



Lancaster County Broadband Authority
Report to the Board of Supervisors
January 31, 2019

Since the last report on December 14, the Broadband Authority has conducted confidential briefings for the Supervisors on the status of the Atlantic Broadband CATV contract. Complete minutes of the Authority's meetings are available, but this report will highlight several important items that are currently underway.

1. The Authority has opened a public funds bank account at Chesapeake Bank and made a modest request to the County for \$1,000.00 of start-up expenses.
2. Earlier this month, the Authority made a presentation of its current plans and financial needs to the Lancaster Economic Development Authority and requested funding to conduct its preliminary work. We are happy to report the EDA awarded us \$30,000.00. With additional support from a Telecommunications Planning Grant from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, these funds should carry us through to issuing an RFP for project design.
3. Telecommunications Planning Grants are funded by the federal Community Development Block Grant program. The January application opportunity was closed due to the federal government shutdown, but applications will now be accepted on February 15th. We plan to make our submission then. The maximum amount available for this grant was just raised to \$40,000.00. We are continuing to work with CIT to improve our application for the Planning Grant and to create our community survey.
4. Our website launch has been delayed due to technical issues with the County's servers. We are working to get this resolved.