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**FCC AUTHORIZES \$39.2 MILLION IN FUNDING FOR
RURAL BROADBAND IN NEW YORK**

*Funding Will Expand Broadband Access in 26 Rural New York Counties
in Partnership with State*

WASHINGTON, July 15, 2019—The FCC today authorized over \$39.2 million in federal funding over the next decade to expand broadband to 15,442 unserved rural New York homes and businesses, in partnership with the state’s [New NY Broadband Program](#). Providers will begin receiving funding this month.

“Partnering with New York to expand broadband into unserved rural areas of the state was one of my first acts as Chairman,” said FCC Chairman Ajit Pai. “Closing the digital divide is the FCC’s top priority, and I’m proud that this partnership will provide many rural New Yorkers with access to the opportunities that high-speed Internet offers.”

The federal funding is being provided through the FCC’s Connect America Fund, which is part of a broader effort by the FCC to close the digital divide in rural America. Chairman Pai recently proposed launching a new Rural Digital Opportunity Fund, which would provide at least \$20.4 billion over 10 years to expand broadband to additional rural areas. If approved, this new Fund would represent the FCC’s single biggest step yet to close the digital divide. The FCC is scheduled to vote on launching a rulemaking to establish the Fund on Aug. 1.

The New York funding applications authorized today in New York are as follows:

- **GTEL Teleconnections** will receive \$854,652 over the next decade to expand broadband to 260 rural homes and businesses at downstream speeds of at least 100 Megabits per second and upstream speeds of 20 Mbps
- **MTC Cable** will receive \$4.27 million over the next decade to expand broadband to 1,659 rural homes and businesses at downstream speeds of at least 100 Mbps and upstream speeds of 20 Mbps
- **Otsego Electric Cooperative** will receive nearly \$4.3 million over the next decade to expand broadband to 1,146 rural homes and businesses at downstream speeds of at least 100 Mbps and upstream speeds of 20 Mbps
- **SLIC Network Solutions** will receive nearly \$11.3 million over the next decade to expand broadband to 4,610 rural homes and businesses at downstream speeds of at least 100 Mbps and upstream speeds of 20 Mbps
- **Verizon Communications** will receive over \$18.5 million over the next decade to expand broadband to 7,767 rural homes and businesses at downstream speeds of at least 100 Megabits per second and upstream speeds of 20 Mbps

Below is deployment by county, provider, and number of homes and businesses served (locations):

County	Provider	Locations
Cayuga	Verizon	1536
Clinton	SLIC	245
Clinton	Verizon	278
Columbia	GTEL	260
Cortland	Verizon	296
Delaware	MTC	386
Essex	SLIC	410
Franklin	SLIC	499
Fulton	Verizon	438
Greene	MTC	537
Herkimer	Otsego	131
Herkimer	Verizon	840
Jefferson	Verizon	693
Lewis	Verizon	57
Madison	Verizon	7
Montgomery	Verizon	222
Oneida	Verizon	689
Onondaga	Verizon	11
Oswego	Verizon	372
Otsego	Otsego	1015
Otsego	Verizon	91
Rensselaer	SLIC	3
Rensselaer	Verizon	190
Schenectady	Verizon	173
Schoharie	MTC	586
Schoharie	Verizon	81
St. Lawrence	SLIC	625
St. Lawrence	Verizon	1088
Sullivan	MTC	24
Tompkins	Verizon	16
Ulster	MTC	126
Washington	SLIC	2828
Washington	Verizon	689
Total		15,442

To comply with FCC rules, providers must build out to 40% of the assigned homes and businesses in the areas won in New York within three years. Buildout must increase by 20% in each subsequent year, until complete buildout is reached at the end of the sixth year.

More information about the Connect America Fund is available at <https://www.fcc.gov/general/connect-america-fund-caf>.

More information about the New NY Broadband program is available at <https://nysbroadband.ny.gov/new-ny-broadband-program/phase-3-awards>.

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