



# BRIDGING THE GAP: CONNECTING RURAL COMMUNITIES WITH RELIABLE INTERNET

Kinetic, a leading local fiber internet provider, the State of Georgia, and its counties have partnered to invest over \$354 million in Georgia broadband infrastructure development since the U.S. Department of Treasury's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into law in 2021.

Through these partnerships, more than 72,000 homes and small businesses spanning 25 counties will receive leading broadband services. These projects, administered through the State and several counties, are supported in part by ARPA's State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds program and Capital Projects Fund awards granted to the State by the U.S. Department of the Treasury as well as a capital match from Kinetic.

"Georgia stands as a remarkable showcase of Kinetic's efforts in expanding internet connectivity for rural communities across America," said Michael Foor, Kinetic's Operations president in Georgia. "Throughout the state, Kinetic has been actively collaborating with local governments, businesses, and organizations, engaging in projects that aim to enhance internet access for tens of thousands of families."

In South Georgia alone, Kinetic and the State have invested over \$270 million, which will include more than \$95 million of Kinetic capital, bringing fiber internet connectivity to over 47,000 locations. A significant part of Kinetic's successes is due to our collaboration with local electric cooperatives, like Sumter EMC and Colquitt EMC, and the local

communities who support Kinetic's efforts to bridge the digital divide.

"Kinetic is deeply committed to community support, leveraging diverse funding and partnership avenues such as those made possible through the ARPA Program, the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF), joint ventures with Electric Cooperatives, and initiatives backed by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to drive access for Georgians forward," said Foor.

In addition to its broadband infrastructure initiatives, Kinetic is also committed to providing schools with much-needed resources and enabling students to access digital tools and learning opportunities. By sponsoring local high school events and activities, Kinetic not only supports educational experiences but also fosters community engagement and development throughout the communities they serve. These extensive fiber infrastructure projects are part of Kinetic's ongoing commitment to bridging the digital divide and ensuring that rural communities have access to high-speed, reliable internet services. By investing in broadband infrastructure development, Kinetic, the State of Georgia and its counties are paving the way for enhanced quality of life and economic growth across the region.

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