband Expansion	\$510,805.30	\$178,781.85	524	\$341.19
Hayneville Telephone Company, Inc.	Black Belt Community	\$587,730.00	\$205,705.50	264	\$779.19
Hayneville Telephone Company, Inc.	Hayneville East	\$359,060.00	\$125,671.00	188	\$668.46
Hayneville Telephone Company, Inc.	Hayneville West	\$409,330.00	\$143,265.50	194	\$738.48
Hayneville Telephone Company, Inc.	Poorhouse Community	\$257,350.00	\$90,072.50	70	\$1,286.75
Hayneville Telephone Company, Inc.	Ebenezer Road	\$136,790.00	\$47,876.50	32	\$1,496.14
Hayneville Telephone Company, Inc.	Sherling Lake	\$367,990.00	\$128,796.50	52	\$2,476.86
JTM Broadband, LLC	Lauderdale County Phase 1	\$1,155,470.00	\$404,414.50	1,570	\$257.59
Mediacom Southeast, LLC	Charmont Subdivision	\$170,826.00	\$59,789.10	121	\$494.12
Mediacom Southeast, LLC	Cypress Bay West	\$57,122.00	\$19,992.70	23	\$869.25
Mediacom Southeast, LLC	Hwy 90 Subdivision	\$105,179.00	\$36,812.65	97	\$379.51

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Mediacom Southeast, LLC	Joe Carter Road	\$9,197.00	\$3,218.95	14	\$229.93
Millry Telephone Company, Inc.	FTH Phase III	\$2,728,290.00	\$954,901.50	577	\$1,654.94
Mon-Cre Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	Clearview	\$1,513,447.33	\$529,706.57	350	\$1,513.45
Mon-Cre Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	Hobbie	\$974,508.81	\$341,078.08	115	\$2,965.90
National Telephone of Alabama, Inc.	Red Rock Community Broadband Project	\$1,020,490.00	\$357,171.50	212	\$1,684.77
New Hope Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	Berkley Fiber Expansion	\$310,076.50	\$108,526.77	133	\$815.99
OTELCO, Inc.	Morgan City FTTP	\$1,770,000.00	\$619,500.00	1,649	\$375.68
Pine Belt Telephone Company, Inc.	Project Bulldog	\$9,544,703.00	\$1,500,000.00	1,577	\$951.17
Roanoke Telephone Company, Inc.	Roanoke Community Broadband Project	\$545,143.75	\$190,800.31	142	\$1,343.66
Troy Cablevision, Inc.	SE AL Broadband Accessibility Project #4	\$3,955,139.29	\$1,384,298.75	1,273	\$1,087.43
Troy Cablevision, Inc.	SE AL Broadband Accessibility Project #5	\$2,144,642.94	\$750,625.03	641	\$1,171.02
Windstream Alabama, Inc.	Alabama Broadband Accessibility 2020	\$55,643.00	\$19,475.05	64	\$304.30
<b>2021 Projects Awarded</b>					
Comcast Cable Communications on behalf of Comcast of Alabama, LLC	Colbert County, Alabama	\$1,294,378.87	\$453,032.60	545	\$831.25
Roanoke Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TEC	Chambers County Community	\$552,060.00	\$193,221.00	152	\$1,271.19

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Comcast Cable Communications on behalf of Comcast of Alabama, LLC	Mobile County, Alabama	\$381,323.00	\$133,463.05	240	\$556.10
Coosa Valley Technologies, Inc.	Coosa Valley Revitalization Plan SD-1	\$4,425,844.75	\$1,500,000.00	746	\$2,010.72
Troy Cablevision, Inc.	Southeast Alabama Broadband Accessibility Project #6	\$1,058,254.46	\$370,389.06	294	\$1,259.83
Troy Cablevision, Inc.	Southeast Alabama Broadband Accessibility Project #8	\$437,749.96	\$153,212.49	29	\$5,283.19
Covington Electric Cooperative, Inc.	CEC FTTH Project RL-1	\$5,542,515.11	\$1,500,000.00	791	\$1,896.33
Tombigbee Electric Cooperative, Inc.	Hodges	\$925,921.00	\$324,072.00	239	\$1,355.95
Tombigbee Electric Cooperative, Inc.	Northeast Franklin	\$3,301,347.00	\$1,155,471.45	789	\$1,464.48
Tombigbee Electric Cooperative, Inc.	Southeast Franklin	\$3,600,814.60	\$1,260,284.90	955	\$1,319.67
Tombigbee Electric Cooperative, Inc.	Vina	\$1,653,242.00	\$578,634.70	542	\$1,067.59
Farmers Telecommunications Corporation	Dutton, Alabama	\$241,900.48	\$84,665.17	106	\$798.73
Farmers Telecommunications Corporation	Lookout Mountain	\$333,123.76	\$116,593.31	122	\$955.68
Tombigbee Electric Cooperative, Inc.	Spruce Pine	\$1,590,511.00	\$556,678.85	333	\$1,671.71
Point Broadband Fiber Holding, LLC	Macon County	\$3,152,664.00	\$1,103,432.40	869	\$1,269.77
Point Broadband Fiber Holding, LLC	Spring Villa	\$204,468.00	\$71,563.80	38	\$1,883.26
Point Broadband Fiber Holding, LLC	Waverly	\$1,759,783.00	\$587,000.00	330	\$1,778.79

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JTM Broadband, LLC	Lauderdale County Phase 2	\$1,780,792.66	\$623,277.43	1,155	\$539.63
<i>*JTM Broadband, LLC</i>	<i>Northern Alabama</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>
Cyber Broadband, Inc.	Fiber to the Home - Phase V - Simpson Shores and Cold Springs Road	\$1,661,758.00	\$581,615.30	620	\$938.09
Cyber Broadband, Inc.	Fiber to the Home - Phase IV - Grandview Logan West Cullman	\$6,872,568.00	\$1,500,000.00	2,750	\$545.45
Spectrum Southeast, LLC managed by Charter Communications, Inc.	Autauga County - Spectrum	\$178,569.00	\$62,499.15	72	\$868.04
Spectrum Southeast, LLC managed by Charter Communications, Inc.	Blount County - Spectrum	\$240,208.00	\$84,072.80	109	\$771.31
Spectrum Southeast, LLC managed by Charter Communications, Inc.	Jefferson County - Spectrum	\$235,035.00	\$82,262.25	63	\$1,305.75
Spectrum Southeast, LLC managed by Charter Communications, Inc.	Marshall County - Spectrum	\$74,188.00	\$25,965.80	20	\$1,298.29
Spectrum Southeast, LLC managed by Charter Communications, Inc.	Tallapoosa County - Spectrum	\$413,395.00	\$144,688.25	244	\$592.98
Spectrum Southeast, LLC managed by Charter Communications, Inc.	Tuscaloosa County - Spectrum	\$126,547.00	\$44,291.45	31	\$1,428.76



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Spectrum Southeast, LLC managed by Charter Communications, Inc.	Walker County - Spectrum	\$356,032.00	\$124,611.20	119	\$1,047.15
Cyber Broadband, Inc.	Fiber to the Home - Phase VI - Bremen and Cold Springs	\$8,196,008.00	\$1,500,000.00	3,560	\$421.35
Point Broadband Fiber Holding, LLC	Overlook	\$204,605.00	\$71,611.75	56	\$1,278.78
Mediacom Southeast LLC	Hale County CBRS Phase 1	\$144,572.00	\$50,600.20	653	\$77.49
E Footprints	Perry County, Alabama Broadband Access Project	\$4,939,683.00	\$1,500,000.00	3,207	\$467.73
Hurricane WiFi LLC	Perdido, Alabama	\$137,522.80	\$48,132.98	372	\$129.39
Hurricane WiFi LLC	Rabun, Alabama	\$198,361.74	\$69,426.61	352	\$197.23
Windstream Alabama, LLC	Camp Hill	\$369,969.00	\$117,161.00	43	\$2,724.67
Windstream Alabama, LLC	Odenville North	\$307,542.00	\$107,640.00	71	\$1,516.06
Windstream Alabama, LLC	Springville	\$161,526.00	\$56,534.00	17	\$3,325.53
Troy Cablevision, Inc.	Southeast Alabama Broadband Accessibility Project #7	\$2,045,082.27	\$715,778.79	408	\$1,754.36
Spectrum Southeast, LLC managed by Charter Communications, Inc.	Lee County - Spectrum	\$863,556.00	\$302,244.60	401	\$753.73

**Applications Funded to Date:**

- ADECA received twenty-two (22) applications during the 2018 application period, five (5) applications during the 2019 application period, sixty-one (61) applications during the 2020 application period, and forty-one (41) during the 2021 application period.

- In 2018, ADECA awarded thirteen (13) projects, two (2) projects in 2019, forty (40) projects in 2020, and thirty-nine (39) projects in 2021. ADECA has awarded a total of ninety-four (94) projects under the ABAF.
- Funds awarded total \$37,500,417.72 with a matching private investment of \$88,632,432.94.
- The average grant dollar cost per new service is \$812.52.
- Projects that are italicized were rescinded by the applicant after the project was awarded funding.

**Unfunded Projects (as of December 2021)**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project Area/Name</b>	<b>Project Amount</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>	<b>Potential New Services</b>	<b>Average Grant Cost Per New Service</b>
<b>Unfunded 2018</b>					
National Telephone of Alabama, Inc.	Red Rock Community Broadband Project	\$447,882.00	89,564.40	124	\$722.29
Paladin Wireless, LLC	Paladin Coosa Fixed Wireless Solution	\$7,000,000.00	\$1,400,000.00	12,000	\$116.67
OTELCO, Inc.	Arab FTTP	\$165,000.00	\$33,000.00	79	\$417.72
R.M. Green, Inc.	Padgetts Road Area	\$50,594.65	\$10,118.93	49	\$206.51
R.M. Greene, Inc.	Patterson Road	\$37,110.10	\$7,422.02	21	\$353.43
Roanoke Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	Tin Shop Community Broadband Project	\$749,130.00	\$149,826.00	163	\$919.18
Tombigbee Electric Cooperative	Whitehouse Community	\$1,128,876.00	\$225,776.00	404	\$558.85
Tombigbee Electric Cooperative	Southeast Marion County	\$1,646,778.00	\$329,356.00	432	\$762.40
Tombigbee Electric Cooperative	Rural Hackleburg	\$3,539,443.00	\$707,889.00	637	\$1,111.29

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<b>Unfunded 2019</b>					
R. M. Greene, Inc.	Dixie Area Phase 2	\$253,560.43	\$50,712.09	219	\$231.50
Blackbelt Technologies, Inc.	Orrville Hybrid Fiber Wireless Broadband Project	\$207,602.00	\$41,520.40	297	\$139.80
RainWare, LLC	RainWare Phase 1	\$11,113,580.00	\$1,400,00.00	6,974	\$200.75
<b>Unfunded 2020</b>					
Alabama Lightwave, Inc.	North Bibb County - West Blocton Area	\$4,277,728.00	\$1,497,204.80	6,089	\$245.89
Alabama Power Company	Jasper Area Middle Mile Project	\$1,365,100.00	\$477,785.00	10,587	\$45.13
Alabama Power Company	Vance, West Blocton, and Woodstock Middle Mile Project	\$1,785,000.00	\$624,750.00	5,542	\$112.73
CenturyLink, Inc.	Winfield	\$49,400.00	\$17,290.00	109	\$158.62
Charter Communications, Inc.	Franklin Parc Area - Warrior AI	\$156,907.00	\$54,917.45	69	\$795.91
Charter Communications, Inc.	Peggy Drive - Roanoke	\$34,072.00	\$11,925.20	14	\$851.80
Charter Communications, Inc.	Raintree Area - Centre AI	\$90,469.00	\$31,664.15	51	\$620.87
Covington Electric Cooperative, Inc.	South Alabama Middle Mile Broadband Accessibility	\$5,219,513.65	\$1,500,000.00	3	\$500,000
Mediacom Southeast, LLC	Beth Drive	\$42,984.00	\$15,044.40	40	\$376.11

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Tombigbee Electric Cooperative	NW AL Revitalization - Marion County	\$2,504,256.00	\$876,489.00	873	\$1,004.00
Tombigbee Electric Cooperative	NW AL - North Lamar County	\$3,353,090.00	\$1,173,582.00	1,499	\$782.91
Tombigbee Electric Cooperative	NW AL - South Lamar County	\$2,865,308.00	\$1,002,858.00	1,700	\$589.92
Charter Communications, Inc.	Creekside - Trussville	\$104,168.86	\$36,459.10	42	\$868.07
Charter Communications, Inc.	Timberline Area - Calera Al	\$510,889.00	\$178,811.15	259	\$690.39
DV GWA, LLC.	GET WIRED ALABAMA - Dallas County	\$4,813,029.00	\$1,443,909.00	9,805	\$147.26
DV GWA, LLC.	GET WIRED ALABAMA - Lowndes County	\$633,880.00	\$221,858.00	9,051	\$24.51
DV GWA, LLC.	GET WIRED ALABAMA - Macon County	\$3,072,956.00	\$1,075,535.00	7,515	\$143.12
DV GWA, LLC.	GET WIRED ALABAMA - Wilcox County	\$2,947,725.00	\$1,031,704.00	6,642	\$155.33
Highspeed Country Internet, LLC (HCI)	South Cleburne County	\$187,300.00	\$65,555.00	211	\$310.69
JTM Broadband, LLC	Winston County Phase 1	\$954,949.73	\$334,232.41	364	\$918.22
Moundville Telephone Company, Inc	MTC Middle-Mile	\$141,280.00	\$49,448.00	-	N/A
<b>Unfunded 2021</b>					

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JTM Broadband, LLC	Winston County Phase 2	\$1,191,343.38	\$424,170.38	708	\$599.11
Comcast Cable Communications on behalf of Comcast of Alabama, LLC	Lauderdale County, Alabama	\$2,122,721.92	\$742,952.67	1203	\$617.58

**Unfunded Projects:**

- A total of thirty-five (35) projects did not receive funding.
- Approximately forty-three (43) percent of those unfunded projects were rescinded by the applicant. Some of the projects were rescinded to prevent a conflict with federal funding.
- The remaining unfunded projects were deemed ineligible because there were either problems with the submitted application or the proposed project included areas that were already considered served according to the legislation. All applicants receiving a valid challenge from an existing provider were presented with the challenge and allowed to amend the project, rescind the project, or dispute the challenge.
- In all cases, unsuccessful applicants have been invited to receive technical assistance and resubmit an application during subsequent funding rounds. Many applicants have already chosen to do so, and others are planning to reapply during the 2022 Project Year funding cycle.

**Grand Totals for All Program Years**

	<b>Project Amount</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>	<b>Potential New Services</b>	<b>Average Grant Cost Per New Service</b>
Funded Projects	\$88,632,432.94	\$37,500,417.72	46,153	\$812.52
Unfunded Projects	\$64,713,626.72	\$17,333,329.55	83,775	\$206.90

**Additional Consideration for Minority, Female, and Disadvantaged Business Participation**

In order to promote the deployment of grant funds in an inclusive manner that is consistent with the racial, gender, geographic, urban, rural, and economic diversity of the state, ADECA gave additional scoring consideration (10 points) to applicants that provided documentation of certification by the Office of Minority Business Enterprise or otherwise as a

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise. Additionally, to encourage grant applicants to use vendors and subcontractors that have been certified by the Office of Minority Business Enterprise or that are Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, ADECA provided additional scoring consideration (10 points) for applicants identifying such businesses as part of the project.

During the 2020 program year, four project received points under one of the two criteria:

- Ownership Consideration
  - Troy Cablevision, Inc. – Southeast Alabama Broadband Accessibility Project #4
  - Troy Cablevision, Inc. – Southeast Alabama Broadband Accessibility Project #5
- Vendor or Subcontractor Consideration
  - National Telephone of Alabama, Inc. – Red Rock Community Broadband Project
  - Roanoke Telephone Company, Inc. – Roanoke Community Broadband Project

During the 2021 program year, three project received points under one of the two criteria:

- Ownership Consideration
  - Troy Cablevision, Inc. – Southeast Alabama Broadband Accessibility Project #6
  - Troy Cablevision, Inc. – Southeast Alabama Broadband Accessibility Project #7
  - Troy Cablevision, Inc. – Southeast Alabama Broadband Accessibility Project #8

**Completed Projects (as of December 2021)**

Grantee	Project Area/Name	Grant Amount	Grant Expenditures	New Services	Average Grant Cost Per New Service
Charter Communications, Inc.	Eastwood Point	\$11,022.00	\$7,596.09	40	\$189.90
Charter Communications, Inc.	Emerald Ridge	\$11,063.28	\$8,488.11	41	\$2,575.17
Charter Communications, Inc.	Glen Ridge	\$29,567.00	\$17,620.52	70	\$251.72
Charter Communications, Inc.	Grace Haven	\$6,017.20	\$4,093.12	21	\$194.91

Charter Communications, Inc.	Vickey Lane	\$8,415.20	\$5,213.88	44	\$118.50
Farmers Telecommunication Cooperative, Inc.	Pea Ridge	\$74,586.40	\$58,879.20	62	\$949.66
Farmers Telecommunication Cooperative, Inc.	Fabius	\$88,668.11	\$63,973.81	39	\$1,640.35
Millry Telephone Company, Inc.	Choctaw County Project 1	\$938,306.07	\$873,891.13	760	\$1,149.86
R.M. Greene, Inc.	Pittsview Area	\$4,320.57	\$2,907.89	21	\$138.47
R.M. Greene, Inc.	Dixie Area	\$50,712.09	\$40,951.11	213	\$192.26
Roanoke Telephone Company, Inc.	Five Points Community	\$79,239.60	\$79,239.60	176	\$450.23
Troy Cablevision, Inc.	SE AL Broadband Accessibility Project #1	\$575,115.31	\$575,115.31	945	\$608.59
Troy Cablevision, Inc.	SE AL Broadband Accessibility Project #2	\$348,885.37	\$234,156.11	352	\$665.22
Troy Cablevision, Inc.	Southeast Alabama Broadband Accessibility Project #3	\$23,554.68	\$20,683.76	35	\$590.96
New Hope Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	Berkley Fiber Expansion	\$108,526.77	\$108,526.77	105	\$1,033.59
Roanoke Telephone Company, Inc.	Roanoke Community Broadband Project	\$190,800.31	\$149,077.24	66	\$2,258.75

**Grand Totals for Completed Projects**

<b>Grant Amount</b>	<b>Grant Expenditures</b>	<b>New Services</b>	<b>Average Grant Cost Per New Service</b>
\$2,548,799.96	\$2,250,413.65	2,990	\$752.65

The projected numbers and the actual numbers represent minor differences. While the final number of new services was slightly lower than projected (8%), the total grant funds and grant cost per new service were also lower (12% and 4% respectively). Please see the table below:

	Percent Change from Projected to Actual
Projected amount of grant versus actual	-12%
Projected number of new services versus actual*	-8%
Projected grant cost per new service versus actual	-4%

\* Does Not Indicate Actual New Customers

### **Alabama Digital Expansion Division**

On April 26, 2017, Governor Kay Ivey issued Executive Order 704. This order established ADECA as the agency to assume all powers, duties, responsibilities, authority, and obligations belonging to the Office of Broadband Development. In 2021, Governor Ivey signed the Connect Alabama Act (Act). The Act provides the framework for addressing Alabama’s broadband needs. Additionally, it established the Alabama Digital Expansion Division within ADECA.

### **Funding**

ADECA has received \$2.5 million per year to fund broadband activities such as mapping, planning, and community support efforts.

### **Coordination with Federal Programs**

In addition to administering the Alabama Broadband Accessibility Fund, ADECA provides support to ISPs applying for federal funds for broadband deployment. As such, ADECA has developed a process for ISPs applying for USDA ReConnect funds to request a Governor’s letter, documentation of the state plan, and an expedited approval process. This process has allowed many Alabama applicants to be more competitive by receiving bonus points in the applications process. Additionally, in 2021, ADECA applied for and was awarded a \$1 million grant from EDA to provide planning support and technical assistance to local communities throughout the state.

### **ABC for Students**

ADECA worked closely with the Department of Finance, the Alabama State Department of Education, and CTC Technology and Energy to develop the Alabama Broadband Connectivity for Students (ABC for Students) Program. This program was funded with CARES Act funding and allowed the state to issue vouchers to provide free broadband to over 200,000 low-income students. The statewide approach that included the participation of 42 providers is unique in the nation. Most of the service providers were small, Alabama-based businesses. The successful rollout of the program in a matter of weeks has been reviewed by technical media outlets on a national level.



## Statewide Broadband Plan Phase 1

- **Planning Contract:** In July of 2019, ADECA issued a request for proposals for planning and mapping services and eight responses were received. CTC Technology and Energy received the highest score in the evaluation process. The contract was reviewed and approved by the Contract Review Committee. The amount of the contract is \$1.5 million, and the contract period is January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021. General scope of work items includes providing technical expertise for grant program development, identifying and developing a strategy for leveraging state funds to attract other funding, legislative review and recommendations, identifying and convening stakeholders, developing current broadband maps and systems for updating maps over time, developing a statewide strategic plan, and supporting and enabling regional planning. A preview of the draft plan was presented to the Alabama Digital Expansion Authority and the Rural Broadband Oversight Committee on December 9, 2021. The final plan will be submitted December 31, 2021 and available on the ADECA website in January 2022.
- **Next Steps:** A new RFP was issued and once again, CTC Technology and Energy was the highest scoring respondent in the evaluation process. The contract was presented to the Contract Review Committee in December 2021. CTC Technology and Energy will begin their support activities in January 2022. Scope items are similar to those in the original contract.