

1. What data should providers rely on to determine which areas of the county are UNSERVED and UNDERSERVED?

Respondents are free to use any reasonably reliable metric for determining UNSERVED and UNDERSERVED households. This includes the FCC Broadband Map, State of Texas Broadband Map or private mapping such as Connected Nation.

2. Does the County have a preference for technology between fiber and fixed wireless in the proposed solution and specifically, can the County clarify if there is a scoring difference between fiber and fixed wireless technology if both proposed solutions provide a minimum of 100/100 speeds?

Type of technology (e.g., Fiber, Fixed Wireless) will be evaluated under the scoring criteria for “Resiliency of Proposed Deployment”.

3. Can the County identify the number and location of the UNSERVED and UNDERSERVED households in the County in which they are asking for Broadband proposals?

See Number 1 above.

4. UNSERVED and UNDERSERVED households are commingled in and across the County and a proposal to provide broadband service to one group automatically results in broadband service for the other group in that geographical area. How does that mesh with a proposal to just serve UNSERVED vs. UNDERSERVED?

Cooke County is aware that UNSERVED and UNDERSERVED household areas may and often will, overlap. Request A and Request B will each be evaluated independently; however, Respondent may provide the same or similar response to each Request. Furthermore, since all UNSERVED by definition are also UNDERSERVED, both household types may be included in Response to Request B.

5. If the County concurs with the statement in #3 above, can the County more clearly outline how two different proposals are required as noted in the RFP between Proposal A and Proposal B if such UNSERVED and UNDERSERVED households are commingled across the County and furthermore, cannot be specifically identified by type?

See Number 4 above.

6. For the “county-match” outlined in the RFP, is it expected to be at a 50/50 ratio with the proposing party’s capital investment? Or something else?

“County-match” means a “50/50” match on Respondent’s capital investment.

7. What is the minimum percentage amount of the project expected to be paid by the proposing party?

Please clarify or restate the question.

8. The “Anticipated Term of the Contract” definition is unclear. Can you clarify the length of time in which the recipient of funds from the County would be obligated to provide broadband services with the infrastructure built in the County?

No duration has been set and will be subject to future negotiations with awarded Respondent(s). However, any use of American Rescue Plan Act funds, by Cooke County, will need to be encumbered by December 31, 2024 and expended by December 31, 2026.