

- ❖ **SPLOST** funds serve as a valuable funding source for community projects.

Policies

- ❖ Governments and local internet service providers should partner to improve affordability, reliability, and speed of broadband services by offsetting costs and collaborating where possible.
- ❖ All local governments should develop a strategy for funding, staffing, and implementing full-time fire services to expand coverage and reduce ISO.
- ❖ All local governments should consider moving or expanding critical or essential facilities to accommodate current needs.

Funding opportunities that should be considered

- ❖ **CDBG** (water and sewer improvements, drainage, and neighborhood infrastructure— *so long as improvements primarily benefit LMI residents*)
- ❖ **GEFA Loans and Grants** (water system improvements, stormwater projects, wastewater infrastructure)
- ❖ **SPLOST** (water and sewer improvements, broadband infrastructure, public safety facilities and equipment)
- ❖ **USDA Rural Development Programs** (emergency services equipment, water and wastewater infrastructure, broadband expansion)