

EXHIBIT C1



An Update on Broadband Development

Arkansas State Broadband Office Grant Programs
and the Road to 2027 Construction

Joint Committee on Advanced Communications
& Information Technology
October 2, 2026

Agenda



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- Recall: The Arkansas State Broadband Office
- Grant Programs
- Current State of Connectivity
- Transparency & Communication
- Q&A

Did you know?



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From 2020-2030, over 400,000 homes and businesses, representing more than 1 million Arkansans, will gain access to modern broadband speeds for the first time.

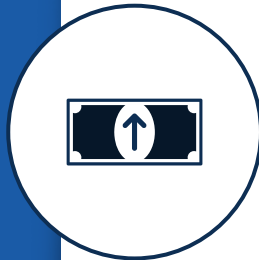
Recall

The Arkansas State Broadband Office (ARConnect) was established in 2019 and has awarded over \$800MM in grants, to date.



Established in 2019

Eight full-time staff positions – all federally funded



Awarded \$826MM

298 projects covering 205,000 homes and businesses



167 Projects Completed

Covering 124,000 homes and businesses



Grant Programs

ARC Grant Program – Round 1



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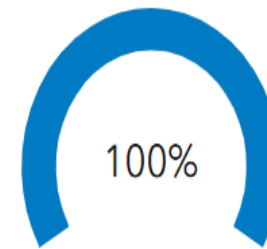
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Total Cost

\$122.14M

ARConnect
Projects

76



Project Completed

Project Details:

Search...

Pinnacle Telecom

Logan County - Project Completed

Comcast

Cross County - Project Completed

CableSouth Media 3 dba Swyft Connect

Ashley County - Project Completed

Vyve Broadband

Bradley County - Project Completed

Berryville Broadband

Carroll County - Project Completed

Arkansas Valley Electric Cooperative Corporation (AVECC)

Franklin County - Project Completed



ARC Grant Program – Round 2



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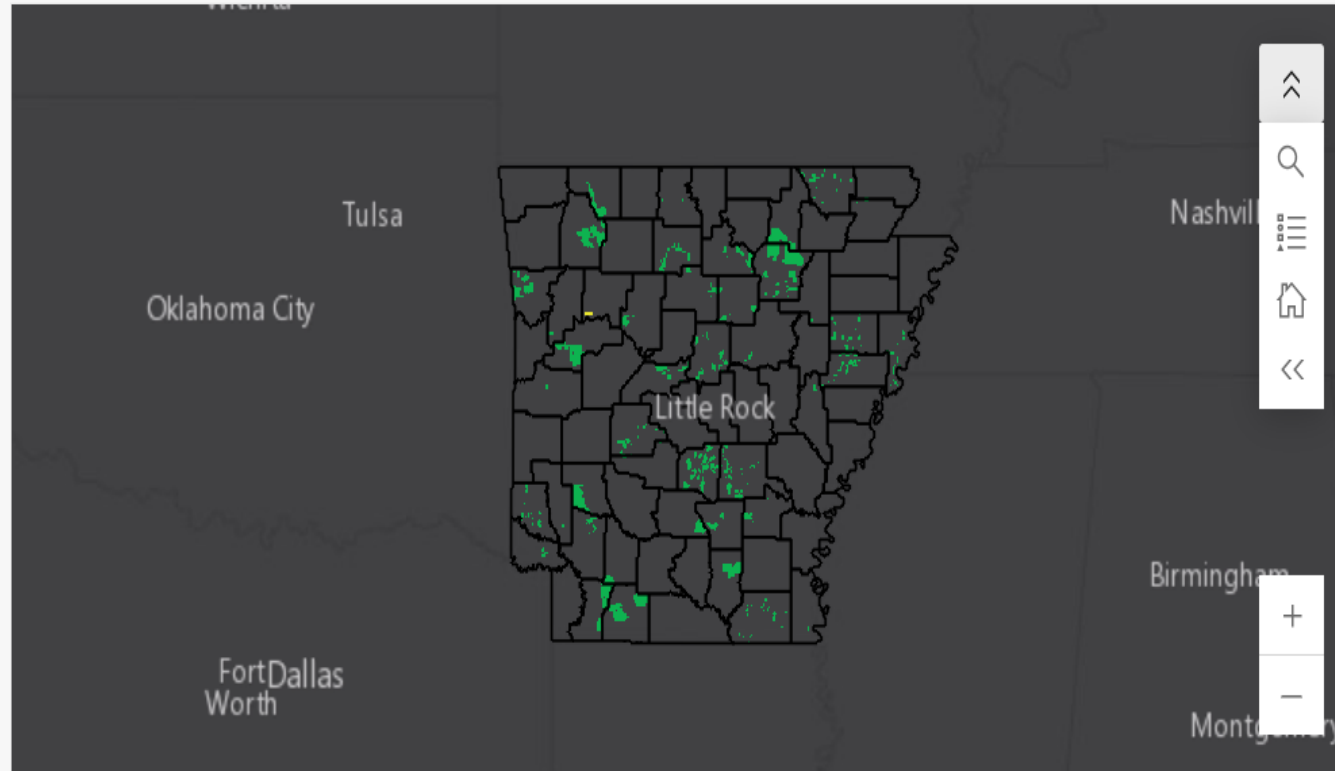
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Total Cost

\$278.27M

ARConnect Projects

86



Project Completed

Project Details:

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Premier Holdings, LLC

Lafayette County - Project Completed

Ritter Communications

Jefferson County - Project Completed

Premier Holdings, LLC

Howard County - Project Completed

Mountain View Telephone Company (MVTC) dba YELCOT

Stone County - Project Completed

IndCo Cable TV, Inc

Independence County - Project Completed

Windstream Arkansas, LLC

Dallas County - Project Completed

Wave Rural Connect LLC

ARC Grant Program – Round 3



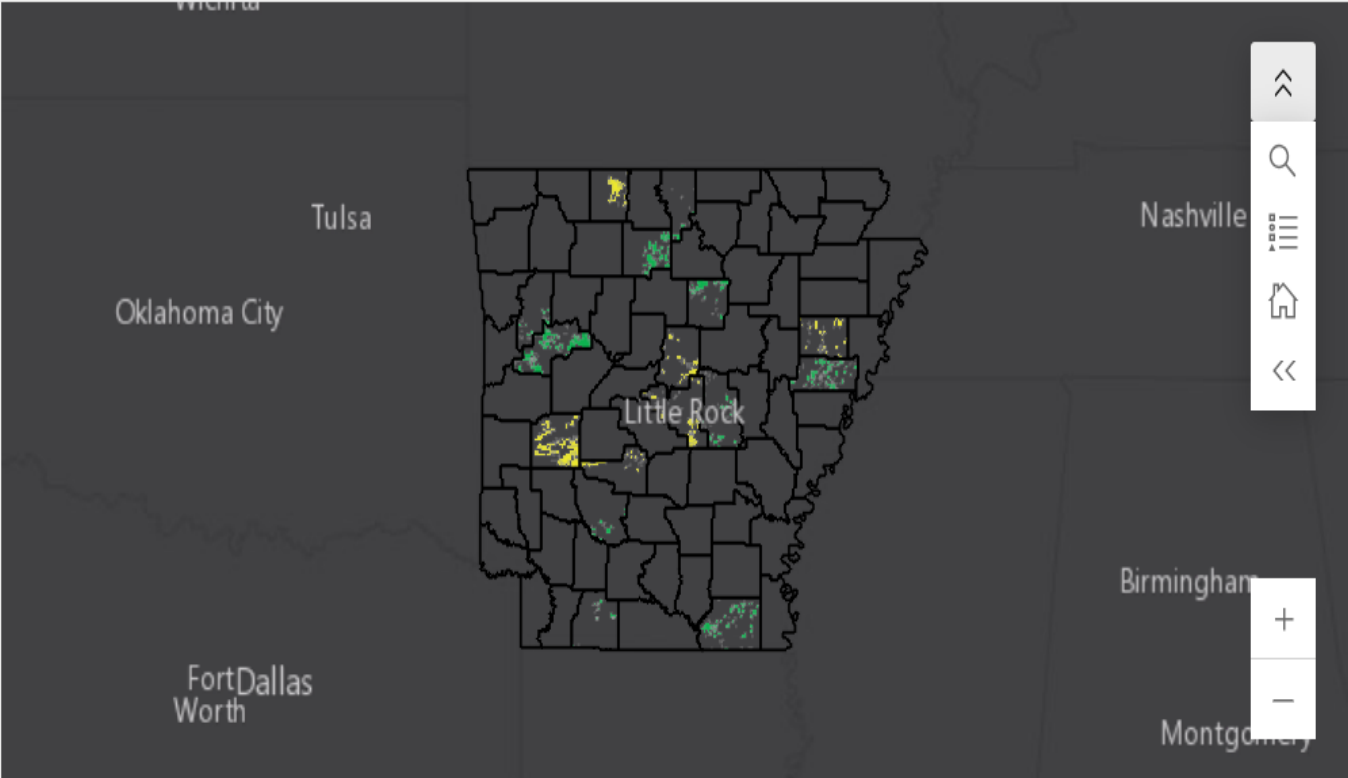
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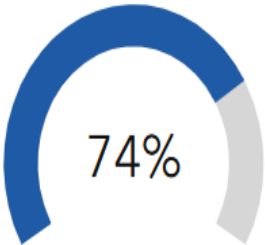
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Total Cost

\$126.43M

ARConnect
Projects

19



74%

Project Completed

Project Details:

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South Central Connect, LLC
Montgomery County -

Four States Fiber
Montgomery County -

Walnut Hill Telephone Company
Columbia County -

Hometown Internet, LLC
Boone County -

CableSouth Media, LLC
Ashley County -

Petit Jean Electric Cooperative Corp
Searcy County -

Wave Rural Connect, LLC



Arkansas BEAD Program - Results Dashboard

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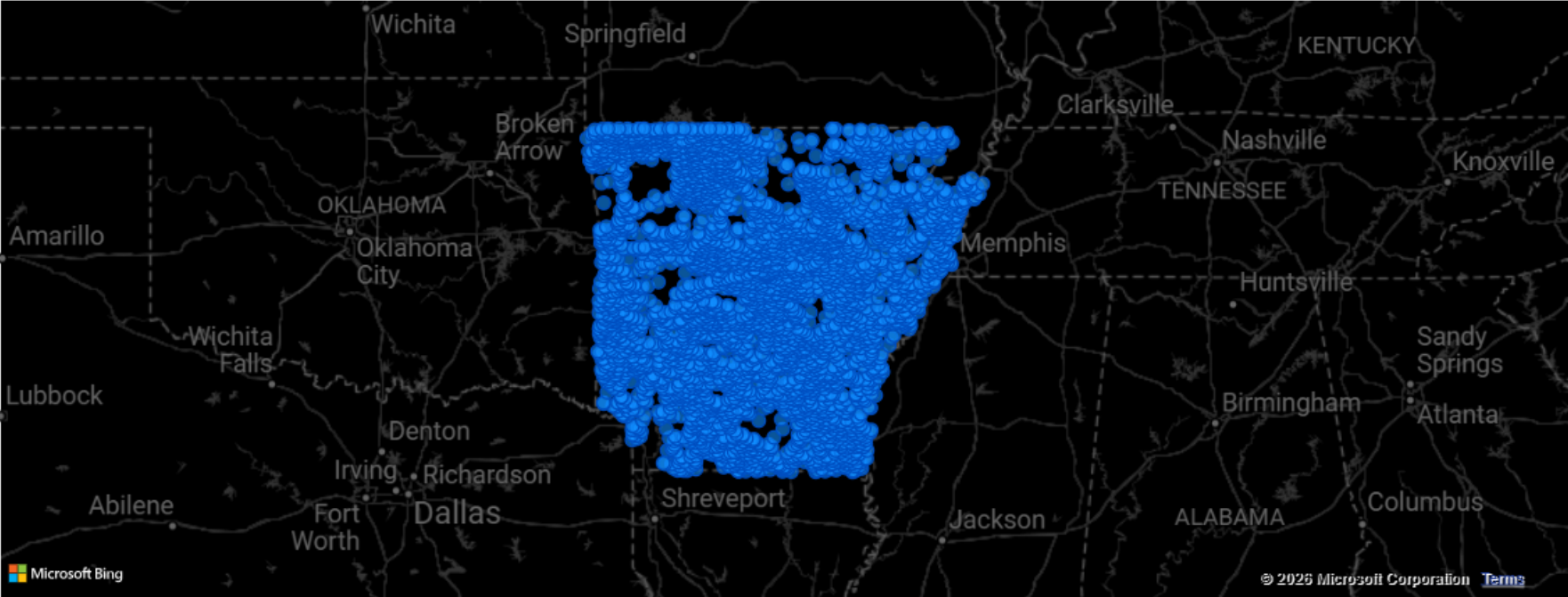
Number of Locations
77514

Fiber
57996

LEO Satellite
13481

Licensed Fixed Wireless
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Address and City by Locations and Visualization



ISP	Number of Sub-Projects	Number of Locations	Total Subsidy	Appropriation Approval
Hometown Internet, LLC	10	16059	\$88,455,722.47	Yes
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Space Exploration Technologies Corp.	71	11747	\$8,922,935.38	Yes
Aristotle Unified Communications	13	9414	\$68,997,759.14	Yes
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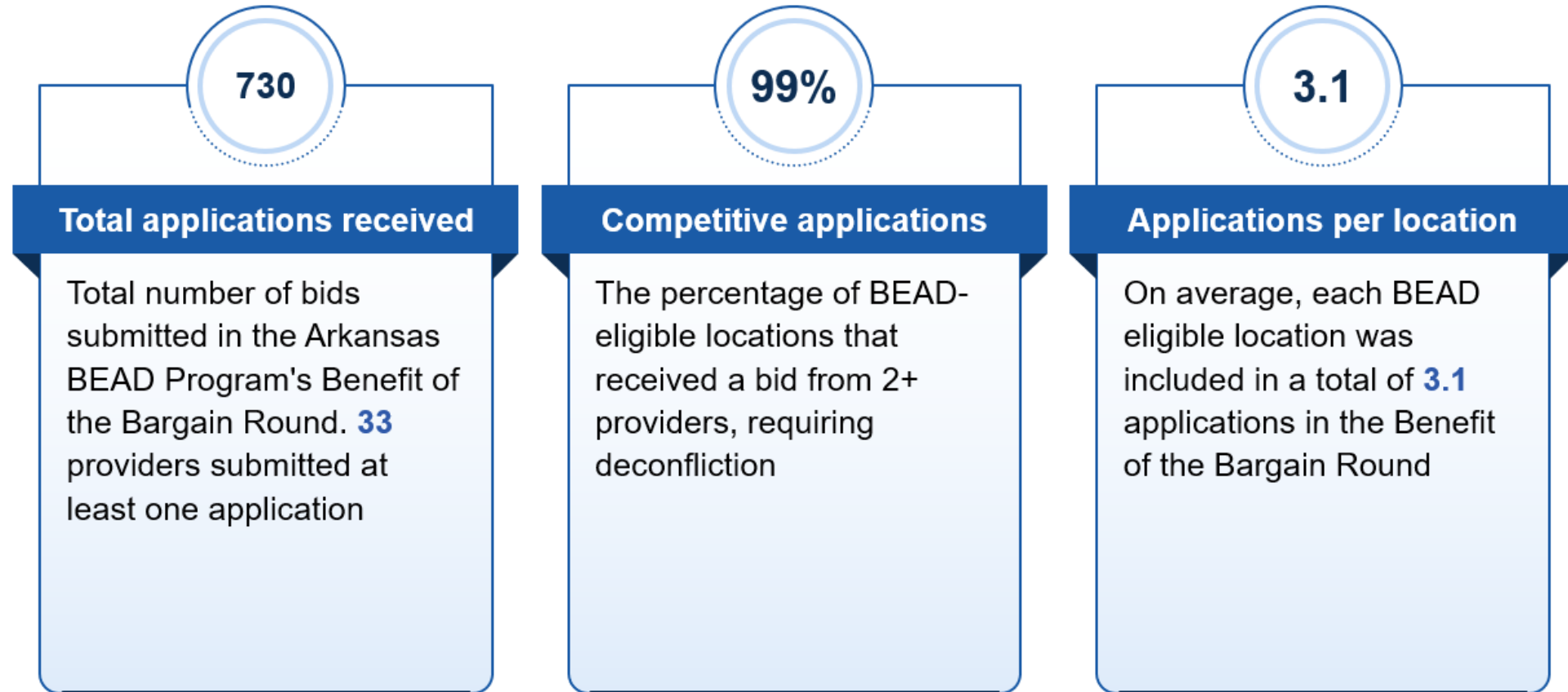
The Arkansas BEAD Program represents the single largest investment in broadband infrastructure in the state's history.

BEAD Program Results: Highly Competitive



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Cumulative results |
100% of BEAD
eligible locations
awarded for 30% of
total funds



730

Applications were submitted across 33 providers



77,514

Locations have been Preliminarily Selected representing 100% of total eligible locations



\$299.6M

Outlay has been allocated, with more than \$200 million going towards Arkansas-based companies.



\$3,865

Average per location in awarded subsidy



Technology Neutral

All major technology types are represented, with 76% of locations with fiber, 16% of locations with LEO satellite, 7% with fixed wireless, and 1% with either fiber hybrid or other technologies

BEAD Immediate Timeline*

Activity/Milestone	Target Date(s)
U.S. Department of Commerce Review: NTIA & NIST	Complete
Arkansas Legislative Council (ALC) Appropriation Approval	Complete
Execute Grant Agreements Prospective subgrantees must meet all grant agreement requirements	Complete
Complete Project Environmental/NHP Review	Q4 2026 / Q1 2027 (Estimate)
Construction Can Begin	Q4 2026 / Q1 2027 (Estimate)

**Tentative and subject to change. Not all activities are necessarily listed in the table.*

Additional BEAD Guidance

- Earlier this month, NTIA released a new policy notice to include additional locations in BEAD
- Goal of connecting those locations missed by past federal programs or new to the map
 - Locations defaulted through previous federal programs like RDOF
 - Locations added to the FCC Fabric Data *after* BEAD cutoff
 - Locations removed during the BEAD Challenge Process that were never built to (i.e., where providers supplied evidence of planned builds which did not occur)
- Funding for this round comes from remaining BEAD funds
 - Expect between 12,000 – 16,000 additional locations
 - NTIA-mandated cost cap of \$46,000,000 – \$61,000,000

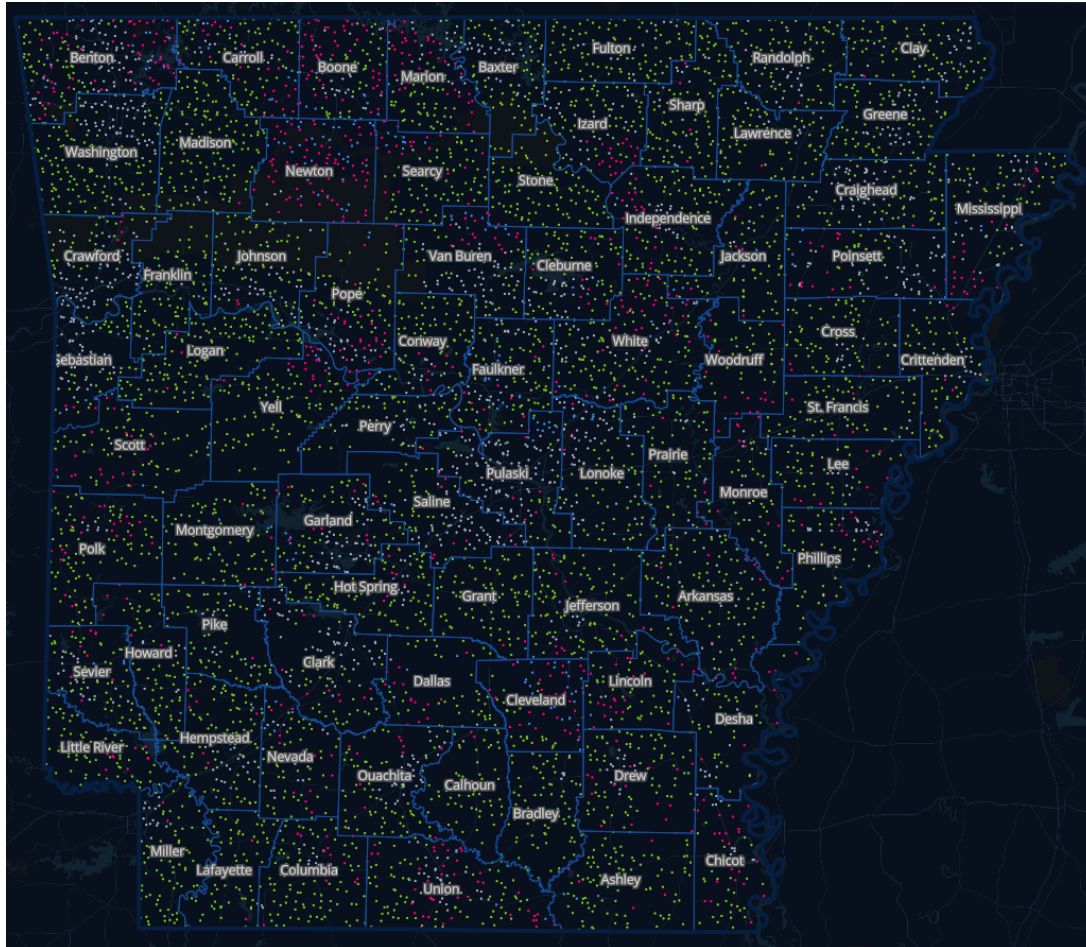


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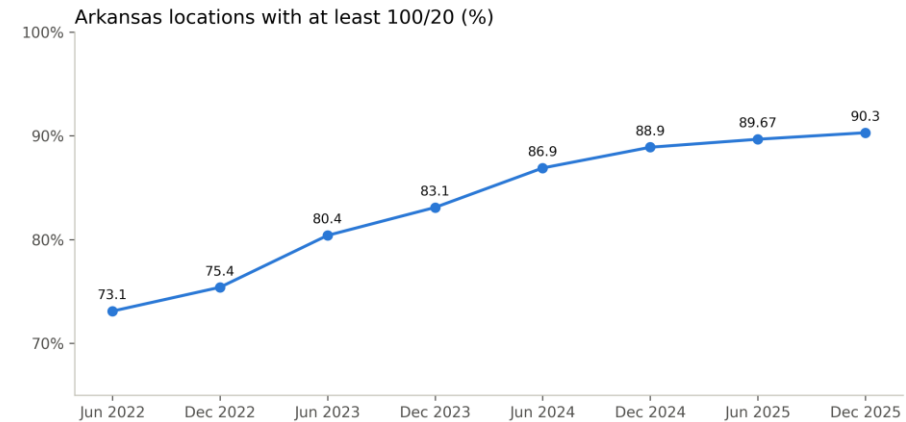
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Total Locations in Arkansas

~1,360,000

Homes, businesses, and community anchor institutions



Jun 2022-Dec 2023: unique locations with cable, copper, or fiber offers + 1,363,967 (FCC BDC files).
Jun 2024-Dec 2025: FCC National Broadband Map, Arkansas area summary.



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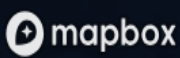
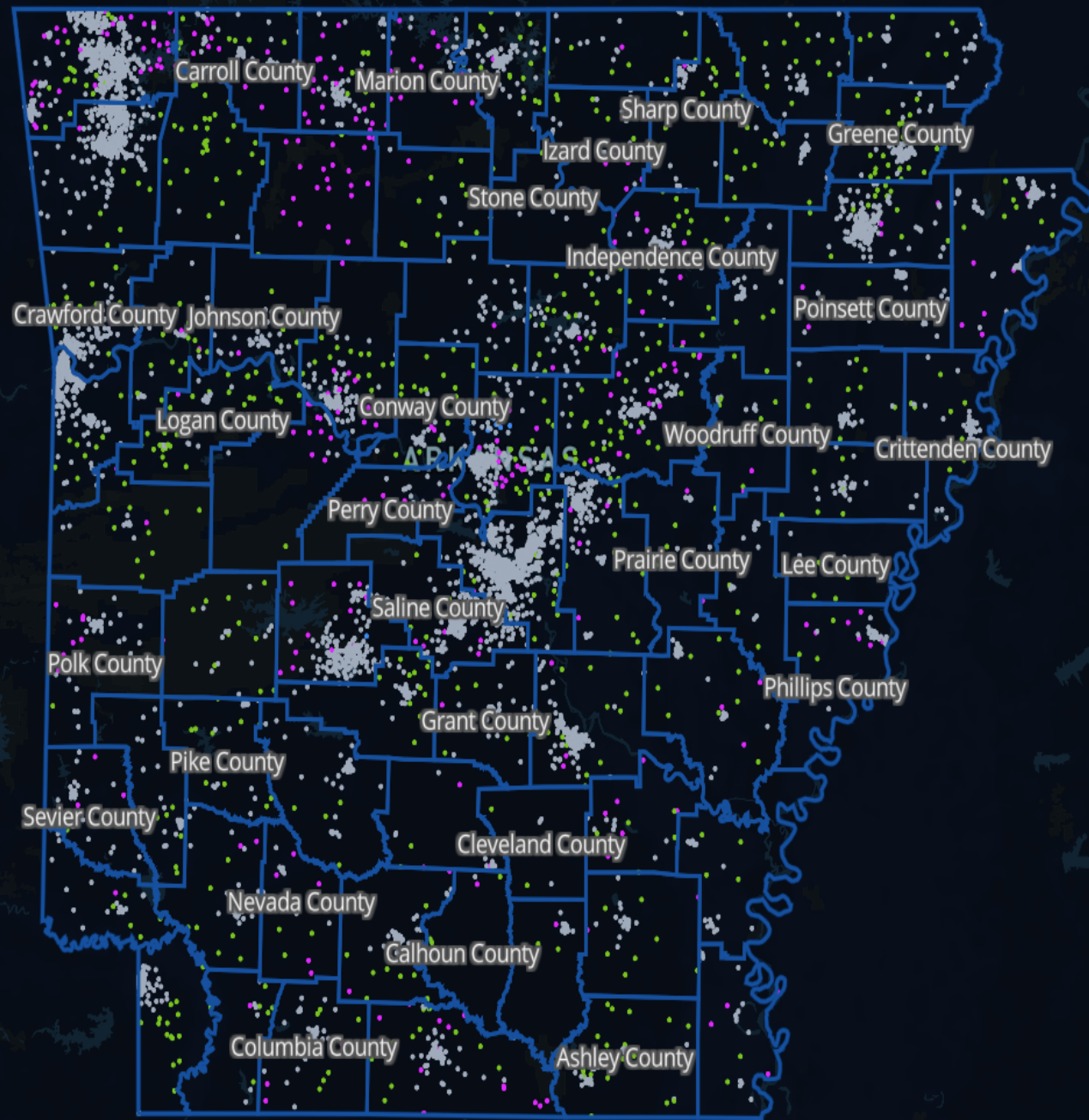
Pathways and Stakeholders

						
	Forum	Federal Program Leaders	State Legislators	Peer States	ISPs	General Public
1. NTIA Webinar		✓		✓		
2. NTIA 1:1		✓				
3. State Legislators Meeting			✓			
4. TA Sessions					✓	
5. IR Sessions		✓			✓	✓
6. Permitting Roundtable		✓			✓	
7. Roadshows					✓	✓
8. Industry Conferences & Panels		✓		✓	✓	
9. ASBO Website				✓	✓	✓
10. ASBO/Director's LinkedIn Account				✓		✓

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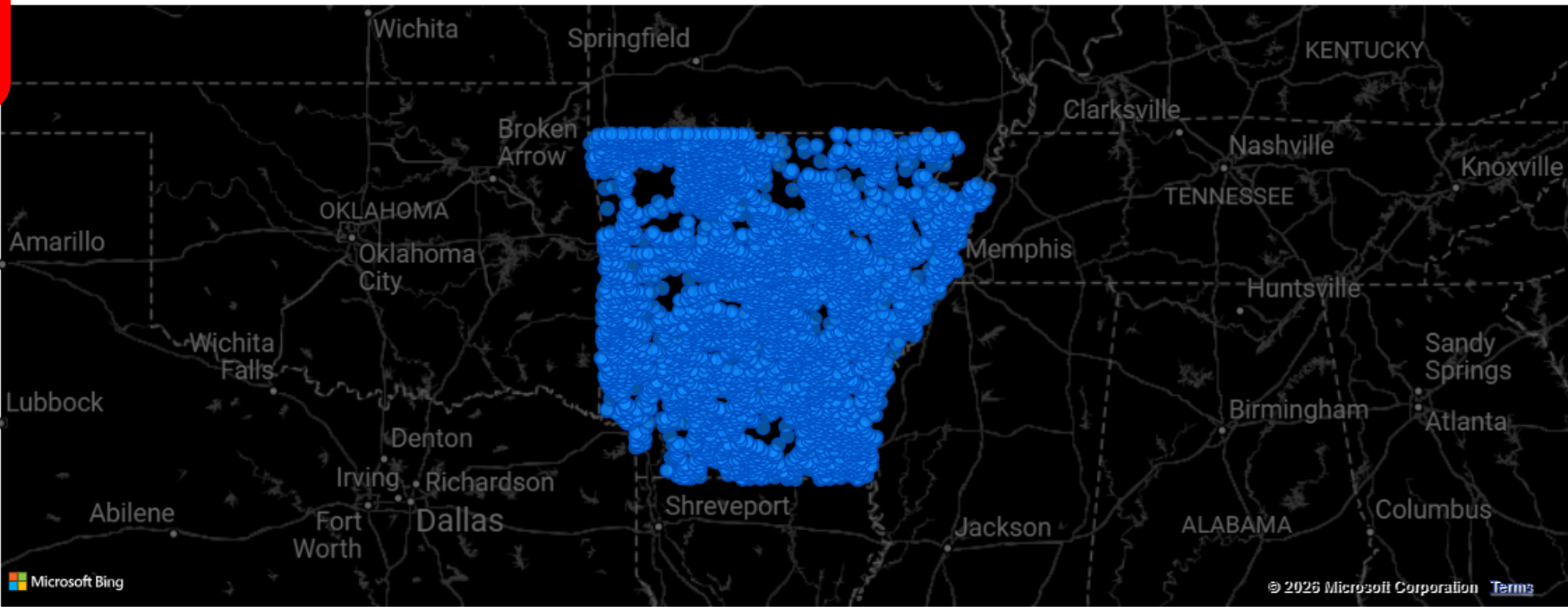
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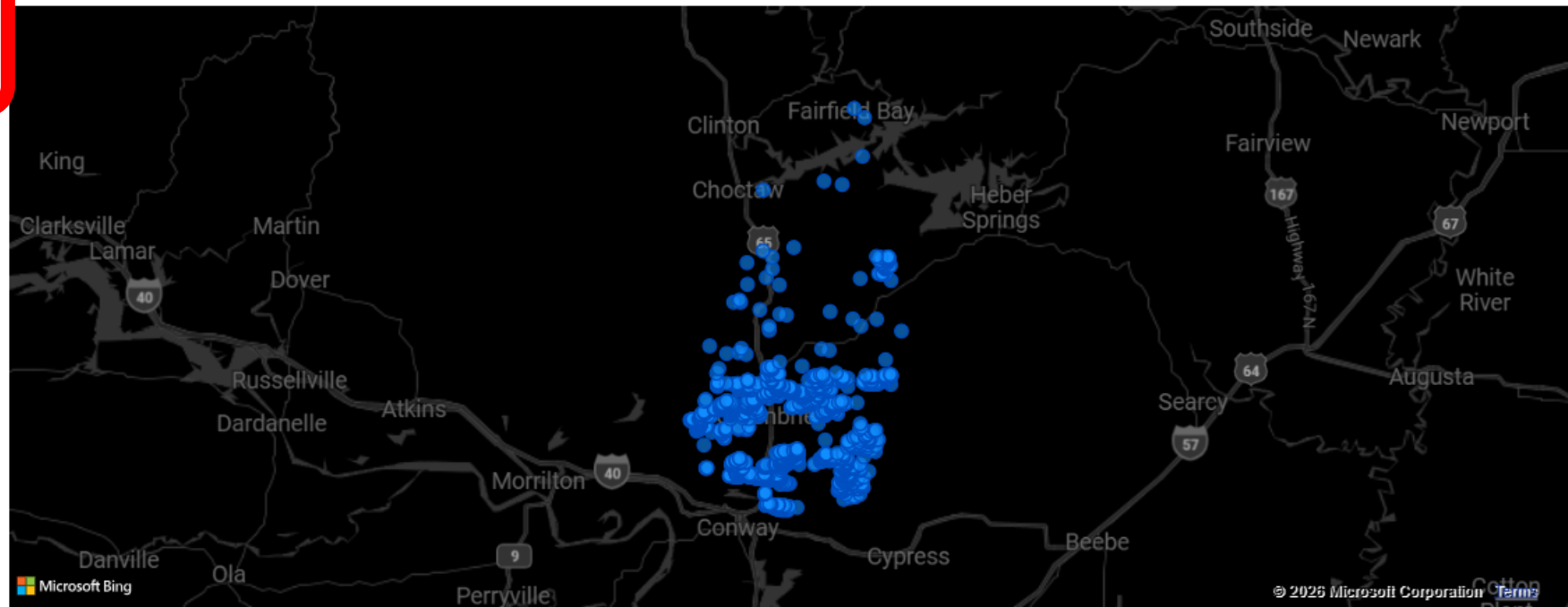
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1351

LEO Satellite
126

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CG Computer Works LLC	3	1276	\$2,158,748.20	Yes
Windstream Arkansas LLC	1	75	\$476,260.33	Yes
Space Exploration Technologies Corp.	1	64	\$48,045.79	Yes
Amazon Kuiper Commercial Services LLC	2	62	\$36,550.00	Yes
Total	7	1477	\$2,719,604.32	

Projects Map

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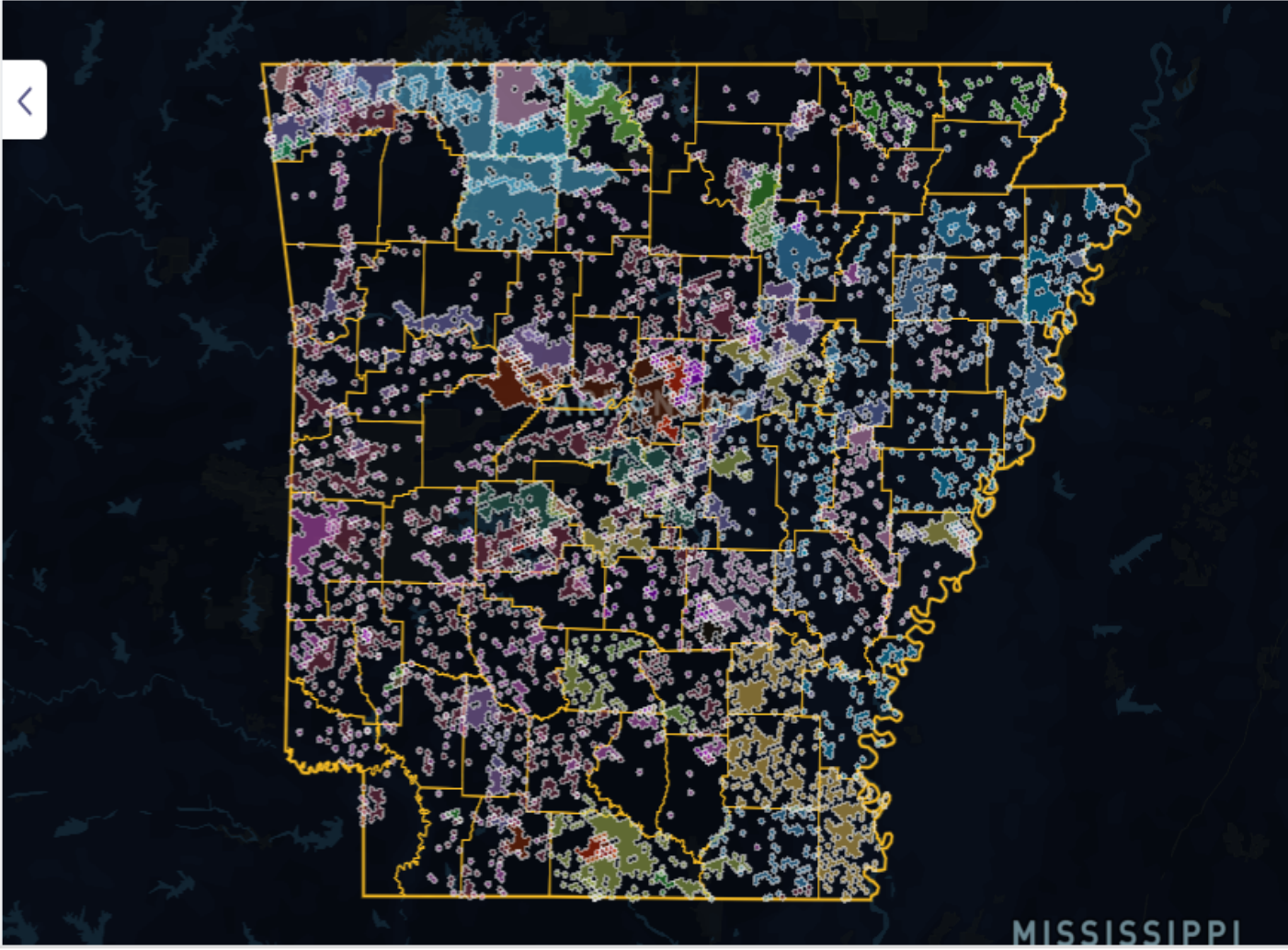
View the status and details of projects in Arkansas

 Search by Address

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Search any address that received BEAD funding

Project Name	Status	
Amazon Kuiper Commercial Services LLC - 211-5352	Planned	
Aristotle Unified Communications - 130-5153	Planned	
Aristotle Unified Communications - 130-5156	Planned	
Aristotle Unified Communications - 130-5160	Planned	
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