



Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp recently announced almost \$408 million in preliminary awards to 49 recipients, including seven EMCs, to provide fast and reliable internet service to communities, households and businesses in rural parts of the state. Most recipients included local governments, non-profit organizations and service providers ranging from large companies, EMCs and local Georgia-based telecommunications companies.

Diverse Power is proud to have been awarded a grant of \$25 million for broadband expansion through the America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), part of federal coronavirus relief funding allocated to Georgia. Diverse Power and Kudzu Networks, a subsidiary of Diverse Power, will construct fiber and provide broadband service to approximately 46% of our service territory.

To be eligible for the American Rescue Plan Act funding, an area had to be currently unserved with broadband internet service. Some 4,769 unserved customers in portions of Harris, Troup, Meriwether, Quitman and Coweta Counties will be targeted. The project will take approximately 48 months to complete.

Areas in the grant include portions of: northeast Harris County (206.79 square miles), east and southeast Troup County (136.65 square miles), western Meriwether County (344.77 square miles), western Quitman County (16.4 square miles), and the City of Grantville in Coweta County (5.811 square miles).

Please be on the lookout for more information from Diverse Power and KUDZU Networks as the project progresses.