



Grant Management Workshop

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Responsibilities

- Assist communities with Broadband Planning efforts
- Provide technical assistance to stakeholders on accessing Tribal and Federal broadband programs
- Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI)
 - Technical Assistance (pre and post application)
 - Grants Management
- Oversight of the State Broadband Map

Programs managed by the Office of Broadband

- Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI)
- Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Broadband Projects (Construction and Planning)
- Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) Broadband Planning Grants
- Subject Matter Experts on other state and federal grants that include Broadband components

VATI Overview

- Provide financial assistance to supplement construction costs by private sector internet service providers.
 - FY2021 \$49.7 million appropriated (FY2022 proposed at \$50 million in Governor's budget)
 - Provide speeds 25/3 or greater
 - Unserved/Underserved areas (10/1 or below; above 10/1-below 25/3)
 - Requires a co-application with locality and provide
 - 45 applications received requesting for \$105 million

FY2022 VATI Next Steps

- Review of 2021 program
- Stakeholder meetings (Dates TBD)
- Public Comments
- How-to-apply workshop and webinar (Date TBD)
- Notice of Intent posted to VATI website (Date TBD)
- Applications due (Date TBD)

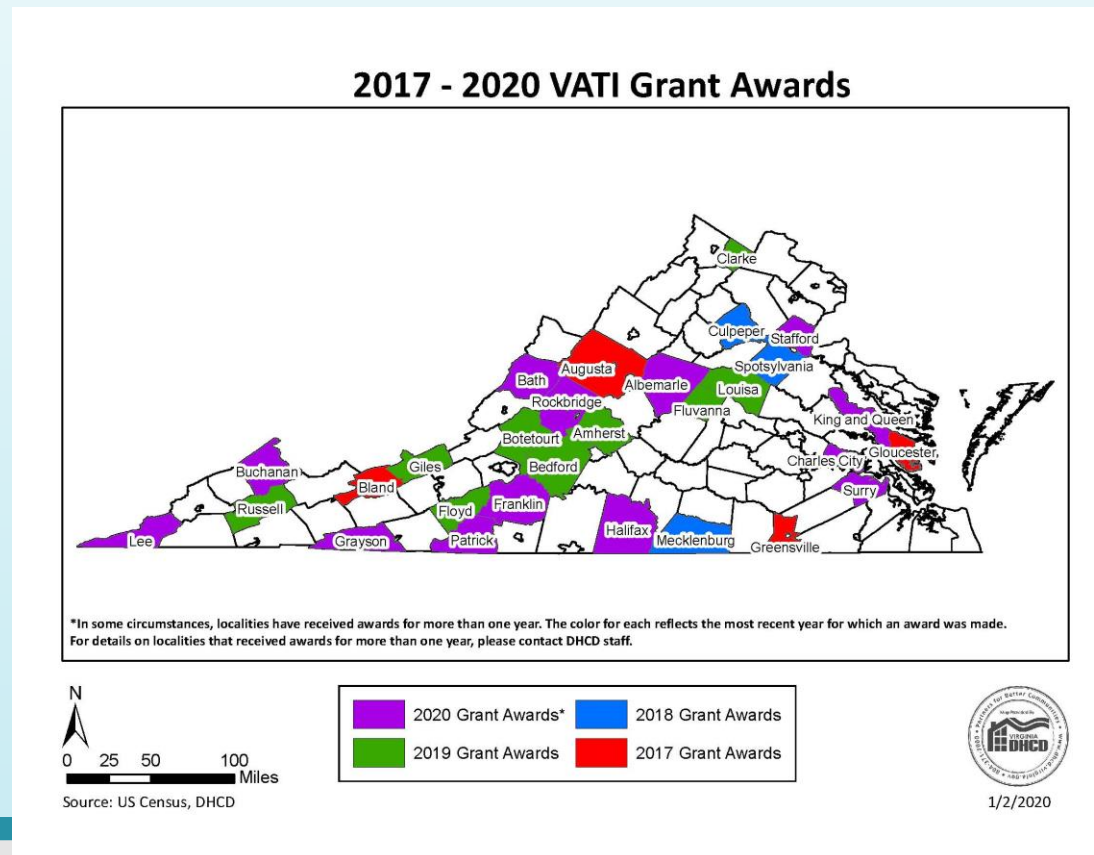
Check our website for updates!!

Previous VATI Awards



Back to Basics: Building a New Foundation

To date, VATI has awarded \$25 million to 31 localities, connecting 53,254 homes, businesses and community anchors. VATI's latest \$49.7 million round, will be announced in the coming months and is expected to connect tens of thousands more Virginians



Resources:

<https://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/vati>

<https://www.commonwealthconnect.virginia.gov>