

GRAYSON COUNTY VATI GRANT APPLICATION PUBLIC NOTICE

Grayson County, located in the New River Valley of Southwest Virginia, has adopted a vision to bring 21st century broadband connectivity to all stakeholders in the County, including its approximately 15,600 residents, over 9,000 housing units, over 150 businesses, public schools, County public safety and first responders, and County administration.

The County desires expansion of broadband access in unserved areas and improved capacity in underserved areas using a Public/Private Partnership providing broadband service to its citizens. The County understands the economics of expanding broadband in rural areas and is prepared to take action to improve those economics as much as possible to entice the private sector investment. Work has been done to identify these areas leading to this grant application.

The County solicited proposals through a Request for Proposals process. Through this process Gigabeam was selected to build the network to serve customers at speeds of at least 10MBps upload and better, contingent upon award of a grant. Pricing plans are expected to range from \$39 to \$119, speed dependent.

Comments are invited and will be received on this project until close of business on September 5, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. They can be submitted in person or by mail to Carl Caudill at; PO Box 217 Independence VA, 24348 by phone at (276) 773-2471 during usual business hours and by email to ccaudill@graysoncountyva.gov. All comments will be considered and submitted with the application.