

NCBM May 25 Webinar: How to Fund your Broadband Networks with American Rescue Funds Plus. – Associated Chat links

Overall ARP Fact Sheet (White House):

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/American-Rescue-Plan-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

Overall Treasury page for the \$350B State and Local Recovery Fund with numerous embedded links: State and Local Recovery Fund Landing Page

<https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-funds>

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US Treasury Interim Final Rule for use of funds:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/05/17/2021-10283/coronavirus-state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-funds>

Jeff Sural: The Treasury IFR favors fiber.

Treasury FAQs: <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRPFAQ.pdf>

What are the authorized resources for \$100 stipend for devices?

Jeff Sural: <https://www.ncbroadband.gov/broadband-nc/broadband-survey/broadband-survey-dashboards>

Jeff Sural:

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/4096f70b64474e85a6646969902e514d>

Jeff Sural: <https://www.ncbroadband.gov/technical-assistance/playbook>

Ben Farmer: Upper Coastal Plain Digital Inclusion Plan (developed in partnership with Deb by the way):

<https://www.ucpcog.org/Upper%20Coastal%20Plain%20Digital%20Inclusion%20Plan.pdf>

Jeff Sural: The Governor's Plan makes funds available to all counties.

Jeff Sural: Current legislation will permit funding in all counties, and not rely on the Tier system.

Ben Farmer: Even small digital inclusion projects help to develop partnerships between local govts/nonprofits/school systems and internet service providers, which will go a long way towards accessing larger grants

Kenneth Sherin: I wanted to let you know of a new development in the state. The N.C. Cooperative Extension system has acted on need to be part of Broadband conversation in the state. I am charged with helping them find ways to partner and serve in the most appropriate manners. This is a new area for Cooperative Extension. If you have questions and or

suggestions on ways Cooperative Extension can assist in your county or community please be in touch with me. Kenneth Sherin <https://randolph.ces.ncsu.edu/profile/kenneth-sherin/>

Don't forget about libraries when you think about digital inclusion.

Lee Lilley: <https://www.nc.gov/agencies/ncpro/federal-resources>

Jeff Sural: <https://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/>

Can someone underscore there is a difference between the ARPA State Recovery Funds and the Local Recovery funds? Localities are getting confused.

Ron Townley: <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRP-Fact-Sheet-FINAL1-508A.pdf>

Kenneth Sherin: This is a webpage I have curated that speaks to broadband resources, research and information broken down by Cooperative Extension programming areas.

<https://communitydevelopment.ces.ncsu.edu/infrastructure-development-2/broadband-resources/>

For future funding rounds, how will the state account for areas funded from RDOF? Will those areas automatically be ineligible for any type of state broadband funding?

Ron Townley: <https://www.nc.gov/agencies/ncpro/federal-resources>

Ron Townley: allocation methodology for counties:

https://url.emailprotection.link/?bBI7MyUGc7TM-AfqpJK7odxvg52sepOgZ5xzH0wJF0umEv61tqmMmJ1Bi33MA8_NmKHpvseGths4IO0ohFsuORDciRIZAapbVXGsK3taUrA6lBwNd2h8ueaYF0S7tYQyb6Gj67-Gwam2GIUILBBtzqo5cHA1Z0SVNhKF1UJ3Kb3Q~

Ron Townley: Allocation methodology for non-entitlement units:

https://url.emailprotection.link/?b9GMI4LzH3A4115RPvqzVF9TSMbFcD7xaxKGoFkv3KTUthWwU5qPMCiQbR5N4LdYPB6wEyTKFDMUqdVgG16Ov30Xr4OGFe_GTdBm5fDzTDmurP2IQK0bmRwgFktt6-rRW6BXeWdWWvG1AMqdVTDX5IH7cbHyn2gcIA6zAAGBcme4~

Ben Farmer: Adding to Ron's answer, yes absolutely we saw increase in survey participation and increased participation on our regional broadband task force. Still have work to do with more targeted outreach. Thanks Jeff for the OneMap suggestion. I previously only had the Friday Institute dashboard

Ben Farmer: Here is the map of NC broadband survey responses:

<https://www.nconemap.gov/datasets/nc-broadband-survey-pts/explore?location=35.781985%2C-78.012214%2C10.71>

Jane Patterson: The July Broadband Matters Zoomcast will be on Telehealth. Catherine may want to comment.