

Comcast grant application information – September 2019

In September 2019, Comcast submitted a grant application for a Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI) grant. The Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI) extends broadband service to currently unserved areas. The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development has been authorized to award \$19 million in this State fiscal year to eligible applicants, subsidizing construction costs and providing last-mile services to unserved areas.

Comcast is seeking \$1.08 million to extend internet service in the Old Church area. Comcast has agreed to provide a match of \$360,000, making the total investment \$1.44 million for the proposed project. If the grant is received, Comcast would extend its infrastructure from existing facilities in the area on Old Church Road from Immanuel Trail to approximately one-half mile beyond Candleberry Drive. This area includes about 250 homes.

The Hanover County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution supporting this request on August 28, 2019.

This grant process is competitive. About 40 internet providers have submitted applications for this funding.

The Board's meetings are videostreamed live and the archived and available [here](#)

<https://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/virginia-telecommunication-initiative-vati>

<https://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/sites/default/files/Docx/vati/9-19/Hanover-Application-VATI2020.pdf>

<https://www.hanovercounty.gov/697/Board-of-Supervisors-Upcoming-and-Archiv>