



Lancaster County Broadband Authority
Report to the Board of Supervisors
May 30, 2019

Complete minutes of the Broadband Authority's meetings are available but this report will update you on important items that are in process.

1. We are happy to report that we have received approval of our application for a Telecommunications Planning Grant awarded by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. The first stage of the grant award includes a very demanding schedule of activities that need to be completed before August 9, 2019, in order to qualify for the bulk of the grant funds. We are currently mobilizing to complete the first stage requirements on time.
2. We continue to engage with the Center for Innovative Technology to determine the assistance they will provide in support of the Planning Grant.
3. Board Member Gary Silverman attended the 2019 input session for the 2020 Virginia Telecommunications Initiative (VATI) grants. The deadline for applications this year has been moved up by 3 months, to September 3, making it extremely challenging for us to submit an application this year, while conducting the activities required by the Planning Grant.
4. Vice Chair David Pere and Gary Silverman also met with Austin Walton, a member of Rep. Wittman's staff responsible for telecommunications issues. The purpose of the meeting was to demonstrate our progress to date and to seek Mr. Wittman's support as we move ahead.
5. We are preparing for an in-person meeting with representatives from Atlantic Broadband and will advise the Board when this is complete.
6. Our volunteer web designer has resigned and we have located a volunteer replacement.