



BEAM **Broadband Infrastructure and** **Digital Connectivity Technology** **Performance Report**

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1. PROGRAM INFORMATION

Program Plan 1A

Approved Program Plan number (as provided by Treasury): CPF_GP-000265

Program start date: May 30, 2023

Program end date: December 31, 2026

Actual CPF funds allocated to this Program: \$149,229,595.00

Program Plan 1B

Approved Program Plan number (as provided by Treasury): CPF_GP-000309

Program start date: December 6, 2023

Program end date: December 31, 2026

Actual CPF funds allocated to this Program: \$5,249,288.44

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This document serves as the State of Mississippi's (the State) Broadband Infrastructure (Program Plan 1A) and Digital Connectivity Technology (Program Plan 1B) Performance Report for the period ending June 30, 2026, as required by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund (CPF).

Program Plan 1A

In May 2023, the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury) approved the Office of Broadband Expansion and Accessibility of Mississippi's (BEAM) CPF Program Plan 1A for \$151.5 million under the Broadband Infrastructure expenditure category, designed to support recovery from the COVID-19 public health emergency, address inequities in access to critical services, and work toward Mississippi's goal of providing every resident with access to high-quality, affordable broadband internet. In February 2026, BEAM requested, and Treasury, approved a budget modification to Program Plan 1A, reducing the program allocation from \$151,478,883.44 to \$149,229,595.00 and reallocating \$2,249,288.44 to Program Plan 1B. As a result, Program 1A's current budget as of June 30, 2026, was \$149,229,595.00.

Program Plan 1B

On December 6, 2023, Treasury approved the BEAM CPF Program Plan 1B for \$3 million under the Digital Connectivity Technology expenditure category, designed to support recovery from the COVID-19 public health emergency, address inequities in access to critical services, and work toward Mississippi's goal of providing every resident with access to high-quality, affordable broadband internet. In October 2025, BEAM amended its CPF Business Rules to decrease the minimum subrecipient match percentage from 33 percent to 10 percent, which increased the CPF funding share from 67 percent to 90 percent. BEAM subsequently amended all Round I and II subawards to reflect this change. These changes were applied retroactively to Round I and Round II projects to increase participation and accelerate broadband deployment across the state. Due to the budget modification submitted in February 2026, which is mentioned above, Program Plan 1B's budget as of June 30, 2026, was \$5,249,288.44.

Utilizing both Program Plan 1A and 1B, Mississippi prioritized its CPF allocation with the overall goal of bridging the digital divide across the State and achieving the below identified measurable outcomes:

UNDERSTAND NEEDS	Understand the specific needs across the State through community feedback, input, and public comment in an effort to understand gaps, needs, and barriers to access and coverage
MAXIMIZE CONNECTIVITY	Utilization of competition and Internet Service Provider (ISP) match to enable the State to connect the largest number of unserved residents
SPENDING STRATEGY	Establish mechanism for multi-level, data-driven review process that aligns the State's goals with Treasury's statutory requirements
MONITOR AND IMPLEMENTATION	Implementation of key monitoring procedures to ensure the efficient, compliant use of all CPF funds awarded by the State

To achieve the State’s key priorities and objectives under Program Plan 1A, in accordance with State statute, awards have been made to eligible ISPs in the three categories identified below (refer to Section 3 for a detailed listing):

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	INITIAL FUNDING AMOUNT	NEEDS BASED ADJUSTMENT	SUBAWARDS ANNOUNCED (Funding Reallocated)
BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE	To fund large scale projects designed to serve sizeable numbers of targeted addresses	\$116,478,885	\$10,666,581	\$127,145,466
LINE EXTENSION AND DEPLOYMENT	To fund extensions of existing last-mile broadband networks that can be constructed quickly	\$20,000,000	(\$14,693,940)	\$5,306,060
ARPA BROADBAND COMMUNITIES	To fund projects where an applicant partners with a county, municipality, or an affiliated organization that dedicates a portion of its ARPA or other funds to a broadband deployment initiative	\$15,000,000	\$940,790	\$15,940,790
PROGRAM 1A AND 1B BUDGET MODIFICATION	Program Plan 1A Funding Reallocated to Program Plan 1B		\$2,249,290	(\$2,249,290)
TOTAL		\$151,478,885		\$148,392,316
REMAINING 1A FUNDING UNOBLIGATED			\$837,279	\$837,279

To achieve the State’s key priorities and objectives under Program Plan 1B, in accordance with State statute, BEAM has made awards to the ISPs identified below for the purpose of constructing free Public Wi-Fi access points in areas across the state (as of June 30, 2026):

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL FUNDING AMOUNT
ARISTOTLE UNIFIED COMMUNICATIONS INC	The project will establish public Wi-Fi across key Tunica County sites via 8 access points to expand broadband access for residents and visitors, support essential services like e-learning and public safety, and lay the groundwork for future broadband expansion in underserved areas.	\$55,043.00
ARISTOTLE UNIFIED COMMUNICATIONS INC	The project will install public Wi-Fi at Tunica River Park via 3 access points to support economic development, tourism, and public safety by expanding broadband access, enabling essential services, and enhancing security as part of broader revitalization efforts.	\$17,433.00
MOUND BAYOU TELEPHONE & COMMUNICATIONS, INC. D/B/A ARRIVA	The project will expand broadband in Mound Bayou by installing 6 public Wi-Fi access points, providing free internet to an underserved, historically significant community facing high poverty and limited connectivity.	\$214,704.00
TOMBIGBEE FIBER, LLC	This project will allow open access via 80 access points to approximately 65 community locations including fire departments, community centers, and libraries, which in turn will allow the potential workforce to access the internet for job and skills training, job seeking, and job applications. As such, the region’s economic vitality will be enhanced through a broader blanket of access.	\$107,130.00
VICKSBURG VIDEO, INC.	The project will provide free community Wi-Fi via 8 access points in five high-traffic Vicksburg parks, improving connectivity for over 12,000 monthly visitors, supporting local vendors, and offering affordable internet access to underserved families.	\$45,000.00
ARISTOTLE UNIFIED COMMUNICATIONS INC	Aristotle will partner with the City of Benton to provide free public Wi-Fi via 3 access points at key municipal sites, supporting economic development, public safety, and broadband access for residents, visitors, and underserved areas.	\$338,725.00
BCI MISSISSIPPI BROADBAND, LLC D/B/A MAXXSOUTH BROADBAND	The Oxford Aventura Park CPF Wi-Fi Project will install 2 access points to provide free internet access throughout the park and its community center, supporting digital inclusion for students, families, and visitors in a persistent poverty area through essential connectivity for education, health, and job opportunities.	\$36,958.00
BCI MISSISSIPPI BROADBAND, LLC D/B/A MAXXSOUTH BROADBAND	The Oxford Downtown CPF Wi-Fi Project will install 10 access points to provide free internet throughout the Historic Downtown Square, enhancing access for residents and visitors in one of the city’s busiest cultural and commercial areas. By supporting activities like homework, telehealth, and job searches, the project promotes digital inclusion and economic opportunity, with minimal pay-feature option.	\$204,544.00
BCI MISSISSIPPI BROADBAND, LLC D/B/A MAXXSOUTH BROADBAND	The Ripley Historic District Downtown CPF Wi-Fi Project will install 2 access points to provide free internet in Ripley’s historic downtown, supporting essential online activities for residents and visitors while extending access to nearby underserved communities and preserving the district’s cultural and economic role.	\$68,357.00

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL FUNDING AMOUNT
BCI MISSISSIPPI BROADBAND, LLC D/B/A MAXXSOUTH BROADBAND	The Starkville Downtown CPF Wi-Fi Project will install 3 access points delivering free internet across the Main Street District, supporting economic revitalization and public safety while expanding access to essential online services for residents, visitors, and first responders through a community-focused initiative.	\$43,107.00
TOMBIGBEE FIBER, LLC	This project will allow open access via 20 access points to approximately 12 community locations including parks and public spaces that in turn will allow the potential workforce to access the internet for job and skills training, job seeking, and job applications. As such, the region's economic vitality will be enhanced through a broader blanket of access.	\$33,478.00
VICKSBURG VIDEO, INC.	Vicksburg Video, in partnership with the City of Vicksburg, plans to expand its community Wi-Fi network via 1 access point to another key city park, completing coverage of the city's largest parks and advancing digital inclusion in prominent public spaces.	\$15,508.00
BRUCE TELEPHONE COMPANY	This project will deploy 3 strategically placed public Wi-Fi access points within Bruce Park in Calhoun County, Mississippi.	\$42,587.60
BCI MISSISSIPPI BROADBAND, LLC D/B/A MAXXSOUTH BROADBAND	The Aberdeen CPF Wi-Fi project will provide free public Wi-Fi access for the first hour in the city of Aberdeen in Monroe County via 3 access points. These Wi-Fi access points will provide critically needed internet access for the local community, enabling connectivity for telemedicine, remote job searches, and students who require internet access for completing homework assignments and virtual learning.	\$222,577.91
BCI MISSISSIPPI BROADBAND, LLC D/B/A MAXXSOUTH BROADBAND	The Amory CPF Wi-Fi project will provide free public Wi-Fi access for the first hour in the city of Amory in Monroe County via 5 access points. These Wi-Fi access points will provide critically needed internet access for the local community, enabling connectivity for telemedicine, remote job searches, and students who require internet access for completing homework assignments and virtual learning.	\$106,587.00
BCI MISSISSIPPI BROADBAND, LLC D/B/A MAXXSOUTH BROADBAND	Vicksburg Video, in partnership with the City of Vicksburg, plans to expand its community Wi-Fi network via 1 access point to another key city park, completing coverage of the city's largest parks and advancing digital inclusion in prominent public spaces.	\$15,508.00
BCI MISSISSIPPI BROADBAND, LLC D/B/A MAXXSOUTH BROADBAND	Vicksburg Video, in partnership with the City of Vicksburg, plans to expand its community Wi-Fi network via 1 access point to another key city park, completing coverage of the city's largest parks and advancing digital inclusion in prominent public spaces.	\$15,508.00
MOUND BAYOU TELEPHONE & COMMUNICATIONS, INC. D/B/A ARRIVA	Vicksburg Video, in partnership with the City of Vicksburg, plans to expand its community Wi-Fi network via 1 access point to another key city park, completing coverage of the city's largest parks and advancing digital inclusion in prominent public spaces.	\$15,508.00

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL FUNDING AMOUNT
TECINFO COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	Vicksburg Video, in partnership with the City of Vicksburg, plans to expand its community Wi-Fi network via 1 access point to another key city park, completing coverage of the city's largest parks and advancing digital inclusion in prominent public spaces.	\$15,508.00
TECINFO COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	Vicksburg Video, in partnership with the City of Vicksburg, plans to expand its community Wi-Fi network via 1 access point to another key city park, completing coverage of the city's largest parks and advancing digital inclusion in prominent public spaces.	\$15,508.00
TECINFO COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	The TecInfo Downtown Greenville CPF Wi-Fi Project will provide free public Wi-Fi access in Greenville, Mississippi, through 7 strategically located access points at the Percy Library, TEC's Community Center, E.E. Bass Cultural Arts Center, and Delta Regional Medical Center West Campus. These access points will help meet critical community connectivity needs by supporting telemedicine, job searches, homework completion, and virtual learning.	\$541,310.62
TECINFO COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	The TecInfo Highway 1 CPF Wi-Fi Project will provide free public Wi-Fi access in Greenville, Mississippi, through 9 strategically located access points at the Wards Recreation Center, Hodding Carter Memorial YMCA, Mississippi Delta Nature and Learning Center, and Washington County Convention Center. These access points will help meet critical community connectivity needs by supporting telemedicine, job searches, homework completion, and virtual learning.	\$566,577.28
TECINFO COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	The Leland School Park CPF Wi-Fi Project will provide free public Wi-Fi in Leland, Mississippi, through 2 strategically located access points at St. John's Baptist Church and Pleasant Springs Baptist Church. These access points will help address critical connectivity needs by supporting telemedicine, job searches, homework, and virtual learning.	\$133,758.94
TOMBIGBEE FIBER, LLC	This project expands Tombigbee Fiber's SmartTown community Wi-Fi offering to Ballard Park in Tupelo via 20 access points with an open but protected network. The network utilizes the same protection and content controls as its in home networks.	\$109,600.52
TOMBIGBEE FIBER, LLC	This project expands Tombigbee Fiber's SmartTown community Wi-Fi offering to Downtown Tupelo via 15 access points with an open but protected network. The network utilizes the same protection and content controls as its in home networks.	\$75,530.49
TOMBIGBEE FIBER, LLC	This project expands Tombigbee Fiber's SmartTown community Wi-Fi offering to parks and fire departments throughout its service territory via 22 access points with an open but protected network. The network utilizes the same protection and content controls as its in home networks.	\$12,422.27

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL FUNDING AMOUNT
BELZONI CABLE, LLC D/B/A SOUTHEAST BROADBAND	The Belzoni Cable CPF Wi-Fi project will provide free public access Wi-Fi for the cities of Belzoni, Anguilla, and Rolling Fork in Sharkey and Humphreys County via 12 access points.	\$294,278.25
CABLESOUTH MEDIA III, LLC D/B/A SWYFT FIBER	This project will provide free public Wi-Fi access via 10 access points at key public locations in Woodville, Mississippi, helping address ongoing connectivity challenges in these rural communities. The network will support job searches, workforce training, remote learning, telehealth, emergency communications, and other essential online services.	\$147,068.03
CABLESOUTH MEDIA III, LLC D/B/A SWYFT FIBER	This project will provide free public Wi-Fi access via 12 access points at key public locations in Poplarville, Mississippi, helping address ongoing connectivity challenges in these rural communities. The network will support job searches, workforce training, remote learning, telehealth, emergency communications, and other essential online services.	\$45,264.54
CABLESOUTH MEDIA III, LLC D/B/A SWYFT FIBER	This project will provide free public Wi-Fi access via 15 access points at key public locations in Mount Olive, Mississippi, helping address ongoing connectivity challenges in these rural communities. The network will support job searches, workforce training, remote learning, telehealth, emergency communications, and other essential online services.	\$69,217.48
CABLESOUTH MEDIA III, LLC D/B/A SWYFT FIBER	This project will provide free public Wi-Fi access via 12 access points at key public locations in Fayette, Mississippi, helping address ongoing connectivity challenges in these rural communities. The network will support job searches, workforce training, remote learning, telehealth, emergency communications, and other essential online services.	\$67,260.72
CABLESOUTH MEDIA III, LLC D/B/A SWYFT FIBER	This project will provide free public Wi-Fi access via 13 access points at key public locations in Collins, Mississippi, helping address ongoing connectivity challenges in these rural communities. The network will support job searches, workforce training, remote learning, telehealth, emergency communications, and other essential online services.	\$80,290.99
CABLESOUTH MEDIA III, LLC D/B/A SWYFT FIBER	This project will provide free public Wi-Fi access via 7 access points at key public locations in Centreville, Mississippi, helping address ongoing connectivity challenges in these rural communities. The network will support job searches, workforce training, remote learning, telehealth, emergency communications, and other essential online services.	\$79,955.19

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL FUNDING AMOUNT
COASTCONNECT, LLC	CoastConnect is expanding public Wi-Fi access across its service area by deploying 42 community access points at volunteer fire departments, public libraries, storm shelters, and parks using SmartTown technology. These secure, managed access points will support public safety agencies while also providing free internet access for residents and visitors. The project will improve digital inclusion, strengthen emergency communications, and increase connectivity in rural and underserved communities where broadband access remains limited.	\$119,859.30
BCI MISSISSIPPI BROADBAND, LLC D/B/A MAXXSOUTH BROADBAND	The New Albany CPF Wi-Fi project will provide free public access Wi-Fi for the first hour in the city of New Albany in Union County via 11 access points. These Wi-Fi access points will provide critically needed internet access for the local community, enabling connectivity for telemedicine, remote job searches, and students who require internet access for completing homework assignments and virtual learning.	\$111,645.00
BCI MISSISSIPPI BROADBAND, LLC D/B/A MAXXSOUTH BROADBAND	The Philadelphia CPF Wi-Fi project will provide free public access Wi-Fi for the first hour in the city of Philadelphia in Neshoba County via 11 access points. These Wi-Fi access points will provide critically needed internet access for the local community, enabling connectivity for telemedicine, remote job searches, and students who require internet access for completing homework assignments and virtual learning.	\$114,311.16

3. USE OF FUNDS

Program Plan 1A

Prior to approval of Program Plan 1A, the State worked to collect data from a variety of stakeholders with the goal of creating a publicly available map that presently serves as the CPF Eligibility Map. This map enables the public, specifically prospective applicants seeking CPF subawards, to view eligible areas statewide.

Following approval of BEAM's Program Plan 1A on May 23, 2023, the State immediately worked to publish key resources on its program website. The website can be accessed [here](#). Specifically, a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) was compiled and published to inform prospective applicants of the key details regarding the application process including but not limited to eligible uses, form and content of applications, matching requirements, as well as various other administrative matters. The NOFO can be accessed [here](#).

BEAM prioritized different types of broadband projects based on their scope and community impact. For large-scale and line extension projects, the primary focus was on last-mile fiber applicants, ensuring these critical infrastructure developments were given precedence. Additionally, for community-based broadband projects, BEAM prioritized initiatives that provide high-speed, reliable internet access to public areas. This dual prioritization aimed to enhance connectivity in both residential and commercial sectors, promoting comprehensive access and economic growth.

BEAM decided to conduct two competitive rounds of applications for funding under Program Plan 1A. The first application round was conducted during the 2023 Performance Report period, and the second application round was conducted during the 2024 Performance Report period.

Both application rounds were successful as BEAM received over 200 applications requesting over \$670 million in CPF funding. The subaward table above details the total subawards made as of June 30, 2026, under each of the three categories within Program Plan 1A.

Application Timeline

On June 15, 2023, BEAM officially opened the first of two application rounds, launching a web-based application portal. At the request of numerous providers, the original 30-day window was extended to 60 days, closing on August 17, 2023. During the first round of applications, BEAM received a total of 157 applications requesting more than \$539 million in CPF funding. Because the total requested amount exceeded available funds, but several applications overlapped in the same area and locations, not all funding was awarded in the first round. BEAM subsequently initiated a second application round to ensure that the remaining funds could be deployed to eligible projects with the greatest potential impact.

The second application round opened on August 1, 2024, and closed on September 4, 2024. This second round of applications aimed at expanding the reach of the program by encouraging providers to resubmit Round I applications or new applications with a continued focus on addressing broadband gaps in unserved areas across the state. During the second round of applications, BEAM received a total of 51 applications requesting more than \$130 million in CPF funding.

After the two successful rounds of applications, BEAM requested permission from Treasury to reallocate the unobligated funding (totaling \$2,249,288.44) from Program Plan 1A to the Digital Connectivity Technology Program Plan 1B. A formal budget modification for Program Plan 1A and 1B budgets was submitted within the Treasury portal and approved by Treasury in February 2026. BEAM had already finalized its eligible locations map for the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) program, and awarding additional subawards under Program Plan 1A would have interfered with the eligible locations on the BEAD map. During the 2026 reporting period, BEAM utilized the funding reallocated from Program Plan 1A to award additional subawards under Program Plan 1B to further the Program's goals and objectives.

ROUND I:

- May 23, 2023: Treasury approved Mississippi's Broadband Infrastructure Program Plan (1A), allocating \$151.5 million for broadband expansion projects under CPF.
- June 15, 2023: BEAM opened the CPF application portal for broadband infrastructure projects.
- August 17, 2023: Application portal closed after a 60-day application window.
- Applications Received: A total of 157 applications were submitted, requesting significantly more funding than available (more than \$539 million).
- Application Review: All 157 applications underwent a multi-step review and scoring process. Only applications that scored 260 points or higher were considered eligible for preliminary subaward.
- Preliminary Subawards: Projects scoring 260 points or higher were preliminarily awarded and posted on the BEAM website for public viewing.
- State Objection Process: A 30-day public comment and objection period followed posting.
- Objections were adjudicated based on three categories:
 - Batch 1: No objections.
 - Batch 2: Less than 250 project locations objected to.
 - Batch 3: 250 or more project locations objected to.
- Adjudication Process: Applications that were objected to during this state objection process were adjudicated prior to finalizing the number of locations and the amount of subawards. This process concluded in July 2024.
- Final Subawards: After completing the objection process, subawards were finalized.

ROUND II:

- August 1, 2024: BEAM opened the second round of CPF broadband infrastructure funding via the CPF portal.
- September 4, 2024: Application portal closed (extended from August 30, 2024, due to technical issues with the portal submit functionality).
- Applications Received: A total of 51 applications were submitted, requesting significantly more funding than available (more than \$130 million).
- Application Review: Applications were scored using the same scoring rubric from the original NOFO.
- Scoring Threshold: A minimum cut-off score of 240 points was set for funding eligibility.
 - Special Selection:
 - CableSouth Media III d/b/a Swyft Fiber had five applications scoring between 236 and 240. BEAM allowed Swyft Fiber to select one project for subaward, and they chose the Amite County project, an extension of their Round I deployment.

- Preliminary Determinations: Preliminary project subawards were posted on the BEAM website for public viewing.
- State Objection Process: BEAM accepted public comments and objections from November 22, 2024, through December 23, 2024, following the same process in Round I.
- Adjudication Process: Applications that were objected to during this state objection process, were adjudicated prior to finalizing number of locations and amount of subawards. This process concluded in January 2025.
- Final Subawards: Following the objection process, subawards were finalized.

Applicants were required to provide details within their applications regarding the following topics/ areas of interest:

- Proposed project area
- Type of construction
- Upload and download speed upon completion of the proposed project
- Although the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is no longer funded, BEAM required applicants to include a pricing structure, including ACP participation as it was still active during the application period
- The applicant's commitment to sustain the infrastructure and the scalability over time of such infrastructure
- The community impact of the project
- A complete listing of all application questions can be located [here](#).

Additionally, BEAM developed an objective scoring system designed to award points to prospective projects based on the following factors:

- Adequacy of the description of the project
- Timeline over which project can be deployed
- Applicant's readiness to comply with federal awards
- The impact the project will have on the community
- The speed offered by the project
- Number of locations to be served by the project

The complete Scoring Criteria can be found in Appendix A of the NOFO which can be accessed [here](#).

Program Plan 1A Final Subawards

During the 2026 reporting period, BEAM awarded 19 broadband infrastructure projects which plan to serve approximately 25,000 locations and totaling approximately \$42 million in CPF funding. As of June 30, 2026, BEAM has awarded a total of 58 broadband infrastructure projects totaling approximately \$148.3 million across two successful grant application funding rounds to expand high-speed internet service throughout the state. Round I prioritized broadband projects primarily focusing on fiber last-mile projects. This round concluded with awards covering over 58,000 locations. Round II built on that progress with awards covering over 9,000 locations. Across both rounds, more than 67,000 homes, businesses, and community anchor institutions will be receiving access to high-speed, reliable internet service through the state.

Final subawards for Round I were announced in August 2024 and for Round II in January 2025. Subawards have been executed at various times after announcement.

The below summaries of Round I and Round II represent awards made as of June 30, 2026.

Round I Summary

Projects Awarded	46
Projects Awarded	• 4-County Fiber, LLC • Bellsouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Mississippi • CableSouth Media III d/b/a Swyft Fiber • Coast Connect, LLC • Comcast Cable Communications, LLC • Conexon Connect, LLC • DE Fastlink, LLC • First Light Fiber, LLC d/b/a ACE Fiber • Franklin Telephone Company, Inc. • NT Spark, LLC • Singing River Connect, LLC • Tallahatchie Valley Internet Services, LLC • Telepak Networks, Inc. d/b/a C Spire • Tombigbee Fiber, LLC • Uplink, LLC
Deployment Coverage	Counties included Benton, Calhoun, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Coahoma, Copiah, DeSoto, Greene, Hancock, Hinds, Itawamba, Jackson, Jefferson, Leake, Lincoln, Madison, Marshall, Neshoba, Noxubee, Pearl River, Pike, Quitman, Rankin, Simpson, Tate, Union, Walthall, and Webster
Number of Passings	More than 58,000 locations (including residential, businesses, and community anchor institutions)
Total Funding Awarded	\$115,881,843.00

Round II Summary

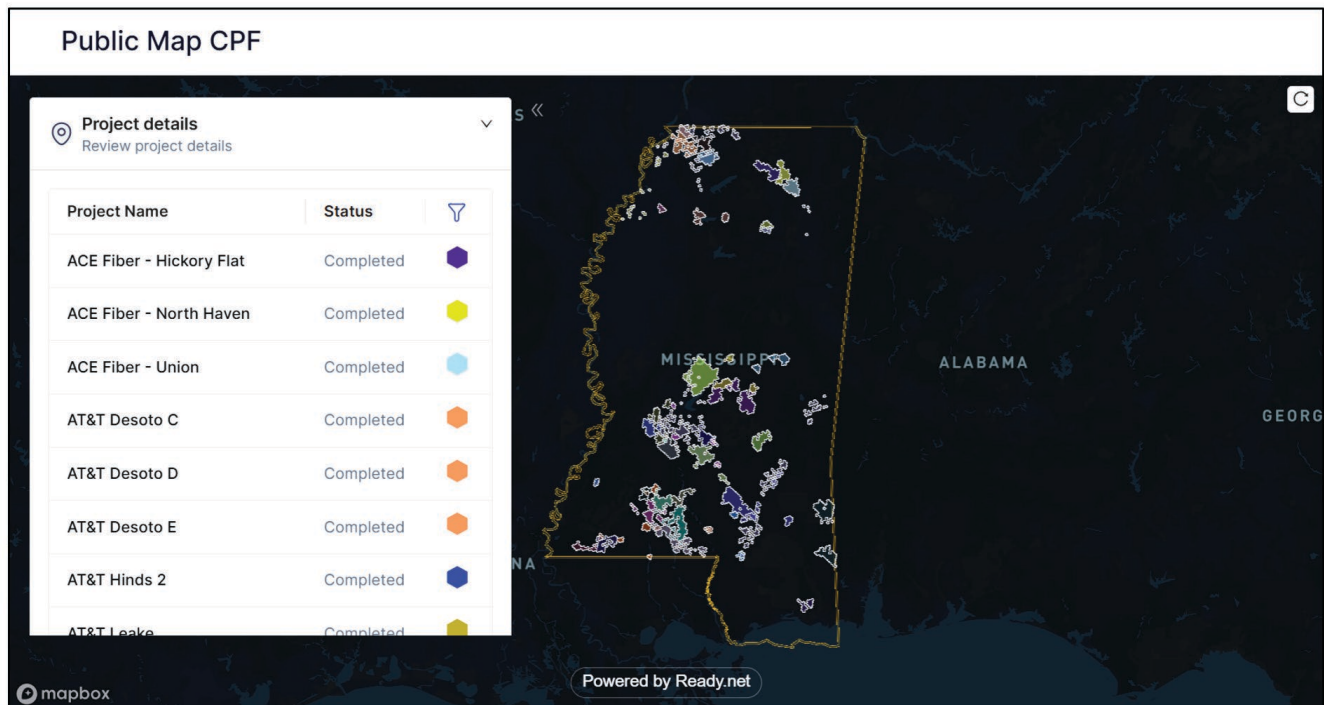
Projects Awarded	12
Projects Awarded	• Bay Springs Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TEC • Bruce Telephone Company • CableSouth Media III d/b/a SwyftConnect • Tallahatchie Valley Internet Services, LLC • TEC of Jackson, Inc. • Telepak Networks, Inc. d/b/a C Spire • We Connect Communications, Inc. d/b/a Arriva
Deployment Coverage	Counties included Amite, Calhoun, Covington, Hinds, Jasper, Lamar, Lawrence, Panola, Pontotoc, Scott, Leake, and Tate
Number of Passings	More than 9,000 locations (including residential, businesses, and community anchor institutions)
Total Funding Awarded	\$32,510,473.00

Internet Service Provider	Project Location	Number of BSLs	Total Subaward Amount	Construction Completion as of June 30, 2026
ROUND I				
ARPA Connected Communities				
ACE FIBER	Benton County	618	\$2,003,048.00	100%
ACE FIBER	Union County	809	\$1,611,262.00	100%
ACE FIBER	Union County	509	\$1,678,430.00	100%
AT&T	DeSoto County	1,211	\$1,611,260.00	100%
AT&T	DeSoto County	588	\$869,300.00	100%
AT&T	DeSoto County	495	\$1,011,220.00	100%
COMCAST	Madison County	3,296	\$4,900,000.00	95%
C SPIRE	DeSoto County	838	\$2,256,270.00	100%
Category Subtotal		8,364	\$15,940,790.00	
Broadband Infrastructure				
4-COUNTY FIBER	Choctaw County	375	\$1,224,290.00	100%
4-COUNTY FIBER	Noxubee County	1,942	\$2,376,210.00	100%

Internet Service Provider	Project Location	Number of BSLs	Total Subaward Amount	Construction Completion as of June 30, 2026
AT&T	Hinds County	796	\$2,250,000.00	100%
AT&T	Leake County	874	\$1,222,410.00	17%
AT&T	Marshall County	1,309	\$2,262,721.00	0%
AT&T	Neshoba County	690	\$1,315,000.00	0%
AT&T	Rankin County	715	\$3,100,000.00	100%
SWYFT FIBER	Jefferson County	984	\$2,636,900.00	100%
SWYFT FIBER	Wilkinson County	1,390	\$4,956,300.00	100%
COAST CONNECT	Pearl River and Hancock Counties	2,585	\$1,652,531.00	100%
COAST CONNECT	Hancock County	4,039	\$2,020,191.00	100%
COAST CONNECT	Hancock and Harrison Counties	2,608	\$2,887,324.00	100%
COAST CONNECT	Harrison County	1,042	\$1,048,386.00	100%
COMCAST	Rankin and Simpson Counties	2,608	\$6,235,890.00	0%
COMCAST	Hinds and Copiah Counties	1,584	\$4,567,130.00	0%
CONEXON	Lincoln County	840	\$1,566,000.00	100%
CONEXON	Pike County	657	\$2,772,150.00	100%
CONEXON	Lawrence County	992	\$3,201,160.00	100%
CONEXON	Walthall County	857	\$3,168,920.00	100%
DE FASTLINK	Jones, Perry, Forrest, and Covington Counties	3,910	\$4,990,500.00	100%
FRANKLIN TELEPHONE	Lincoln County	1,023	\$3,904,560.00	99%
C SPIRE	Madison, Rankin, and Simpson Counties	1,660	\$2,904,480.00	100%
C SPIRE	Hinds County	1,289	\$4,996,660.00	100%
C SPIRE	Hinds County	287	\$1,098,330.00	100%
C SPIRE	Hinds County	935	\$4,345,290.00	100%
C SPIRE	Lamar, Walthall, and Greene Counties	731	\$1,442,140.00	100%
C SPIRE	Lincoln, Pike, Amite, and Marion Counties	3,205	\$4,162,290.00	100%
C SPIRE	Tate County	815	\$4,085,800.00	100%
NT SPARK	Calhoun County	1,208	\$1,378,970.00	100%
NT SPARK	Calhoun, Chickasaw, and Webster Counties	1,134	\$1,687,630.00	100%
SINGING RIVER	Jackson County	558	\$914,300.00	100%
SINGING RIVER	Greene County	1,539	\$4,154,600.00	100%

Internet Service Provider	Project Location	Number of BSLs	Total Subaward Amount	Construction Completion as of June 30, 2026
TALLAHATCHIE VALLEY	Yalobusha County	811	\$3,804,700.00	100%
TOMBIGBEE FIBER	Fairview Project	1,239	\$2,052,630.00	100%
TOMBIGBEE FIBER	Itawamba County	889	\$1,196,610.00	100%
Category Subtotal		48,120	\$97,583,003.00	
Line Extension				
COMCAST	Statewide	1,477	\$147,700.00	10%
UPLINK	Coahoma County	102	\$1,424,640.00	100%
UPLINK	Quitman County	125	\$785,710.00	60%
Category Subtotal		1,704	\$2,358,050.00	
ROUND II				
Broadband Infrastructure				
TEC	Jasper County	587	\$1,841,601.00	86%
TEC	Lawrence County	1,111	\$2,599,407.00	86%
TEC	Scott and Leake Counties	2,933	\$6,692,424.00	40%
C SPIRE	Hinds County	335	\$490,107.00	100%
C SPIRE	Lamar County	562	\$2,442,372.00	100%
C SPIRE	Tate County	502	\$2,445,481.00	100%
SWYFT FIBER	Amite County	493	\$3,531,035.00	100%
SWYFT FIBER	Covington County	506	\$1,392,481.00	100%
TALLAHATCHIE VALLEY	Panola County	735	\$3,190,383.00	0%
TALLAHATCHIE VALLEY	Tate County	1,073	\$4,937,172.00	0%
Category Subtotal		8,837	\$29,562,463.00	
BRUCE TELEPHONE	Calhoun County	106	\$1,382,190.00	100%
ARRIVA	Pontotoc County	145	\$1,565,820.00	100%
Category Subtotal		251	\$2,948,010.00	
Awarded Grant Total		67,276	\$148,392,316.00	

Further information regarding the status of construction on a location basis is available [here](#). See below for a screenshot of the BEAM CPF Public Map.



A summary of the outcomes achieved this period is included below:

- Conducted and participated in 50 community engagement meetings
- Collected network performance data
- Awarded 19 projects totaling more than \$42 million and 25,000 locations
- 58 projects awarded as of June 30, 2026
 - Round 1: 46 projects totaling approximately \$115.8 million
 - Round 2: 12 projects totaling approximately \$32.5 million
- Program plan 1A projects that have been completed as of June 30, 2026, have passed more than 40,000 locations (including residential, businesses, and community anchor institutions). Many other projects are within the construction phase and have made progress; however, the final number of locations passed has not yet been confirmed.
 - Refer to the table above or the BEAM CPF Public Map for more information on the status of each individual project's construction progress.
- As of June 30, 2026, approximately \$40.4 million in grant funds has been reimbursed to subrecipients
- Submitted CPF Extension Request to Treasury for 2 projects

A list of the activities planned for the next period covered are included below:

- Continue to monitor awarded projects that are not yet complete. Many projects have begun construction, and some have completed construction; however, BEAM is working through processing milestone reimbursement requests
- Continue to perform final site inspections for each completed project
- Continue to collect speed and latency reports for completed subrecipients
- Close out any awarded projects that reach completion and are fully reimbursed
- Ensure projects continue to progress toward completion through routine monthly check-in calls, progress reporting, and site visits
- Submit CPF Extension Requests for the 14 remaining projects in need prior to July 31, 2026, deadline
- Request second budget modification to transfer funding made available due to Program Plan 1A coming in under budget to Program Plan 1B

Information about individuals/households benefiting from CPF funds is included below:

As part of the application process, BEAM ensured every area of the state had a fair chance of receiving a CPF Program Plan 1A award. Applicants had to demonstrate the project area the proposed project covered, the price points at which service would be available, and the total number of locations to be served by the project. BEAM regularly monitors project progress to ensure that the projects are moving toward completion and ultimately helping achieve the Program Plan 1A's goals and objectives.

Throughout the construction phase, and once the project is completed, BEAM conducts periodic site visits using third-party engineers to ensure the projects are progressing toward completion, installing the appropriate type of technology, and covering the awarded area(s). As of June 30, 2026, many projects have completed construction. Three projects have been fully reimbursed and are in the subaward closeout phase. Seven projects have completed construction and have submitted all milestone reimbursement requests to BEAM as of June 30, 2026. BEAM is working to process final reimbursement payments and expects these projects to move to the closeout phase during the next reporting period.

Additionally, subrecipients must conduct speed tests once a project is complete. A sample of connected addresses is selected once the project is complete to verify the connected addresses are receiving the appropriate level of speed to consider the location served.

CHALLENGE	STATUS
Identify eligible locations for CPF Funding	Completed in prior period
Understand needs of stakeholders	In Progress
Navigating conflicting Federal funding	In Progress
Adjudicating project locations	Completed in prior period
Material/Equipment Purchasing & Supply Chain	In Progress
Milestone Reimbursement Request Processing	In Progress
Reconciliation of locations	In Progress
Compliance & Reporting	In Progress

Milestones and Progress Reports

Program Plan 1A operates on a milestone-based reimbursement structure. Rather than providing funds upfront, subrecipients are reimbursed after the completion of defined project milestones. These milestones are outlined in each subrecipient's grant agreement and are designed to reflect meaningful progress toward project goals, such as permitting, construction, and service activation.

To receive reimbursement, subrecipients must submit progress reports that document the completion of each milestone. These reports include narrative updates, supporting documentation, and data demonstrating that the milestone has been fully achieved. BEAM reviews these reports to verify progress before approving any payment requests, ensuring that CPF funds are tied directly to tangible project outcomes.

MILESTONES	SECTION
1- Complete and Sign Environmental Checklist	Design and Planning
2-High Level Design Permitting Assessment	Design and Planning
3-Final Low-Level Design	Design and Planning
4-Equipment Procurement	Materials and Equipment Purchase
5-Material Procurement	Materials and Equipment Purchase
6-Material or Equipment Staging	Materials and Equipment Purchase

MILESTONES	SECTION
7-Site Work	Construction
8-Demolition and Removal	Construction
9-Underground or Aerial Construction	Construction
10-Network Installations	Construction
11-Fiber Splicing	Construction
12-BSL Installations	Construction
13-Network Testing	Construction
14-Network Activation	Construction
15-Troubleshooting	Close Out
16-Network As-builts	Close Out
17-Project Inspections	Close Out
18-ISP Acceptance	Close Out

Overview and outcomes of ancillary costs incurred to support bringing the capital asset(s) into full use are detailed below:

BEAM has incurred ancillary costs under Program Plan 1A. Ancillary costs include but are not limited to office salary staff, creation of the Program plan, application intake and review, comment/objection adjudication, subaward execution, subrecipient monitoring, construction site visits, and reporting. These costs are necessary and play a vital role in successfully implementing the Program to fulfill its goals and objectives.

Many projects funded under Program Plan 1A have incurred necessary ancillary costs that support construction, deployment, and compliance activities. These include permitting and right-of-way access fees, environmental and engineering reviews, and make-ready work such as pole replacements or utility relocations to prepare for fiber placement. Additionally, ancillary costs have been incurred to cover materials delivery, splicing and testing services, and required inspections to certify that the network met technical standards. Outreach and community engagement activities, including signage and public notifications, were also undertaken to ensure transparency and awareness during and after construction. Collectively, these costs support the timely and compliant installation of last-mile fiber infrastructure, ensuring that networks are safely constructed, fully operational, and ready to provide high-speed, reliable internet service to unserved households, businesses, and community anchor institutions.

Program 1B

Program Plan 1B was originally planned to provide \$3 million of CPF funding for technology projects installed as part of public Wi-Fi infrastructure. The goal of this program is to facilitate broadband internet access in areas where accessibility is a barrier to adoption and use and push the State toward its goal of providing connectivity for every Mississippian. These projects provide connectivity in public areas and do not impact the service level of individual broadband serviceable locations.

Treasury approved BEAM's Program Plan 1B on December 6, 2023; however, the commencement of this program was postponed until provisional awards were made in the Broadband Infrastructure category. The State has published key resources on its program website. The website can be accessed [here](#). Specifically, the Program Narrative, Application Questions, Scoring Rubric, and Draft Grant Agreement were all compiled and published to inform prospective applicants of the key details regarding the application process including but not limited to eligible uses, form and content of applications, matching requirements, as well as various other administrative matters. The original CPF NOFO referenced above included information about the Digital Connectivity Technology program.

During the 2024 reporting period, BEAM conducted two separate rounds of applications for Program Plan 1B – Rounds I and II.

During 2026 Performance Report, BEAM conducted two additional application rounds for Program Plan 1B.

The Summary of Awarded Projects (above) and *Project Status* (below) tables detail the subawards that have been made as of June 30, 2026.

In February 2026, Treasury approved a budget modification that reduced the Program Plan 1A allocation from \$151,478,883.44 to \$149,229,595.00 and reallocated \$2,249,288.44 to Program Plan 1B. As a result, the total Program Plan 1B allocation increased from \$3,000,000.00 to \$5,249,288.44.

The Application Timeline below describes the Rounds I-IV application processes in more detail.

Application Timeline

The State opened pre-registration on July 15, 2024. The Round I Public Wi-Fi application window was open from July 22, 2024, to August 28, 2024. In accordance with Mississippi Code 1972 77-19-15 (3), BEAM accepted comments and objections on preliminary determinations for Round I from September 20, 2024, to October 21, 2024. Submissions were required to include valid evidence or a clear basis for the comment or objection to be considered. A total of 5 applications were received in Round I. Round I final determinations can be viewed [here](#).

The Round II Public Wi-Fi application window was open from September 23, 2024, to October 7, 2024. Comments and objections were accepted from November 1, 2024, to December 1, 2024. A total of 7 applications were received in Round II. No comments or objections were received on the 7 projects that were awarded, and these projects were moved to Final Award status. Round II final determinations can be viewed [here](#).

During the 2026 period, Round III was open June 27, 2025, to July 11, 2025. Within this application round, BEAM received 22 applications requesting approximately \$4.1 million in CPF funding. Comments and objections were held for these projects at various times based on the timing of preliminary awards made. The first comment and objection period for most awarded projects was held from August 1, 2025, to September 1, 2025. A total of 5 projects received objections and were ultimately not awarded. As of June 30, 2026, a total of 16 projects were awarded from this round totaling approximately \$3.1 million in CPF funding. Initial Round III determinations can be viewed [here](#). Round III determinations as of December 18, 2025, can be viewed [here](#). A final Round III additional determination can be viewed [here](#).

Round IV was open from January 16, 2026, to January 30, 2026. Within this application round, BEAM received 15 applications requesting approximately \$2.6 million in CPF funding. Comments and objections were accepted on these applications as they were preliminarily awarded, and the comment and objection period closed on April 6, 2026. No comments or objections were received on Round IV applications. As of June 30, 2026, a total of 9 projects were awarded from this round totaling approximately \$835,000.00. Additional awards are expected to be made in July 2026. Round IV determinations can be viewed [here](#).

Applicants were required to provide details within their applications regarding the following topics/ areas of interest:

- Project description
- Proposed project area including detailed boundaries of project reach
- Type of equipment installed
- Pricing structure (including required no-cost option)
- Maximum number of simultaneous users, expected number of users served, and upload/download speeds

- The applicant's commitment to sustain the infrastructure and the scalability over time of such infrastructure
- The community impact of the project

A complete listing of all application questions can be located [here](#).

Additionally, the State developed an objective scoring system designed to award points to prospective projects based on the following factors:

Applications were evaluated against the merit review criteria with a total of 297 points.

- Adequacy of the description of the project
- Timeline over which project can be deployed
- Applicant's readiness to comply with federal awards
- Project readiness
- The impact the project will have on the community
- Pricing structure and access
- Number of simultaneous users and upload/download speeds
- Match percentage (required minimum of 10% match).

The complete Scoring Criteria can be found in the Rubric [here](#).

A listing of the key milestones achieved is included below:

Under Program Plan 1B, BEAM has awarded a total of 37 public Wi-Fi grants across four successful grant application funding rounds to expand digital connectivity in community spaces throughout the state as of June 30, 2026. Altogether, the Capital Projects Fund (CPF) Public Wi-Fi program has awarded approximately \$5.1 million to expand broadband access in both rural and urban areas.

Round I prioritized historically underserved communities, resulting in five project awards and the deployment of public Wi-Fi at over 70 locations across nine counties. Round II built on that progress with seven additional project awards focused on city centers, recreational areas, and municipal facilities.

Rounds III and IV have furthered this objective by deploying over 120 and 150 access points, respectively. Across all rounds, more than 350 access points are planned to be installed in high-impact public spaces such as libraries, parks, city halls, and emergency service facilities.

Program Plan 1B Final Subawards

Final subawards for Round I were announced in November 2024, Round II in December 2024, Round III December 2025, and Round IV at various times in 2026.

Round I Summary

The first round of CPF Public Wi-Fi funding focused on expanding broadband access in historically underserved and rural areas. The grant supported 5 project awards across several counties.

Projects Awarded	5
Award Recipients	• Aristotle Unified Communications Inc • Mound Bayou Telephone & Communications, LLC • Tombigbee Fiber, LLC • Vicksburg Video, Inc.
Deployment Coverage	• Counties included Tunica, Bolivar, Warren, Lee, Itawamba, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Monroe, and Union. • Installations were concentrated in libraries, fire departments, museums, community centers, and city parks.
Number of Access Points Deployed	Approximately 80 access points
Total Funding Awarded	\$439,310.00

Round II Summary

Round II expanded deployment into city centers, recreational areas, and municipal facilities. This round included 7 **project awards** supporting the second successful CPF Public Wi-Fi grant application.

Projects Awarded	7
Award Recipients	• Aristotle Unified Communications Inc • BCI Mississippi Broadband, LLC d/b/a MaxxSouth Broadband • Tombigbee Fiber, LLC • Vicksburg Video, Inc.

Deployment Coverage	- Targeted counties included Lafayette, Tippah, Oktibbeha, Warren, Lee, Pontotoc, and Yazoo. - Installations were concentrated in downtown districts, public parks, city halls, and police and fire departments.
Number of Access Points Deployed	Approximately 30 access points
Total Funding Awarded	\$740,677.00

Round III Summary

Round III expanded deployment into city centers, recreational areas, and municipal facilities. This round included 16 project awards supporting the third successful CPF Public Wi-Fi grant application.

Projects Awarded	16
Award Recipients	- BCI Mississippi Broadband, LLC d/b/a MaxxSouth Broadband - Belzoni Cable, LLC d/b/a Southeast Broadband - Bruce Telephone Company, Inc. - Mound Bayou Telephone & Communications, Inc. - TecInfo Communications, LLC - Tombigbee Fiber, LLC
Deployment Coverage	- Targeted counties included Attala, Bolivar, Calhoun, Chickasaw, Humphreys, Lee, Monroe, Sharkey, Washington - Installations were concentrated in downtown districts, public parks, city halls, and police and fire departments.
Number of Access Points Deployed	Approximately 125 access points
Total Funding Awarded	\$3,102,007.17

Round IV Summary

Round IV expanded deployment into city centers, recreational areas, and municipal facilities. This round included **9 project awards** supporting the fourth successful CPF Public Wi-Fi grant application.

Projects Awarded	9
Award Recipients	• BCI Mississippi Broadband, LLC d/b/a MaxxSouth Broadband • CableSouth Media III, LLC d/b/a Swyft Fiber • CoastConnect
Deployment Coverage	• Targeted counties included Amite, Covington, Hancock, Harrison, Jefferson, Leake, Marion, Neshoba, Pearl River, Union, Wilkinson • Installations were concentrated in downtown districts, public parks, city halls, and police and fire departments.
Number of Access Points Deployed	Approximately 150 access points
Total Funding Awarded	\$834,872.41

A summary of the outputs produced to date is included below:

Four application processes for the Digital Connectivity Technology program have been completed. Following a competitive review, final awards were made to 37 eligible projects among 10 Internet Service Providers (ISPs). A few projects began in the fall of 2024, while most projects began in the spring of 2025.

As of June 30, 2026, 22 projects in total have completed construction. Only 8 of these projects have completed submission of all reimbursements and entered the subaward closeout phase. The providers for these 8 projects have reported to BEAM a total of 56 constructed public Wi-Fi access points and 125,584 unique users.

A summary of the outcomes achieved this reporting period is included below:

- Opened application portal for Round III Digital Connectivity Technology Project in June 2025 and closed in July 2025
- Conducted State-mandated comment/objection process for Round III
- Approved final awards for Round III
- Opened and closed application portal for Round IV Digital Connectivity Technology in January 2026

- Conducted State-mandated comment/objection process for Round IV
- Approved final awards for Round IV
- Submitted budget modification to Program Plan 1B utilizing unobligated funding from Program Plan 1A to further the goals and objectives of Program Plan 1B
- Opened application portal for Round V Digital Connectivity Technology set to close in July 2026
- Developed draft grant agreement for projects in both Rounds III and IV
- Executed grant agreements with subrecipients for projects in both Rounds III and IV
- Rounds III and IV began public Wi-Fi construction
- Projects in Rounds I-IV continue to complete construction
- Monitoring activities conducted by subrecipients
- Conducted final site inspections for multiple projects upon completion
- A total of 8 projects have entered the subaward closeout phase
- Many other projects are complete with construction and are in the reimbursement phase
- Attended ribbon cutting events announcing completion of public Wi-Fi projects
- As of June 30, 2026, approximately \$1.1 million in grant funds has been reimbursed to subrecipients

A list of the activities planned for the next period covered are included below:

- Determine most efficient use for remaining unobligated funds in Program Plan 1B.
- Continue to monitor awarded projects that are not yet complete.
- Continue to process reimbursement requests for awarded projects that are not yet complete.
- Conduct periodic site visits and final inspection on completed projects.
- Close out any awarded projects that reach completion during the next reporting period.
- Request second budget modification to transfer funding made available due to Program Plan 1A coming in under budget to Program Plan 1B
- Finalize awards for Round V and execute subaward agreements
- Open application portal for Round VI to further the Program Plan 1B's goals and objectives.
- Review applications received within Round VI and make final awards

Information about individuals/households benefiting from CPF funds is included below:

The public Wi-Fi projects funded under Program Plan 1B primarily benefit individuals and households that previously faced barriers to reliable internet access due to cost, availability, or limited digital literacy. By providing free and open Wi-Fi in public spaces such as libraries, parks, community centers, and downtown areas, these projects have expanded connectivity options for students completing homework/online assignments, jobseekers applying for employment, and residents accessing telehealth and other essential online resources. Households within the service areas benefit indirectly by having alternative access points to reduce reliance on mobile data or costly home service plans.

CHALLENGE	STATUS
Site Access and Permitting	Complete
Equipment Procurement & Supply Chain	In Progress
Community Awareness	In Progress
Compliance & Reporting	In Progress

Overview and outcomes of ancillary costs incurred to support bringing the capital asset(s) into full use are detailed below:

BEAM has incurred ancillary costs under Program Plan 1B. Ancillary costs include but are not limited to office salary staff, creation of the Program plan, application intake and review, subaward execution, subrecipient monitoring, and reporting. These costs are necessary and play a vital role in successfully implementing the Program to fulfill its goals and objectives.

Many projects funded under Program Plan 1B have incurred necessary ancillary costs that support bringing the capital assets into full use. These costs help ensure the successful deployment and community adoption and include permitting and site preparation activities to secure appropriate installation locations, as well as equipment installation services to place each access point at the project location(s).

Additionally, some projects have incurred costs related to direct outreach efforts, signage, and community engagement events (e.g., ribbon cutting) to increase public awareness and utilization of the free public Wi-Fi access points. Collectively, these costs support the long-term adoption of the capital assets, ensuring that the public Wi-Fi projects achieved Program Plan 1B's goals and objectives.

Summary of Awarded Projects and Project Status

Subrecipient Name	Project Name	Award Name	Project Status
Aristotle Unified Communications Inc	Aristotle - Tunica Expo Center	\$55,043.00	Project Status: "Complete." Working through reimbursements. Closeout will occur in next reporting period.
Aristotle Unified Communications Inc	Aristotle - Tunica River Park	\$17,433.00	Project Status: "Complete." Working through reimbursements. Closeout will occur in next reporting period.
Arriva	Mound Bayou	\$214,704.00	Project Status: "Complete." Light up ceremony conducted in July 2025. Project in closeout phase.
Tombigbee Fiber, LLC	Community Wi-Fi Application	\$107,130.00	Project Status: "Complete." Working through final reimbursements. Closeout will occur in next reporting period.
Vicksburg Video, Inc.	City of Vicksburg - Cablelynx	\$45,000.00	Project Status: "Complete." Light up ceremony conducted in May 2025. Project in closeout phase.
Aristotle Unified Communications Inc	Aristotle - Bentonla Wi-Fi	\$338,725.00	Project Status: "Complete." Working through reimbursements. Closeout will occur in next reporting period.
MaxxSouth Broadband	MaxxSouth – Oxford Avent Park	\$36,958.00	Project Status: "Complete." Working through reimbursements. Closeout will occur in next reporting period.
MaxxSouth Broadband	MaxxSouth - Oxford Square	\$204,544.00	Project Status: "Complete." Working through reimbursements. Closeout will occur in next reporting period.
MaxxSouth Broadband	MaxxSouth - Ripley	\$68,357.00	Project Status: "Complete." Working through reimbursements. Closeout will occur in next reporting period.
MaxxSouth Broadband	MaxxSouth - Starkville	\$43,107.00	Project Status: "Complete." Working through reimbursements. Closeout will occur in next reporting period.

Subrecipient Name	Project Name	Award Name	Project Status
Tombigbee Fiber, LLC	Community Wi-Fi Round 2	\$33,478.00	Project Status: "Complete." Working through final reimbursements. Closeout will occur in next reporting period.
Vicksburg Video, Inc.	Halls Ferry Park	\$15,508.00	Project Status: "Complete." Project in closeout phase.
Bruce Telephone Company	City of Bruce Park	\$42,587.60	Project Status: "Complete." Working through reimbursements. Closeout will occur in next reporting period.
MaxxSouth Broadband	MaxxSouth – Aberdeen	\$222,577.91	Project Status: "Complete." Working through reimbursements. Closeout will occur in next reporting period.
MaxxSouth Broadband	MaxxSouth – Amory	\$106,587.00	Project Status: "Complete." Working through reimbursements. Closeout will occur in next reporting period.
MaxxSouth Broadband	MaxxSouth – Houston	\$113,175.72	Project Status: "Complete." Working through reimbursements. Closeout will occur in next reporting period.
MaxxSouth Broadband	MaxxSouth – Kosciusko	\$145,152.81	Project Status: "Complete." Working through reimbursements. Closeout will occur in next reporting period.
Arriva	Alcorn State Extension	\$137,229.33	Project Status: "Complete." Working through reimbursements. Closeout will occur in next reporting period.
Arriva	Jerome Street	\$116,024.16	Project Status: "Complete." Working through reimbursements. Closeout will occur in next reporting period.
TecInfo Communications, LLC	3rd St. Leland	\$209,622.82	Project Status: Awaiting construction to begin.
TecInfo Communications, LLC	Delta Regional Health - Greenville	\$275,571.45	Project Status: Awaiting construction to begin.
TecInfo Communications, LLC	Downtown Greenville	\$541,310.62	Project Status: Awaiting construction to begin.

Subrecipient Name	Project Name	Award Name	Project Status
TecInfo Communications, LLC	Highway 1 - Greenville	\$566,577.28	Project Status: Awaiting construction to begin.
TecInfo Communications, LLC	Leland School Park	\$133,758.94	Project Status: Awaiting construction to begin.
Tombigbee Fiber, LLC	Ballard Park - Tupelo	\$109,600.52	Project Status: "Complete." Working through reimbursements. Closeout will occur in next reporting period.
Tombigbee Fiber, LLC	Downtown Tupelo	\$75,530.49	Project Status: "Complete." Working through reimbursements. Closeout will occur in next reporting period.
Tombigbee Fiber, LLC	Tombigbee Fire & Parks	\$12,422.27	Project Status: "Complete." Working through reimbursements. Closeout will occur in next reporting period.
Southeast Broadband	Sharkey-Humphreys	\$294,278.25	Project Status: Awaiting construction to begin.
Swyft Fiber	Woodville	\$147,068.03	Project Status: Awaiting construction to begin.
Swyft Fiber	Poplarville	\$45,264.54	Project Status: Awaiting construction to begin.
Swyft Fiber	Mount Olive	\$69,217.48	Project Status: Awaiting construction to begin.
Swyft Fiber	Fayette	\$67,260.72	Project Status: Awaiting construction to begin.
Swyft Fiber	Collins	\$80,290.99	Project Status: Awaiting construction to begin.
Swyft Fiber	Centreville	\$79,955.19	Project Status: Awaiting construction to begin.
Coast Connect, LLC	CoastConnect LLC Community Wi-Fi	\$119,859.30	Project Status: Awaiting construction to begin.
MaxxSouth Broadband	MaxxSouth – New Albany	\$111,645.00	Project Status: Awaiting construction to begin.
MaxxSouth Broadband	MaxxSouth - Philadelphia	\$114,311.16	Project Status: Awaiting construction to begin.

4. ADDRESSING CRITICAL NEEDS

Program Plans 1A and 1B

Objectives

For Program Plan 1A, the State defined critical need areas as those areas with no current access to internet service with at least 25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload. Addresses with current or future access to service only by satellite providers or mobile wireless networks were also considered critical need areas. These areas were defined based on FCC data as supplemented by current state data and were published as the Mississippi CPF Eligibility Map. Potential CPF applicants participated in a challenge process for the eligibility map while Mississippi awaited final approval of its CPF program. The CPF eligible areas reflected in the map cover rural and high poverty areas throughout Mississippi. According to the US Census Bureau Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE) 29 of Mississippi's 82 counties have a poverty rate above 25%. These 29 counties all have areas of critical need that are eligible for CPF funding.

Part of the focus of Program Plan 1B has been addressing communities with critical needs. BEAM defines "Communities with Critical Needs" as a community located in one of the 44 counties (82 total counties) that have been identified as having a persistent poverty rate above 20%. These counties represent project areas where accessibility is a barrier to adoption. Projects not within one of these 44 counties had the potential to be, and were ultimately, funded; however, the scoring rubric gave priority to funding projects within these highly impoverished counties to help bring high-speed public wi-fi to communities where residents may not be able to access service.

Adams	Copiah	Jefferson Davis	Neshoba	Tallahatchie
Amite	Covington	Kemper	Noxubee	Tunica
Attala	Forrest	Lafayette	Oktibbeha	Walthall
Benton	Grenada	Lauderdale	Panola	Washington
Bolivar	Holmes	Leake	Pike	Wayne
Chickasaw	Humphreys	Leflore	Quitman	Wilkinson
Claiborne	Issaquena	Lowndes	Scott	Winston
Clay	Jasper	Marion	Sharkey	Yazoo
Coahoma	Jefferson	Montgomery	Sunflower	

Awareness

For projects within both Program Plan 1A and Program Plan 1B, BEAM engaged in 50 community engagement meetings in geographically diverse areas of the state. In addition, BEAM staff attended numerous meetings with local government officials and staffed two days at the Capitol during the recent legislative session to meet with all state legislators and provide information for them to take back to their constituents. BEAM director Sally Doty or a BEAM staff member presented at the Mississippi Board of Supervisors Conference and the Mississippi Municipal League Conference in 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025. A copy of all community engagement meetings is attached to this report. At all meetings, BEAM discussed the CPF programs and encouraged all participants to take the speed tests at www.Broadbandms.com to help provide observational data for the CPF eligibility map. The BEAM office distributed flyers publicizing the speed tests at all events, provided flyers at County Office Buildings, and sent 28,000 mailers to underserved areas to further refine the eligibility map. BEAM also provided flyers and information on the ACP program at each event and/or meeting.

Outcomes

Under Program Plan 1A, BEAM has made 58 final awards as of June 30, 2026, with 20 projects located in a persistently impoverished county in Mississippi.

Although no projects have formally closed out, approximately 43 of the 58 awarded projects have completed construction and are serving the communities in which they are located. These projects have provided eligible broadband service to more than 43,000 locations and are directly addressing the need for high-speed, reliable internet access across the state allowing citizens the ability to access work, education, and healthcare.

Under Program Plan 1B, BEAM has made 37 final awards as of June 30, 2026, with 23 projects located in a persistently impoverished county in MS. Completed projects in Program Plan 1B are conducting ribbon cutting events as well as other marketing and advertising campaigns for the newly constructed public Wi-Fi access points.

As of June 30, 2026, no Program Plan 1B projects have formally closed out; however, 22 of the 37 awarded projects have been completed and are actively serving the communities in which they were constructed. These projects are directly addressing the communities in need by providing free public Wi-Fi access to the communities allowing citizens to meet their needs relative to work, education, and healthcare.

5. LABOR

The State has demonstrated its commitment to strong labor practices in the deployment of all CPF projects. All awarded projects have prioritized local hires and incorporated strategies to support local workforce development. To support this objective, the State embedded criteria in the project scoring process that incentivized proposals with plans to engage in apprenticeship and training programs, participate in job fairs, and implement other workforce development efforts. Awardees were also encouraged to report to the State the specific labor practices employed throughout project implementation.

6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

During the 2026 reporting period, BEAM participated in 8 community engagement events. As of June 30, 2026, BEAM has participated in 50 community engagement meetings attended by local elected officials, community leaders, tribal communities, and residents across the state. These events included community meetings, ribbon cuttings, and Light Up ceremonies hosted by internet service providers that successfully completed broadband expansion projects and connected communities to high-speed internet service. Community meetings included presentations on broadband grant funding opportunities, the timeline for broadband deployment and buildout, funding eligibility requirements, and available resources to support digital skills development. Attendees were also provided with an opportunity to ask questions, share concerns, and discuss their experiences with unreliable internet service or lack of internet access. BEAM documented feedback and questions received during these events and used that information to help inform program development and ensure investments address the needs of underserved communities. BEAM remains committed to continuing community engagement efforts statewide.

Date	Location of Event	Target Audience	Number of Registrants
2023 Reporting Period			
07/25/2022	Bottom Rebuilders Legislative Forum – Jackson, MS	Local Communities	75
09/22/2022	Mississippi Legislative Black Caucus Forum Lexington, MS	Local Communities	100
10/27/2022	Mississippi Delta Cleveland, MS	Local Communities	75
11/17/2022	Clinton, MS	Local Communities	32
12/12/2022	Fayette, MS	Local Communities	22
12/12/2022	Natchez, MS	Local Communities	10 – plus live stream
12/12/2022	Liberty, MS	Local Communities	59
12/13/2022	Brookhaven, MS	Local Communities	24
12/13/2022	Woodville, MS	Local Communities	38
12/13/2022	Magnolia, MS	Local Communities	71
01/19/2023	Quitman, MS	Local Communities	25
01/19/2023	Tunica, MS	Local Communities	30
01/20/2023	Hernando, MS	Local Communities	50
02/17/2023	Okolona, MS	Local Communities	50
02/22/2023	Goodman, MS	Local Communities	23
03/08/2023	Indianola, MS	Local Communities	40
04/19/2023	Perkinston, MS	Local Communities	10
05/02/2023	Kosciusko, MS	Local Communities	20
05/09/2023	Terry, MS	Local Communities	48
06/01/2023	Learned, MS	Local Communities	47

2024 Reporting Period			
07/14/2023	Carthage, MS	Local Communities	20
07/17/2023	New Hebron, MS	Local Communities	10
07/18/2023	Brookhaven Board of Aldermen – Brookhaven, MS	Local Government	25
09/28/2023	Clarksdale, MS	Local Communities	20
11/01/2023	Legislative Black Caucus – Jackson, MS	Local Communities	20
01/18/2024	Southwest MS PDD – Natchez, MS	Local Communities	30
01/19/2024	Southern I PDD – Gulfport, MS	Local Communities	30
01/19/2024	Southern II PDD – Hattiesburg, MS	Local Communities	30
01/26/2024	Senatobia, MS	Local Communities	65
01/30/2024	East Central PDD – Newton, MS	Local Communities	20
01/30/2024	Golden Triangle PDD – Starkville, MS	Local Communities	20
01/31/2024	Three Rivers PDD – Tupelo, MS	Local Communities	40
01/31/2024	Northeast MS PDD – Booneville, MS	Local Communities	30
02/01/2024	North Delta PDD – Batesville, MS	Local Communities	10
02/01/2024	South Delta PDD – Greenville, MS	Local Communities	30
02/06/2024	Central MS PDD – Pearl, MS	Local Communities	50
02/06/2024	North Central PDD – Winona, MS	Local Communities	40
03/18/2024	State Pentecostal Board – Raymond, MS	Local Communities	16
05/03/2024	National Conference of State Legislatures – Virtual	Government Leaders	Live Stream

2025 Reporting Period			
03/31/2025	DeSoto County Board of Supervisors	Government Leaders	10
04/01/2025	Tombigbee Fiber, LLC	ISP and Local Community	25
05/30/2025	Vicksburg Video Ribbon Cutting	ISP and local community	50
2026 Reporting Period			
07/10/2025	Arriva “Light It Up” Celebration	ISP and local community	60
07/10/2025	Arriva “Light It Up” Celebration	ISP and local community	60
09/24/2025	MaxxSouth Starkville Public Wi-Fi Ribbon Cutting	ISP and local community	40
04/23/2026	Comcast Device Giveaway	ISP and local community	125
05/13/2026	MaxxSouth Amory Public Wi-Fi Ribbon Cutting	ISP and local community	35
06/12/2026	MSSCAUG & MAST User Meeting*	Engineers and industry professionals	75
06/15/2026	MS Association of Supervisors Annual Convention*	Local Government	125
06/23/2026	North Delta Planning and Development District*	Local Government	20
06/24/2026	South Delta Planning and Development District*	Local Government	15

**These community events were primarily BEAD-focused but did include a CPF component.*

7. CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE

The State has incorporated language within each of the administrative contracts executed to date requiring compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act.

The subaward agreements executed between the State and its subrecipients include a detailed description of the requirements to maintain compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. This provision will be closely monitored by the State in the ongoing monitoring of subawards.

Success Photos



BEAM Director, Sally Doty, at the Comcast Device Giveaway for Shirley D. Simmons Middle School



BEAM Director, Sally Doty, at the BCI Mississippi Broadband, LLC – City of Starkville-MaxxSouth Ribbon Cutting



BEAM Director, Sally Doty, at the Mound Bayou Telephone Company, Inc. – City of Mound Bayou-Arriva Light It Up Celebration



BEAM Deputy Director, Kyle Brown and Grants Manager, Angel Stenmark at the MSSCAUG 2026 Community Event

