

Project Overview:

- ConnectME grant
 - 1 yr grant project: July 2021 – June 2022
 - New fiber build – 11.61 miles
 - 257 new installs covered in the grant project
- At the conclusion of this project, Bristol will be:
 - Considered 100% “Served” – i.e., all homes/businesses will have access to at least 25 x 3 Mbps broadband (the State’s definition of “served” at time of this grant award)
 - Approx. 52% Fiber to the Home accessible (with homes/businesses on the Tidewater Fiber Optic Network roads built to a min. 100 x 100 Mbps capability)
- Total Project cost: \$564,600.00
 - \$141,150.00 ConnectME grant (25%)
 - \$100,000.00 Private Foundation contribution (17.7%)
 - \$323,450.00 LCI/Tidewater capital (57.3%)

Pricing/Terms:

- O.P.E.N.™ Fiber Optic Broadband
 - 50 x 10 Mbps: \$64.95*
 - 100 x 20 Mbps: \$89.95*
 - 50 x 50 Mbps: \$109.95*
 - 100 x 100 Mbps : \$129.95*
 - All above include:
 - Phone service and 1,000 long distance minutes within the Continental US.
 - Optical Network Terminal (ONT) and Battery back-up unit.
 - 1 jack and inside wiring within 10’ of the service entry included.
 - NO standard installation fee.
 - Standard Install Includes first 500’ of aerial fiber drop wire (or 250’ of buried/conduit drop wire) from our pole to house.
 - \$1 per ft for additional aerial fiber.
 - \$2 per ft for additional buried/conduit fiber.
 - Customer is responsible for installing conduit and ensuring it is passable and that a pull string is in place.
 - NO Contract required.
 - LCI/Tidewater Router required:

*Required taxes and fees not included

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New Fiber Build Process: Approx 11.61 miles of new fiber optic cabling will be constructed in Bristol to reach previously “unserved” homes (i.e., those with less than 25 x 3 Mbps broadband access available).

This build-out process consists of field surveys; engineer design specs.; line construction work; fiber splicing work. The new fiber build phase will take place from July 2021 through Mar.2022.

Application and Installation Process:

- Applications received from eligible Bristol residents will be processed as a part of a separate ConnectME project management group (i.e., they will not be included in our general new install backlog workload).
- All pending applications received from Bristol prior to July 1, 2021, that have not already been scheduled, will be automatically included in the ConnectME grant project group.
 - These pre-July 1, 2021 applications:
 - will receive the pricing and terms noted above,
 - will be the first group to be scheduled for installation.
 - if the applicant already paid an Aid to Construction fee that may need to be reduced due to the new terms, the balance will be credited to that customer’s account.
- All applicants after July 1, 2021 will be asked to complete the new online application for the Bristol ConnectME project.
 - They will be asked to either use a direct link emailed to them, or they can simply go to www.Tidewater.net - **use the Hope/Appleton/Bristol online app. link**
- Once the application is received, the applicant will be contacted by a Customer Service Rep regarding any additional information that may be required and next steps.
- We anticipate beginning the first installations in September 2021.

Planning, Communication and Patience

This is a significant technical infrastructure project that will be completed over a 1-year period. Over 250 households in Bristol will be eligible for service.

LCI/Tidewater will be coordinating with the Bristol Broadband Committee and Town Office in to establish an efficient installation process that will be fair, while best meeting the needs of the communities.

It is our goal to complete over 250 installations in the 1-year timeframe. We know that you and your neighbors are eager to have fiber optic broadband installed at your address. With patience, good planning, and effective communication, this goal can, and will, be achieved.

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