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Texas Broadband Development Office (BDO) Grant Plan Summary

Program Component	Program Plan Number	Program Name	Project Costs	Administrative Costs	Total CPF Allocated Funds
1A: Broadband Infrastructure Projects	CPF_GP-000182	BDO — Bringing Online Opportunities to Texas (BOOT) Program	\$448,807,243	\$12,664,193	\$461,471,436
1B: Digital Connectivity Technology Program	CPF_GP-000207	Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) — El Paso District Safety Rest Area Broadband Infrastructure Project	\$6,000,000	\$0	\$6,000,000
1C: Multi-Purpose Community Facility Project	CPF_GP-000185	Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) — Library Infrastructure and Facility Improvement Grant Program	\$7,799,162	\$1,319,565	\$9,118,727
2: Other (Case-by-Case)	CPF_GP-000184	Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) — Texas Rural Hospital Broadband Program	\$23,170,048	\$714,952	\$23,885,000
Total			\$485,776,453	\$14,698,710	\$500,475,163

BDO Bringing Online Opportunities to Texas (BOOT) Program Round I

Program Information

- Program plan number: CPF_GP-000182
- Program start date: March 6, 2023
- Program end date: Dec. 31, 2026
- CPF funds allocated: \$10,463,479

Executive Summary

The BDO, an office within the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, is the gubernatorially appointed recipient of and administering agent for the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund (CPF), and it has been allocated \$500,475,163 to support the state of Texas' mission of expanding access to reliable, affordable and high-speed broadband service to all Texans.

In September 2022, the BDO submitted a grant plan for \$448,807,243 to support the BOOT Program, which addresses urgent broadband infrastructure needs highlighted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The BOOT Program aims to provide reliable internet service of at least 100/100 Megabits per second (Mbps) (or 100/20 Mbps scalable to that speed) to unserved and underserved areas in Texas. The U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury) approved the program plan in January 2023, allowing the BDO to advance the initiative in two phases.

The BOOT I Program was initiated in March 2023 and competitively awarded \$11.2 million across 19 projects.

During this reporting period, significant progress was made, with BOOT I subrecipients actively building fiber and wireless networks while completing planning and engineering tasks. However, the subrecipients have indicated they have encountered challenges, including permitting delays, difficulty establishing middle-mile connectivity, easement acquisition issues, supply chain disruptions and weather-related construction delays.

Despite these challenges, all BOOT I projects are progressing well and are on target to be completed and fully operational by Dec. 31, 2026.

See [Appendix A](#) for the BOOT I Program Dashboard.

Use of Funds

During this reporting period, the BOOT I Program advanced broadband access for unserved and underserved communities through strategic buildout efforts. BOOT I supports construction for last-mile connectivity, with several projects now complete and others nearing completion. Notably, multiple projects finished under budget, resulting in meaningful savings for taxpayers. Due to these efficiencies, the program's total allocation of CPF funds has been reduced from \$11.2 million to \$10.4 million.

Throughout the grant lifecycle, the BDO provided technical training to subrecipients to ensure compliance with reporting and monitoring requirements. Beneficiaries of the funded infrastructure include households, businesses and community anchor institutions, with coverage expansion tracked through Federal Communications Commission (FCC)-issued Location IDs and verified by speed tests. The BDO's next steps to ensure program success will center on ongoing project monitoring, timely reimbursement processing and the orderly closeout of completed projects.

BOOT I Expenditures

Number of Counties Served	Projects Awarded	Total CPF Funds	Total Expenditures to Date	Number of Locations Served (Planned)	Number of Locations Served (Actual)
15	19	\$10,463,479	\$3,897,132.40	1,560	465

Addressing Critical Needs

The BOOT I Program targeted Texas communities lacking adequate broadband service, focusing exclusively on serving unserved and underserved locations with reliable broadband. In accordance with state statute, the BDO prioritized areas with the lowest broadband coverage, focusing on rural counties and small towns where private investment is less viable. The program also aims to expand digital opportunities, ensuring applicants have access to affordable service options, boost digital literacy and create local job opportunities.

BOOT I Awarded Projects

Organization	County	Funding Amount	Number of Locations	Technology Type	Project Status
AMA Communications LLC	Donley	\$2,337,863	310	Fiber	More than 50%
AMA Communications LLC	Hall	\$209,468	6	Fiber	Complete
AMA Communications LLC	Hall	\$261,180	10	Fiber	Complete
Big Bend Telecom Ltd.	Brewster	\$200,000	34	Fiber	Less than 50%
Big Bend Telecom Ltd.	Brewster	\$619,713	37	Fiber	Less than 50%
Big Bend Telecom Ltd.	Jeff Davis	\$1,745,399	220	Fiber	Less than 50%
Big Bend Telecom Ltd.	Jeff Davis	\$1,574,133	123	Fiber	Less than 50%

Organization	County	Funding Amount	Number of Locations	Technology Type	Project Status
Big Bend Telecom Ltd.	Pecos	\$200,000	99	Fiber	More than 50%
Poka Lambro Telecommunications Ltd.	Garza	\$153,584	17	Wireless	More than 50%
Resound Networks	Culberson	\$378,450	37	Wireless	Less than 50%
Resound Networks	Floyd	\$473,220	208	Wireless	More than 50%
Resound Networks	Hockley	\$409,601	85	Wireless	Less than 50%
Resound Networks	Ward	\$431,978	99	Wireless	Less than 50%
Resound Networks	Winkler	\$363,533	85	Wireless	Less than 50%
Spectrum Gulf Coast LLC	Jefferson	\$200,000	70	Fiber	Complete
Valor Telecommunications of Texas LLC	Yoakum	\$218,066	12	Fiber	More than 50%
VGI Technology Inc.	Sutton	\$200,000	11	Wireless	More than 50%
VGI Technology Inc.	Tom Green	\$227,291	45	Wireless	Complete
VGI Technology Inc.	Tom Green	\$260,000	52	Wireless	Complete

To promote awareness of available funding, the BDO employed several effective strategies. The office published the program's official solicitation on public websites and engaged stakeholders through informational webinars. Additionally, a state-mandated challenge process was established for local entities to review proposed projects and submit challenges, and applicants were required to demonstrate community support with letters from local organizations. The BDO also ensured public disclosure of awarded projects to keep residents informed.

Progress in addressing critical broadband needs has been notable. Funding for last-mile projects has significantly improved service to unserved and underserved areas. The projects aim to deliver at least 100/100 Mbps service, promoting universal access. Moreover, all awardees are required to provide low-cost, no-data-cap options to qualifying households, ensuring minimum service levels of 100/20 Mbps. Applications were further assessed for initiatives aimed at enhancing digital literacy and workforce development.

The BOOT I program uses various methods to measure and verify these outcomes. These include monthly and quarterly status reports that track speeds and project updates, performance testing, and engineering certifications for service validation. Community feedback is also integrated into the reporting process, alongside final reports detailing locations served and customer adoption rates.

Labor Practices

In accordance with federal guidelines, all BOOT I subrecipients are required to certify compliance with the following:

- Lobbying, Suspension, Debarment and Drug-Free Workplace
- Certification Regarding Environmental Tobacco Smoke
- Assurance of Compliance Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs and Equal Opportunity
- Americans with Disabilities Act
- Equal Treatment for Faith-Based Organizations
- Immigration and Naturalization Service
- Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act
- Clean Air Act
- Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Compliance

All subrecipients prioritize hiring from the local workforce, and securing labor agreements remains central to reducing risk and expediting project timelines. In addition, ensuring that employees are compensated above the prevailing wage has been adopted as a key strategy to minimize turnover and maintain workforce stability.

Community Engagement

All BOOT I subrecipients are currently engaging with local communities. Outreach efforts include:

- Establishing broadband opportunity programs.
- Developing and implementing extensive marketing campaigns to effectively educate and resonate with potential customers about the availability and benefits of the internet service provider's (ISP) broadband services.

During the reporting period, feedback from community members, organizations and subscribers has been overwhelmingly positive. Stakeholders have expressed strong support and appreciation for the project's role in expanding broadband access to underserved areas. Community members specifically noted enthusiasm for the new opportunities created in education, business and health care.

To promote accessibility, most outreach efforts have included bilingual materials in both English and Spanish, enabling individuals with limited English proficiency to engage fully. Feedback has been gathered through direct conversations, community meetings and informal outreach activities.

Subrecipients are also partnering with local organizations that support individuals facing barriers to internet access, such as low income, limited digital literacy and language challenges. These partnerships are designed to ensure that traditionally underserved groups have access to the information and resources necessary to achieve broadband services.

Civil Rights Compliance

In accordance with federal guidelines, BOOT I subrecipients must comply with multiple civil rights protections to ensure equal access, nondiscrimination and accountability in both employment and service delivery. These certifications are material conditions of receiving federal funds and apply to subcontractors and subrecipients.

All BOOT I subrecipients have confirmed compliance with all civil rights requirements.

BDO BOOT Program Round II

Program Information

- Program plan number: CPF_GP-000182
- Program start date: July 11, 2024
- Program end date: Dec. 31, 2026
- CPF funds allocated: \$437,371,812

Executive Summary

The BOOT II Program is a statewide initiative supported by \$437.3 million in CPF funding and an additional \$186 million from the state's voter-approved Broadband Infrastructure Fund (BIF). Its objective is to improve last-mile broadband infrastructure for unserved or underserved Texans, particularly in counties that need it the most. The BDO selected two counties from each of the Comptroller's 12 Economic Regions as project areas based on the severity of each county's digital divide. Counties with the greatest proportion of unserved locations were selected. The funded projects must connect all eligible unserved and underserved locations within the selected counties to high-speed reliable internet. In accordance with state statute, end-to-end fiber projects were prioritized; however, other technologies were considered if applicants could demonstrate applicability.

Project proposals were designed to deliver, upon completion, service that reliably meets or exceeds symmetrical speeds of 1 Gigabit per second (Gbps) to directly enable work, education and health monitoring, including remote options. If fiber technology is considered impractical due to geography, topography or high cost, for a project to deliver services at such speeds, the project may be designed using other technical solutions so that the network reliably meets or exceeds 100 Mbps for both download and upload speeds.

In the latest reporting period, subrecipients made significant progress by constructing fiber and wireless networks across 21 Texas counties and by completing essential tasks such as planning, engineering and permitting. Nonetheless, obstacles, including permitting delays, a lack of grant experience among subrecipients and supply chain problems, have emerged.

All BOOT II projects must be completed and fully operational by Dec. 31, 2026. Subrecipients experiencing significant delays are working to submit compliant extension requests through the BDO to the Treasury. For projects that receive approved extensions, they must be completed and fully operational by June 30, 2027.

See [Appendix B](#) for the BOOT II Program Dashboard.

Use of Funds

During this reporting period, the BOOT II Program advanced broadband access by funding projects that expand service to unserved and underserved communities across 21 counties. Funded through CPF and supplemented by BIF, BOOT II supported last-mile construction, with several projects already 75% complete. Applicants submitted detailed plans, budgets and service commitments, and the BDO provided technical training to ensure compliance with all required reporting and monitoring activities. Beneficiaries of the funded networks include households, businesses and community anchor institutions, with coverage expansion verified through FCC Location IDs, speed tests, reporting and audits.

Navigating permitting timelines remained the primary challenge during this period, as reported by subrecipients. While the BDO does not play a role in permitting, including pole attachments, the office made efforts to remedy this issue through rigorous reviews and by connecting subrecipients with the appropriate subject-matter experts to assist with permitting problems. The BDO will continue to focus on desk reviews, site visits (if necessary), report collection and milestone-based reimbursements, while subrecipients proceed with construction, outreach activities, digital literacy efforts and workforce training to further support adoption and long-term impact.

BOOT II Expenditures

Number of Counties Served	Projects Awarded	Total CPF Funds	Total Expenditures to Date	Number of Locations Served (Planned)	Number of Locations Served (Actual)
21	21	\$437,371,811	\$123,597,639.80	81,626	30,352

Addressing Critical Needs

The BOOT II Program aims to serve communities with critical broadband needs by delivering reliable, affordable internet to locations that lack access to broadband service with speeds of at least 100/20 Mbps. In accordance with state statute, end-to-end fiber projects were prioritized. Through an analysis of counties with the greatest broadband deficits, the BDO identified 24 high-need counties across multiple economic regions; ultimately, projects were funded in 21 of those counties. Although the office received bids for the three remaining counties, the office ultimately determined the proposals were either overly expensive or not technically feasible.

The program targets the construction of high-speed, last-mile broadband infrastructure in these counties. The goal is to not only expand coverage but also to provide networks capable of

delivering symmetrical speeds of up to 1 Gbps, enabling essential services such as work, education and health monitoring.

BOOT II Awarded Projects

Organization	County	CPF Funding Amount	Number of Locations	Technology Type	Project Status
360 Broadband LLC	Fannin	\$36,612,619	4,355	Fiber	Less than 50%
4IP Technology and Media LLC	Burleson	\$25,516,033	5,147	Fiber	Less than 50%
4IP Technology and Media LLC	Edwards	\$54,416,795	2,724	Fiber	Less than 50%
AMA Communications LLC	Roberts	\$9,515,996	263	Fiber	More than 50%
AMG Technology Investment Group LLC	Falls	\$33,676,027	5,811	Fiber	More than 50%
AMG Technology Investment Group LLC	Irion	\$1,793,180	459	Hybrid*	Less than 50%
AMG Technology Investment Group LLC	Morris	\$17,843,383	1,903	Fiber	More than 50%
AMG Technology Investment Group LLC	Reagan	\$6,077,854	1,624	Hybrid	Less than 50%
AMG Technology Investment Group LLC	Throckmorton	\$3,107,162	602	Hybrid	Less than 50%
Grande Communications Networks LLC	Caldwell	\$13,770,127	6,017	Fiber	Less than 50%
ITC Broadband Operating LLC	Liberty	\$48,833,129	16,431	Fiber	Less than 50%
ITC Broadband Operating LLC	Newton	\$23,146,113	2,698	Fiber	More than 50%
ITC Broadband Operating LLC	Trinity	\$24,986,417	3,916	Fiber	More than 50%
Lyte Fiber LLC	Marion	\$10,142,583	2,253	Fiber	Less than 50%
Lyte Fiber LLC	Navarro	\$30,400,781	4,488	Fiber	Less than 50%
Plains Internet LLC	Carson	\$8,985,370	778	Fiber	More than 50%
Resound Networks	Coleman	\$8,976,692	2,239	Fiber	Less than 50%

Organization	County	CPF Funding Amount	Number of Locations	Technology Type	Project Status
Resound Networks	Colorado	\$8,638,224	3,787	Hybrid	Less than 50%
Riviera Telephone Company LLC	Kenedy	\$4,865,547	234	Hybrid	Less than 50%
Rural Telecommunications of America Inc.	Bastrop	\$30,235,619	10,471	Fiber	Less than 50%
VTX Communications LLC	Karnes	\$35,832,160	5,426	Hybrid	Less than 50%

**Hybrid projects use a combination of Fiber and Fixed Wireless Technology to deliver connectivity.*

To promote awareness of BOOT II, the BDO published relevant information on public websites, engaged stakeholders through webinars and required applicants to demonstrate community support. This approach ensured that communities were informed about the program and able to provide input on projects.

Progress is measured by several outcomes, including closing broadband gaps, ensuring universal service with reliable connectivity and addressing affordability barriers through mandated low-cost options. The program emphasizes digital inclusion, assessing applications based on support for digital literacy and workforce development, and incentivizes applicants to offer programs that enhance technology adoption.

Overall, the BOOT II Program is designed to expand broadband access in Texas while ensuring the infrastructure is affordable, effective and benefits economic, educational and health care opportunities for underserved communities.

Labor Practices

In accordance with federal guidelines, all BOOT II subrecipients are required to certify compliance with the following:

- Lobbying, Suspension, Debarment and Drug-Free Workplace
- Certification Regarding Environmental Tobacco Smoke
- Assurance of Compliance Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs and Equal Opportunity
- Americans with Disabilities Act
- Equal Treatment for Faith-Based Organizations
- Immigration and Naturalization Service
- Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act
- Clean Air Act
- Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Compliance

- Davis-Bacon Act
 - Applies to 19 of the 21 projects

All subrecipients prioritize hiring from the local workforce, and securing labor agreements remains central to reducing risk and expediting project timelines. In addition, ensuring that employees are compensated above the prevailing wage has been adopted as a key strategy to minimize turnover and maintain workforce stability.

Community Engagement

All BOOT II subrecipients are actively engaging their communities through targeted outreach, including marketing campaigns tailored to rural audiences and bilingual materials in English and Spanish. Community feedback during the reporting period reflected strong support for the projects, along with practical input on issues such as damage to underground infrastructure, access to private property and construction overlap with other state projects.

Subrecipients gathered input through conversations, community meetings and informal outreach, and many are partnering with local organizations to support residents who face barriers such as low income or limited digital literacy. These efforts help ensure that community members have the information and resources needed to access new broadband services.



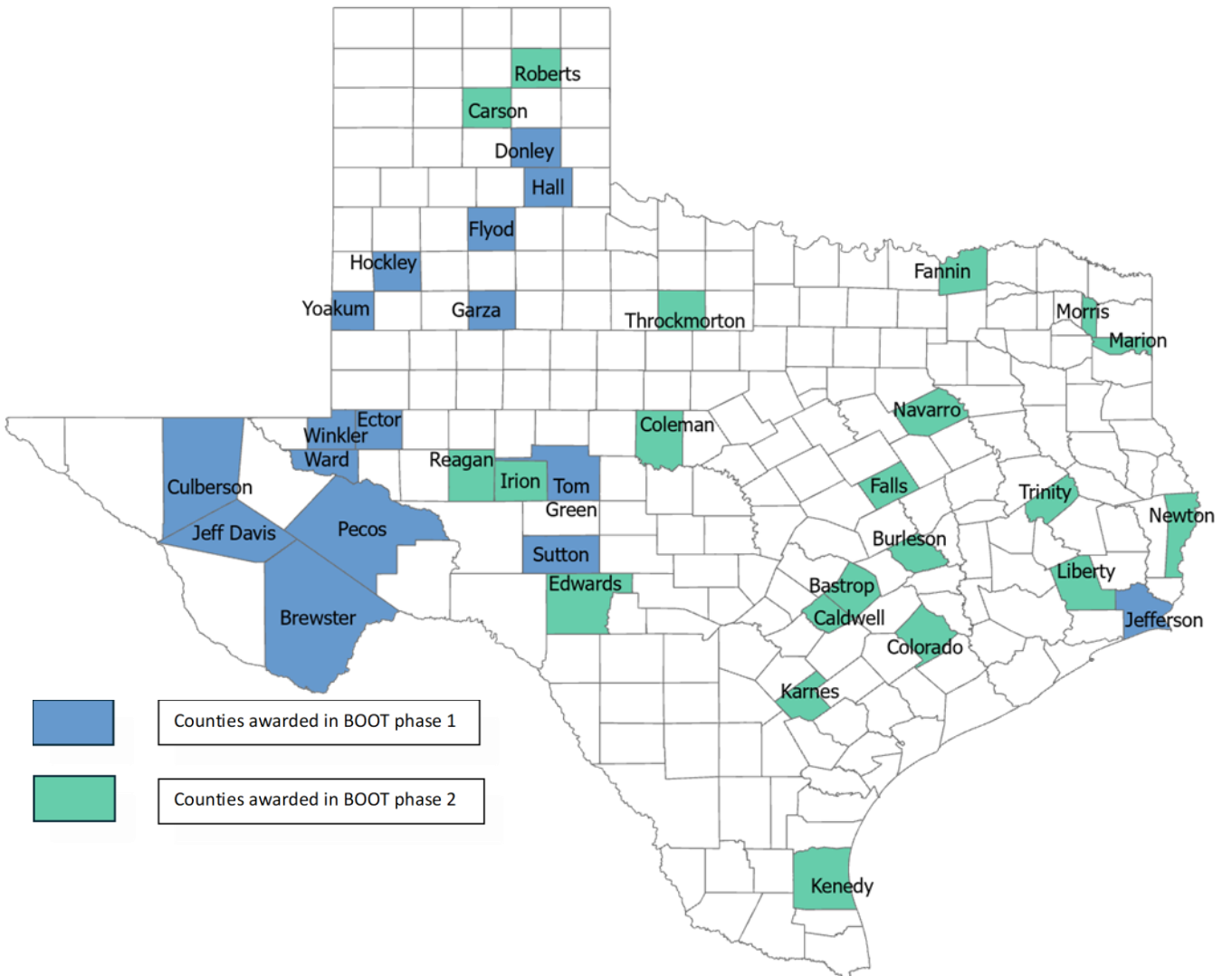
BDO staff share program updates and listen to community feedback regarding challenges and successes at an event held at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

Civil Rights Compliance

In accordance with federal guidelines, BOOT II subrecipients must comply with multiple civil rights protections to ensure equal access, nondiscrimination and accountability in both employment and service delivery. These certifications are material conditions of receiving federal funds and apply to subcontractors and subrecipients.

All subrecipients for BOOT II have confirmed compliance with all federal civil rights requirements.

BOOT I and II County Impact



BDO State Agency Partnerships

To further serve community needs for high-quality internet access, the BDO has partnered with three state agencies to expand broadband across the state.

State Agency	Program Name	CPF Allocated Funds*
Texas Department of Transportation	El Paso District Safety Rest Area Broadband Infrastructure Project	\$6,000,000
Texas State Library and Archives Commission	Library Infrastructure Facility Improvement	\$9,118,727
Texas Department of Agriculture	Texas Rural Hospital Broadband Program	\$23,885,000

* Includes project and administrative costs.

During this reporting period, the BDO has expended \$5,879,587.39 in total project costs through the following state agency-driven broadband project proposals, with another \$630,520.29 in administrative costs to support the execution of these projects.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) El Paso District Safety Rest Area (SRA) Broadband Infrastructure Project

Program Information

- Program plan number: CPF_GP-000207
- Program start date: Feb. 16, 2024
- Program end date: Dec. 31, 2026
- CPF funds allocated: \$6 million

Executive Summary

The TxDOT El Paso District SRA Broadband Infrastructure Project installs broadband infrastructure in six SRAs. The ongoing operation of the agency's 76 SRAs is the responsibility of the agency's Maintenance Division (MNT). Aligning the grant-funded public Wi-Fi solution for the six El Paso District SRAs with the existing operations contract is necessary for the project's longevity, as operations and maintenance expenses are not eligible for CPF reimbursement. Low-bandwidth cellular public Wi-Fi has been available at some of the state's SRAs, but the existing vendor agreement was approaching expiration. In 2023, the agency's MNT started the procurement process for a statewide public Wi-Fi vendor and made a final award selection in December 2024.

Vendor kickoff occurred in late January 2025, and the first discussions with the vendor regarding the CPF bandwidth requirements for the six El Paso District SRAs took place in February 2025. In March 2025, MNT's public Wi-Fi vendor provided preliminary Wi-Fi designs and confirmed sourcing of fiber circuits that meet the requirements of the CPF grant agreement. CPF grant

funds will reimburse the MNT for hardware orders and circuit construction for the six El Paso District SRA locations named in the grant.

During the current reporting period, TxDOT advanced the project through key milestones: issuing the vendor bid in January 2026, completing vendor selection in February, launching construction in March and April, and progressing with procurement of network hardware and fiber circuits in May and June.

Use of Funds

During this reporting period, non-grant-funded activities advanced several key components of project development. Design plans were finalized and released for competitive bid in January 2026, and Tri-State Electric was selected as the vendor. TxDOT began preconstruction coordination with TriState in late April, and the official construction start date was recorded as May 4.

AT&T was selected as a vendor for the circuit and hardware orders. TxDOT and AT&T also continued close coordination with HDR, the outside plant design team, leading up to the January letting of the contract. In parallel, TxDOT worked with AT&T to draft a change order to the existing contract to support the purchase and installation of network hardware specific to the six safety rest areas funded under the grant. Per the contract terms, AT&T will invoice TxDOT for equipment and installation after each site is completed.

Additionally, for the SRA project in Hudspeth County, construction has been delayed and is now scheduled to begin late July or early August 2026 due to documented material procurement constraints. Long-lead time materials, including structural steel, continue to experience delays driven by broader market demand. Broadband infrastructure mounted on the buildings cannot be activated until vertical construction is complete, creating a direct dependency between building completion and full system operability.

TxDOT will ensure Wi-Fi is operational and available to the public in the parking areas by Dec. 31, 2026. If building-mounted equipment is not installed and deployed by that deadline, it will not be included in the request for reimbursement.

Addressing Critical Needs

Rural communities such as Fabens, Fort Hancock and Van Horn in the Upper Rio Grande region face persistent challenges, including limited public transportation, aging infrastructure and inadequate internet access, largely due to affordability barriers. Many residents in these areas struggle to afford reliable home broadband, and average internet speeds often fall below 25/3 Mbps. As a result, community members rely on public facilities for essential online needs such as job applications, virtual schooling and accessing public assistance programs. Yet these facilities have limited hours, may restrict access by age, and can be unavailable during emergencies.

Providing free, high-quality broadband at SRAs directly addresses these gaps by offering an alternative that is always open and accessible. With an estimated 600 daily users across the six

SRAs, this service ensures that residents can stay connected, especially during emergencies or when other facilities are closed.

Labor Practices

The project remains in the planning phase, and no CPF funds have been expended to date. However, TxDOT intends to follow TxDOT construction standards for all pre-CPF and CPF expenditures, as well as adhere to all federal requirements, including the Davis-Bacon Act.

Community Engagement

TxDOT's Broadband Program will coordinate with local Chambers of Commerce to raise awareness about the free public Wi-Fi available at the six SRAs. The TxDOT Broadband Coordinator has also begun working with the Upper Rio Grande Council of Governments to help engage local communities and promote the availability of these services.

Civil Rights Compliance

TxDOT confirms that it does not deny benefits or services or otherwise discriminate based on race; color; national origin, including limited English proficiency; disability; age; or sex, including sexual orientation and gender identity, as part of the grant contract.

Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) Library Infrastructure Facility Improvement (LIFI) Grant Program

Program Information

- Program plan number: CPF_GP-000185
- Program start date: Sept. 9, 2023
- Program end date: Dec. 31, 2026
- CPF funds allocated: \$9,118,727

Executive Summary

In June 2023, the Treasury approved \$9.1 million in CPF funding (project and administrative costs) to expand broadband access in public libraries across Texas. Through this support, the TSLAC LIFI Grant Program is improving broadband infrastructure, especially in rural and lower-income communities, by installing fiber, upgrading facilities and enhancing digital access for telehealth, learning and workforce services. The program will ultimately benefit 34 libraries serving over 1 million Texans.

After completing Phase One technology assessments, TSLAC launched Phases Two and Three, providing libraries with actionable reports and publishing the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) on March 17, 2025, seeking applications for the LIFI program. Outreach included online and in-person training and a statewide speed test campaign. Applications closed April 28, 2025, and 34 libraries were awarded funding. TSLAC also contracted a broadband coach to support implementation.

In Phase Three, the broadband coach worked with library staff, vendors and community partners to guide broadband and facility upgrades and assist with required reporting.

During this reporting period, two libraries — Cross Plains and Schulenburg — completed their projects, improving accessibility through facility renovations and adding private “shush booths” for telehealth visits, job applications and virtual interviews.

See [Appendix C](#) for TSLAC program dashboard.

Use of Funds

The project received \$9,118,727 in total funding, with \$1,063,936.90 reimbursed during this reporting period. These funds supported efforts to strengthen applicant capacity through technology assessments and data support, promote community engagement and training to encourage grant participation, and manage the grant process, including preparing the LIFI Grant Program NOFO and evaluating applications.

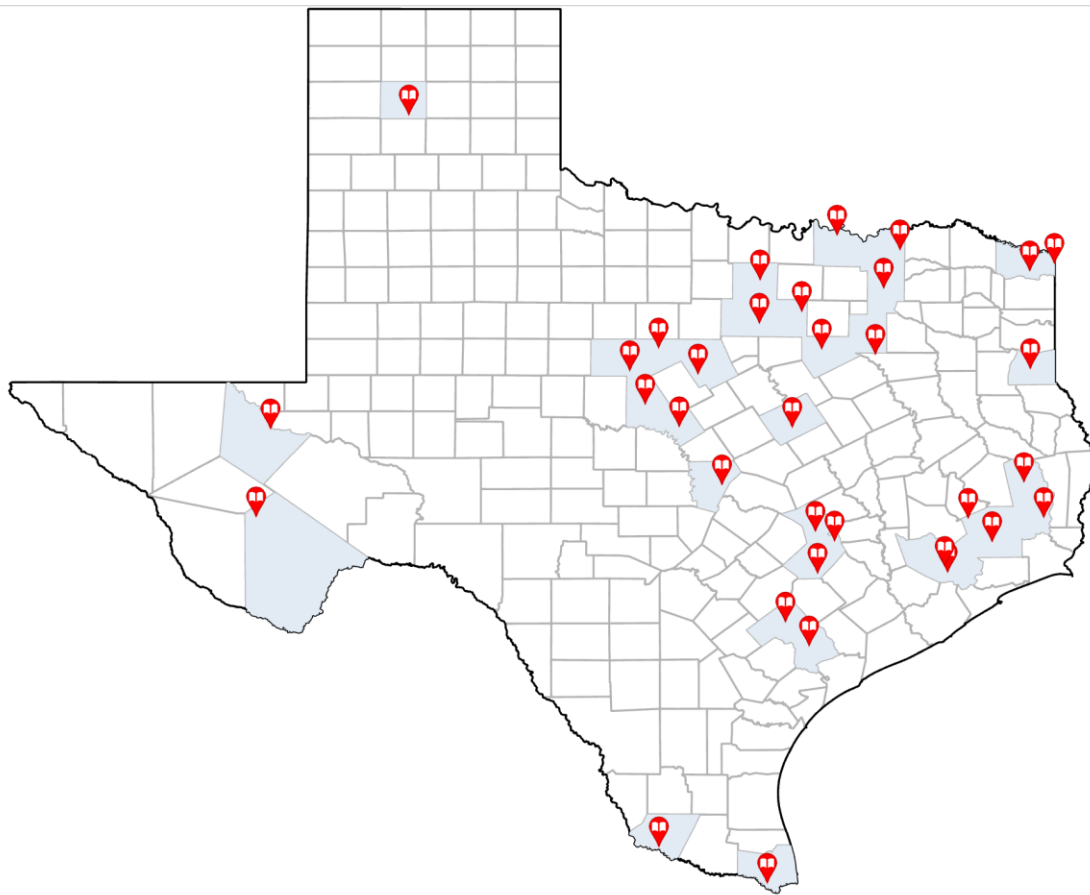
All 34 libraries were awarded grants totaling almost \$6 million. Approximately 85 capital assets (classrooms, computer labs, telemedicine rooms and multi-purpose spaces) were planned with the funding. Online trainings and consultations by TSLAC staff were conducted to support the subrecipients with grant reporting and program requirements. The contracted vendor began working one on one, facilitating monthly meetings with grantees to support their implementations and help ensure projects stayed on track and data was recorded and submitted in a timely manner.

During the next reporting period, TSLAC plans to finalize all grant projects and submit the required closing documentation in compliance with grant rules. The vendor will continue their work addressing subrecipient capacity to ensure project success.

TSLAC LIFI Grant Program Expenditures

Number of Counties Served	Projects Awarded	Awarded Project Funds	Total Expenditures to Date
30	34	\$5,954,132.93	\$1,090,526.04

TSLAC Program County Impact



Addressing Critical Needs

Libraries were selected as subrecipients based on the extent to which they were able to demonstrate that their respective communities struggle to access workforce development, education and health-monitoring resources due to inadequate, unreliable or unaffordable internet service. TSLAC used U.S. Census data, state broadband maps and its own annual data collection to identify and encourage applications from libraries serving historically disadvantaged communities.

The evaluation rubric prioritized applicants in rural, high-poverty areas with lower connectivity. Each applicant submitted a needs assessment with demographic data, library records or survey results. Evaluators awarded points based on how clearly the proposal aligned community needs with project goals.

Equitable access to information is a foundational principle of librarianship. Library staff work to remove barriers, promote inclusion and ensure all community members can access resources for learning and personal development. Subrecipients' efforts to expand connectivity and improve access to workforce, education and health resources through infrastructure upgrades are a direct extension of this mission.

TSLAC LIFI Awarded Projects

Library Name	County	Awarded Amount
Honey Grove Library and Learning Center	Fannin	\$36,890
Maud Public Library	Bowie	\$47,850
Sammy Brown Library	Panola	\$11,305
Texarkana Public Library	Bowie	\$207,993
Nicholas P Sims Library & Lyceum	Ellis	\$43,980
The Library at Cedar Creek Lake	Kaufman	\$33,923
Allan Shivers Library & Museum	Tyler	\$54,500
Austin Memorial Library	Liberty	\$49,301
Liberty Municipal Library	Liberty	\$44,075
Silsbee Public Library	Hardin	\$48,400
W. Walworth Harrison Public Library	Hunt	\$11,490
Aledo Public Library	Parker	\$32,150
Brownwood Local History and Genealogy Library	Brown	\$150,932
Cross Plains Public Library	Callahan	\$33,266
Decatur Public Library	Wise	\$291,070
Harris County Public Library	Harris	\$1,694,500
Houston Public Library	Harris	\$449,770
Cuero Public Library	DeWitt	\$13,971
Giddings Public Library and Cultural Center	Lee	\$73,113
Round Top Family Library	Fayette	\$87,000
Schulenburg Public Library	Fayette	\$9,279
Victoria Public Library	Victoria	\$67,200
Rio Grande City Public Library	Starr	\$235,400
Centennial Memorial Library	Eastland	\$35,285
Dublin Public Library	Erath	\$251,073
Euless Public Library	Tarrant	\$82,011
Hewitt Public Library	McLennan	\$122,350
Burnet County Library System	Burnet	\$171,216
Brownsville Public Library	Cameron	\$450,369
Jennie Trent Dew Library	Mills	\$44,331
Alpine Public Library	Brewster	\$16,645
Reeves County Library	Reeves	\$247,800
Pottsboro Area Public Library	Grayson	\$51,700
Amarillo Public Library	Potter	\$753,994

Labor Practices

The LIFI Grant Program NOFO required applicants to provide specific details about their projects, including any proposed contractors. This information was reviewed prior to the award. Additionally, most subrecipients' governmental entities are subject to a variety of local requirements regarding contracts they may enter, which are reviewed and approved by their governing authorities to ensure all requirements relevant to employment opportunities are met. Most subrecipients are (sub)contracting for any work to be performed under their local purchasing/contracting procedures. Any subrecipients directly hiring staff will follow their local human resources hiring protocols.

Community Engagement

Community engagement focused on strengthening the digital opportunity ecosystem across Texas public libraries. TSLAC used direct communication — phone, email, website, blogs, webinars and a director-focused newsletter — to raise awareness of grant activities, impacts and success stories. The vendor facilitated an online learning cohort for libraries with privacy booths, as well as an in-person networking session at the annual library conference. Outreach in February centered on TSLAC's annual statewide speed test to highlight connectivity needs and progress.

In the coming year, community engagement will emphasize capturing and sharing grantee impact stories. TSLAC will conduct before and after interviews, publish blogs and produce short videos at select libraries, sharing this content via its website and social media. Data from all LIFI-funded projects will also be compiled into public dashboards and reports to broaden community awareness and engagement.

Civil Rights Compliance

TSLAC confirms compliance with all federal guidelines, including non-discriminatory practices, as part of the grant contract.

Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) Texas Rural Hospital Broadband Program

Program Information

- Program plan number: CPF_GP-000184
- Program start date: Nov. 30, 2023
- Program end date: Dec. 31, 2026
- CPF funds allocated: \$23,885,000

Executive Summary

In September 2023, the Treasury approved \$23.8 million in funding for the TDA Texas Rural Hospital Broadband Program. This funding is helping to enhance the digital capacity of rural hospitals in Texas. Under the program, funding was provided to 124 hospitals, including eight

priority projects and 116 network-improvement grants. These hospitals are in 113 counties across Texas.

See [Appendix D](#) for the Texas Rural Hospital Broadband Program Dashboard.

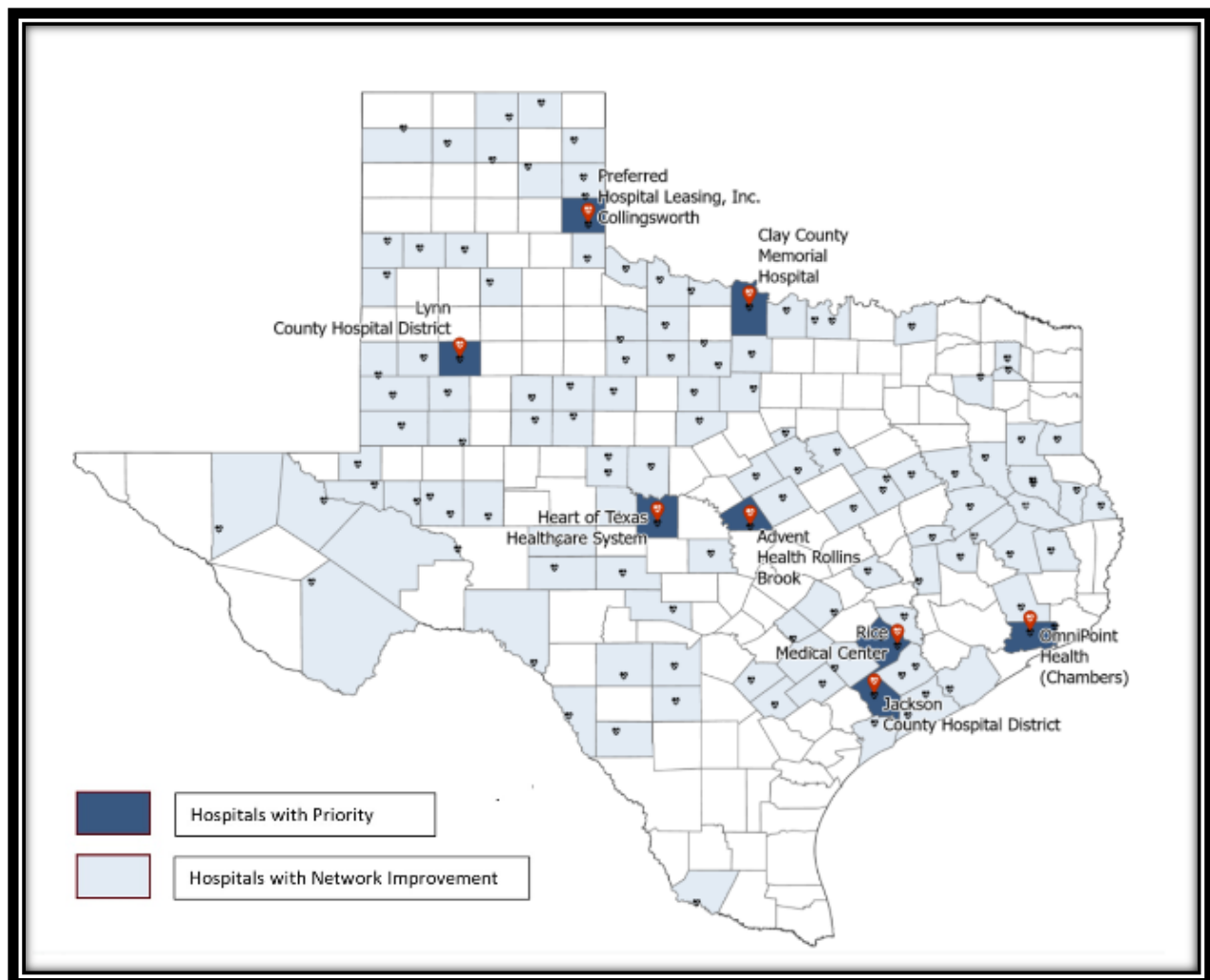
Priority Hospitals

During this reporting period, AdventHealth Rollins Brook and Collingsworth hospitals advanced their telehealth capabilities by updating network technology and acquiring essential infrastructure. Jackson County Hospital completed its closeout and received its full grant award. Hospitals also made significant network upgrades to ensure reliable Wi-Fi access for staff, patients and visitors.

Network Improvement Grants

During the current reporting period, the Ballinger and Electra Hospital Districts used their grant funds to replace outdated servers and storage systems, strengthening security, improving recovery capabilities and enhancing overall network reliability. From July 2025 to June 2026, hospitals made significant progress toward program goals by modernizing server rooms, expanding internal networks with new switches and access points and deploying telehealth tools such as workstations, laptops, carts, scanners and cardiac rehab equipment. These upgrades supported remote consultations, bedside documentation and improved access to clinical systems. Additional improvements included installing uninterruptible power supply units to enhance system stability and implementing server-level security tools such as Cisco Umbrella. While no major delays occurred, hospitals identified a need for expanded staff training, and virtual training environments are now being developed to address this gap.

Texas Rural Hospital Broadband Program County Impact



Use of Funds

Priority Hospitals

During the current reporting period, funds were used to build and deploy new broadband infrastructure to improve coverage, speed, reliability and security in underserved areas. Grantee hospitals report that staff are already benefiting from faster, more reliable connectivity, allowing them to participate in virtual meetings and training sessions without disrupting network performance elsewhere in the facility. Hospitals also noted some challenges, particularly the need to learn new technologies, such as VMware, within a short timeframe.

Network Improvement Grants

Between July 2025 and June 2026, hospitals made substantial progress toward program goals, strengthening rural health technology by upgrading systems reliant on broadband. Subgrantees used CPF funds to improve network accessibility, replace outdated technology and enhance online security through investments in new servers, network switches, access points and storage

systems. Hospitals also upgraded daily-use technology by purchasing workstations on wheels, laptops, iPads and additional access points that expanded reliable Wi-Fi throughout patient rooms, waiting areas, clinics and other hospital buildings.

During this period, 11 subgrantees successfully completed their projects. Grant funds updated firewalls, modernized server rooms, expanded Wi-Fi coverage and improved telemedicine capabilities through upgraded cables, computers and related equipment.

Hospital staff reports that patients frequently asked about guest Wi-Fi access in the past. After funded upgrades were made it is now reported that patients and families, especially those with longer stays, are highly satisfied with the availability of reliable Wi-Fi throughout the hospital.

Texas Rural Hospital Broadband Program Expenditures

Project Description	Number of Counties Served	Projects Awarded	Awarded Project Funds	Total Expenditures to Date
Priority Projects	8	8	\$7,385,000	\$5,408,921.54
Network Improvement Grants	104	114	\$15,512,892	\$10,547,764.98

Addressing Critical Needs

Priority Hospitals

These projects are designed to support facilities that provide direct services to patients with limited financial capacity. Through collaboration with partner organizations, the initiatives promote expanded capabilities such as school-based nursing and telemedicine services, while ensuring reliable vendor support. Collectively, the projects have begun to close the internet connectivity gap across all enterprise locations, improving access for both users and the public. The enhancements are available to individuals of all races, ethnicities and socioeconomic backgrounds, reflecting meaningful progress in addressing community needs.

Awarded Priority Projects

Hospital	Awarded Amount
OmniPoint Health (Chambers)	\$1,192,000
Clay County Memorial Hospital	\$400,000
Collingsworth General Hospital	\$402,000
Rice Medical Center	\$455,000
Jackson County Hospital District	\$510,000
Advent Health Rollins Brook	\$877,000
Lynn County Hospital District	\$507,000
Heart of Texas Healthcare System	\$3,042,000

Network Improvement Grants

Subgrantee facilities are located in rural and health professional shortage areas across 104 counties, many of which have high poverty rates. Limited or unreliable cell service in these regions makes guest Wi-Fi especially valuable. With this new access, patients and families can stay connected with loved ones and caregivers during hospital stays, supporting a more positive experience and promoting digital equity—particularly for individuals without home internet or adequate mobile data.

Free, continuous Wi-Fi now enables patients and visitors to communicate with family, participate in virtual work or school obligations, access telehealth resources and use patient portals and other digital health tools. This is especially beneficial for those managing chronic conditions and for caregivers providing bedside support.

Outreach materials are currently available in English, with plans to evaluate additional language needs. Internal infrastructure upgrades have strengthened wireless connectivity throughout facilities, improving clinical decision-making, documentation and patient monitoring. Basic tracking tools and informal staff interviews indicate better workflows and faster response times. Formal surveys and demographic analyses are not yet in place but may be considered to further assess impact.

Awarded Network Improvement Grants

Hospital	Awarded Amount
Palestine Regional Medical Center — East	\$136,078
Permian Regional Medical Center	\$136,078
Bellville Medical Center	\$136,078
Muleshoe Area Medical Center	\$136,078
Seymour Hospital	\$136,078
Goodall -Witcher Healthcare	\$136,078
Sweeny Community Hospital	\$136,078
Big Bend Regional Medical Center	\$136,078
CHI St. Joseph Health Burleson Hospital	\$136,078
Ascension Seton Smithville Regional Hospital	\$136,078
Seton Edgar B. Davis Hospital	\$136,078
Memorial Medical Center	\$136,078
Pittsburg Hospital	\$136,078
Plains Memorial Hospital	\$136,078

Hospital	Awarded Amount
Limestone Medical Center	\$136,078
Parkview Regional Hospital	\$136,078
MidCoast Medical Center — Central	\$136,078
CHI St. Joseph Health Madison Hospital	\$136,078
Martin County Hospital	\$136,078
Matagorda Regional Medical Center	\$136,078
Palacios Community Medical Center	\$136,078
Fort Duncan Regional Medical Center	\$136,078
Medina Regional Hospital	\$136,078
Mitchell County Hospital District	\$136,078
Nocona General Hospital	\$136,078
Moore County Hospital District	\$136,078
Nacogdoches Medical Center	\$136,078
Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital	\$136,078

Hospital	Awarded Amount
Riceland Medical Center	\$136,078
CHRISTUS Mother Frances Hospital — Jacksonville	\$136,078
Childress Regional Medical Center	\$136,078
Coleman County Medical Center	\$136,078
Columbus Community Hospital	\$136,078
Concho County Hospital	\$136,078
Muenster Memorial Hospital	\$136,078
North Texas Medical Center	\$136,078
Coryell Health	\$136,078
Crane Memorial Hospital	\$136,078
Culberson Hospital	\$136,078
Medical Arts Hospital	\$136,078
Dewitt Medical Center	\$136,078
Dimmit Regional Hospital	\$136,078
Eastland Memorial Hospital	\$136,078
Falls Community Hospital	\$136,078
Northeast Medical Center	\$136,078
Fisher County Hospital District	\$136,078
WJ Mangold Memorial Hospital	\$136,078
Freestone Medical Center	\$136,078
Frio Regional Hospital	\$136,078
Seminole Hospital District	\$136,078
Gonzales Healthcare System	\$136,078
Pampa Regional Medical Center	\$136,078
CHI St. Joseph Health Grimes Hospital	\$136,078
Hamilton General Hospital	\$136,078
Hansford County Hospital District	\$136,078
Hardeman County Memorial Hospital	\$136,078
Coon Memorial Hospital	\$136,078

Hospital	Awarded Amount
Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital	\$136,078
Ochiltree General Hospital	\$136,078
Palo Pinto General Hospital	\$136,078
UT Health Carthage	\$136,078
Parmer Medical Center	\$136,078
Iraan General Hospital District	\$136,078
CHI St. Luke's Health Memorial — Livingston	\$136,078
Reagan Hospital District	\$136,078
Reeves County Hospital District	\$136,078
Ballinger Memorial Hospital	\$136,078
North Runnels County Hospital	\$136,078
UT Health Henderson	\$136,078
Sabine County Hospital	\$136,078
CHI St. Luke's Health Memorial San Augustine	\$136,078
Schleicher County Medical Center	\$136,078
Cogdell Memorial Hospital	\$136,078
Glen Rose Medical Center	\$136,078
Starr County Memorial Hospital	\$136,078
Stephens Memorial Hospital	\$136,078
Lillian Hudspeth Memorial Hospital	\$136,078
Swisher Memorial Hospital	\$136,078
Brownfield Regional Medical Center	\$136,078
Throckmorton County Memorial Hospital	\$136,078
Titus Regional Medical Center	\$136,078
Tyler County Hospital	\$136,078
McCamey County Hospital District	\$136,078
Rankin County Hospital District	\$136,078
Uvalde Memorial Hospital	\$136,078
Val Verde Regional Medical Center	\$136,078

Hospital	Awarded Amount
Haskell Memorial Hospital	\$136,078
Hemphill County Hospital	\$136,078
Hill Regional Hospital	\$136,078
Crockett Medical Center	\$136,078
Golden Plains Community Hospital	\$136,078
Jack County Hospital District	\$136,078
Anson General Hospital	\$136,078
Otto Kaiser Memorial Hospital	\$136,078
Peterson Regional Medical Center	\$136,078
Kimble Hospital	\$136,078
Knox County Hospital	\$136,078
Lavaca Medical Center	\$136,078
Yoakum Community Hospital	\$136,078
CHI St. Luke's Health Memorial — Lufkin (CANCELED)	\$136,078
Liberty Dayton Regional Medical Center	\$136,078

Hospital	Awarded Amount
Huntsville Community Hospital, Inc.	\$136,078
Ward Memorial Hospital	\$136,078
El Campo Memorial Hospital	\$136,078
OakBend Medical Center — Wharton	\$136,078
Parkview Hospital	\$136,078
Shamrock General Hospital	\$136,078
Electra Memorial Hospital	\$136,078
Wilbarger General Hospital	\$136,078
Wilson County Memorial Hospital District	\$136,078
Winkler County Memorial Hospital	\$136,078
CHRISTUS Mother Frances Hospital - Winnsboro	\$136,078
Yoakum County Hospital	\$136,078
Graham Regional Medical Center	\$136,078
Mid Coast Health System — Trinity (CANCELED)	\$136,078
Olney Hamilton Hospital	\$136,078

Labor Practices

All projects were awarded less than \$5 million in CPF funding, and compliance with the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts is not required.

Community Engagement

Community engagement centered on direct conversations with hospitals and clinics to understand how they are using upgraded broadband services and gather recommendations. Grantees are also using bilingual signage in English and Spanish to strengthen outreach. Staff reports that patients and families, who previously expressed frustration about the lack of guest Wi-Fi, are now pleased to have reliable connectivity, especially in patient rooms where cell service is limited.

Hospitals have also received positive feedback from both patients and staff about improved connectivity following network upgrades. Over the next year, hospitals plan to extend enhanced broadband access across their full enterprise to better serve more of the community. To sustain engagement, hospitals are implementing regular feedback mechanisms, including patient and visitor surveys and community meetings. Input gathered during implementation has already

guided adjustments to improve network coverage in patient rooms, waiting areas, and lobbies, as well as simplified login processes to accommodate varying levels of digital literacy.

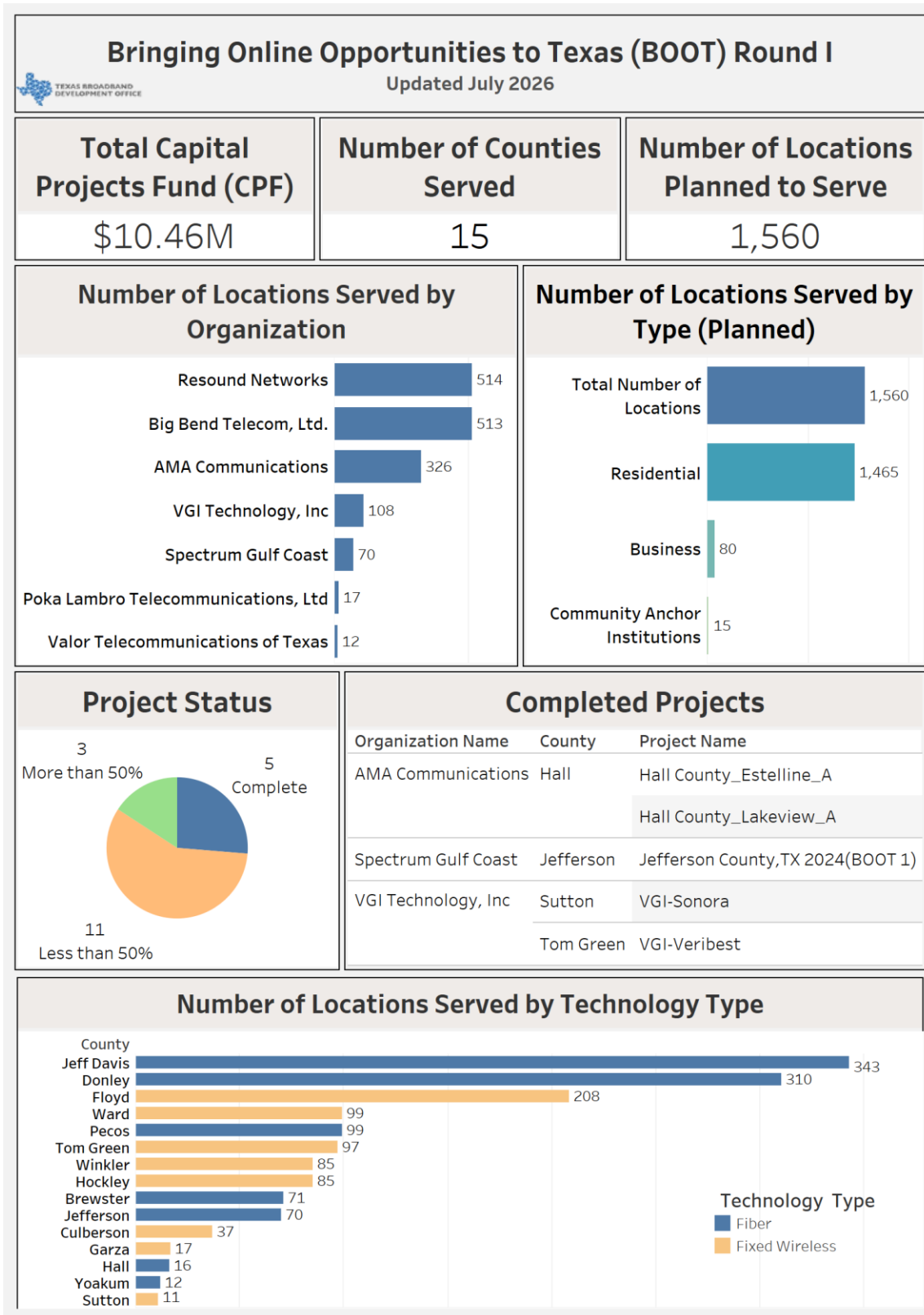
Subgrantees will continue engaging patients by sharing information about available community Wi-Fi during hospital interactions and through broader outreach efforts such as health fairs and transportation initiatives that help connect patients to their clinics.

Civil Rights Compliance

TDA complies with federal guidelines and does not deny benefits or services or otherwise discriminate based on race; color; national origin, including limited English proficiency; disability; age; or sex, including sexual orientation and gender identity, in accordance with the referenced authorities.

Appendices

Appendix A: BOOT I Program Dashboard



Appendix B: BOOT II Program Dashboard



Bringing Online Opportunities to Texas (BOOT) Round II

Updated July 2026

Total Capital Projects Fund (CPF)

\$437.37M

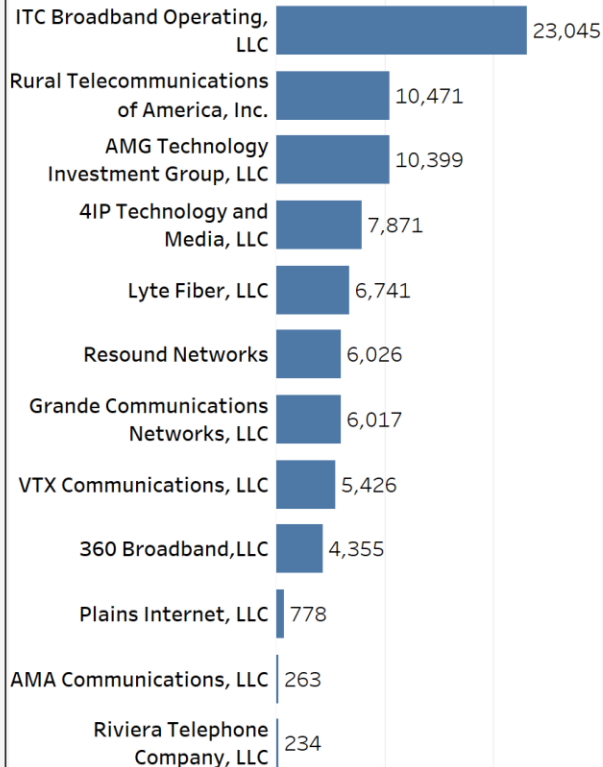
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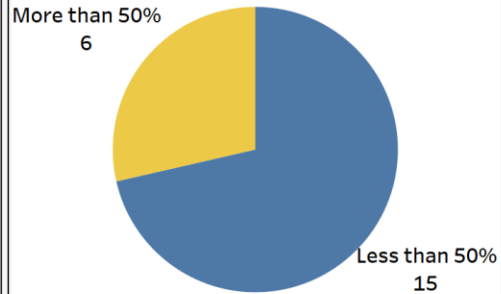
Number of Locations Planned to Serve

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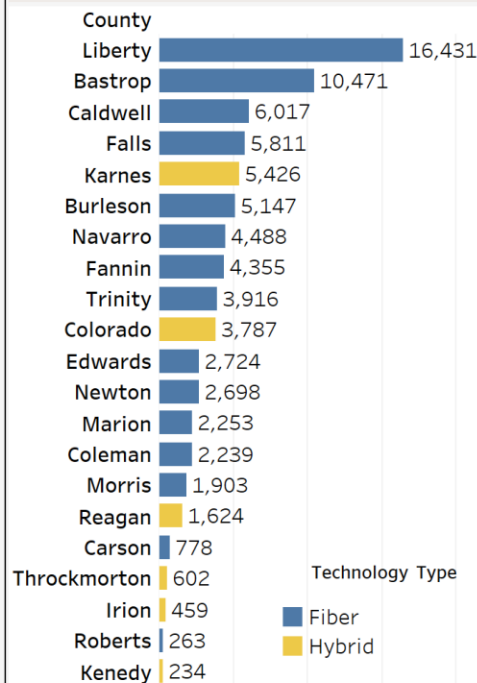
Number of Locations Served by Organization



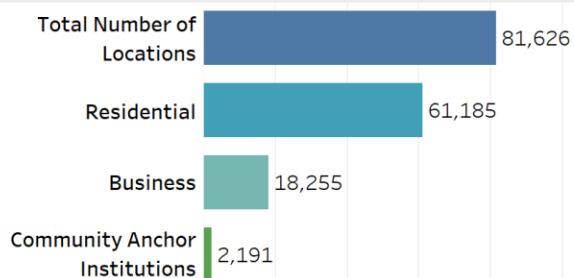
Project Status



Number of Locations Served by Technology type



Number of Locations Served by Type



Appendix C: The Texas State Library and Archives Commission's (TSLAC) Library Infrastructure Facility Improvement (LIFI) Program Dashboard

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission's (TSLAC) Library Infrastructure Facility Improvement (LIFI) Program

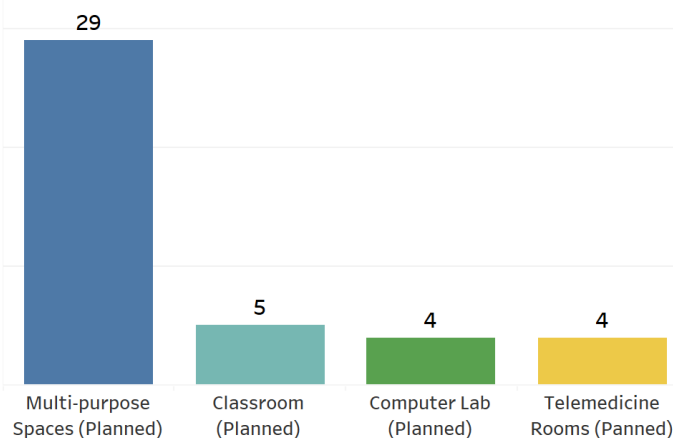


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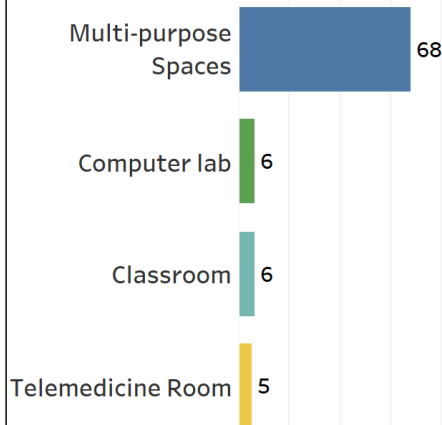
Updated July 2026

Number of Libraries	Number of Counties Served	Total CPF Funding for Projects
34	30	\$5,954,132.93

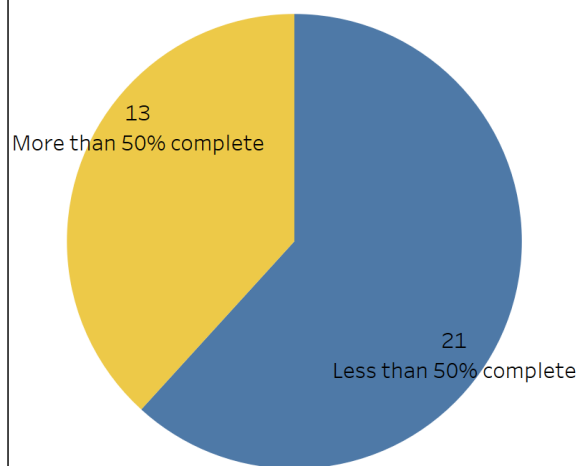
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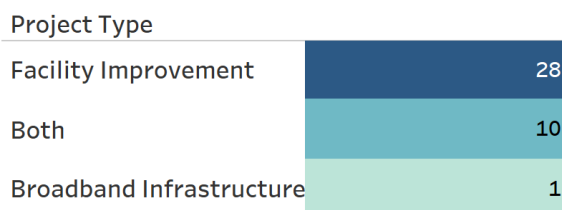
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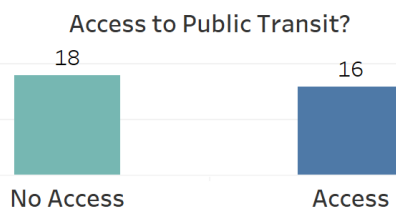
Number of Libraries by Project Status



Number of Libraries by Project Type



Number of Libraries with Access to Public Transport



Appendix D: TDA Texas Rural Hospital Broadband Program Dashboard

