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NewsFlash



BIG NEWS: Loudoun's State VATI Grant Application Receives Funding Approval!

One Step Closer to Connecting the Remaining 8,629 Unserved Rural Residents & Businesses!

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Loudoun Broadband Access ~~Could~~ Extend West!!!

Breaking Broadband Expansion News!

As part of Loudoun's broadband expansion effort, the State announced yesterday that it will contribute \$17.5 million to Loudoun's partnership with All Points Broadband and Dominion Energy as a response to Loudoun's Virginia Telecommunications Initiative (VATI) grant application.

This is a giant leap forward in Loudoun's effort to provide high speed broadband connections to the remaining 8,629 unserved rural residents and businesses!

Now that the county has secured this state grant and combined it with local and private funding from our public/private partnership, county staff will spend the next 12-15 weeks addressing business and

Loudoun County and All Points Broadband

\$17,524,000.00

\$42,376,126.00

Award

Leveraged

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The project will build fiber broadband to 8,629 unserved locations and achieve universal coverage in Loudoun County.

legal contract issues related to receipt of the grant, with equipment orders and construction to follow. Construction is currently anticipated to begin this summer and take between 24 and 30 months to reach all of the remaining un and underserved locations.

County staff currently intends to provide the next broadband quarterly update to the Board of Supervisors in January or February of 2022, after which my office will provide you with the latest updated information.

CHECK TO SEE IF YOUR ADDRESS IS INCLUDED

Loudoun Receives Grant to Support Broadband Expansion

Project will expand service to 8,600 unserved addresses.



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loudoun.gov/broadbandexpansion

County Issued Press Release

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Loudoun Receives Significant Grant in Support of County Broadband Initiative

Loudoun County has received a state grant to help fund construction of a fiber network that will bring broadband internet service to approximately 8,600 residents and businesses in western Loudoun. The initiative is a public-private partnership between the Department of Information Technology and All Points Broadband.

The grant of more than \$17.5 million from the [Virginia Telecommunication Initiative \(VATI\)](#) will support construction of fiber-to-the-home in areas that are currently not served by a wired provider.

Residents and businesses can determine whether their address is included in the project area at fiber.allpointsbroadband.com and find more details about the project at loudoun.gov/broadbandexpansion

Construction is expected to begin in the summer of 2022 and take 24-30 months to reach all addresses in the project area. The monthly price of service is expected to be comparable to other cable and fiber-optic internet service providers in the area.

VATI is administered by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. The state-funded program was created to “enhance the sustainability and growth of communities throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia by preparing those communities to build, utilize, and capitalize on telecommunications infrastructure.”

The county submitted its [grant application](#) on September 13, 2021. The application was one of 57 from localities across Virginia. Broadband expansion is a strategic initiative of the Board of Supervisors and the county provided \$12.425 million of American Rescue Plan Act funding as the local funding match. **Overall project costs will total approximately \$61 million. Loudoun County will serve as the grant administrator and All Points Broadband will be responsible for constructing the network and providing service to individual addresses.**

All our best!



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