ARISE
Appalachian Regional Initiative for Stronger Economies

Appalachian Digital Equity Accelerator (ADEA)

PROJECT SNAPSHOT

GRANTEE
Connect Humanity

STATES IMPACTED
Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia

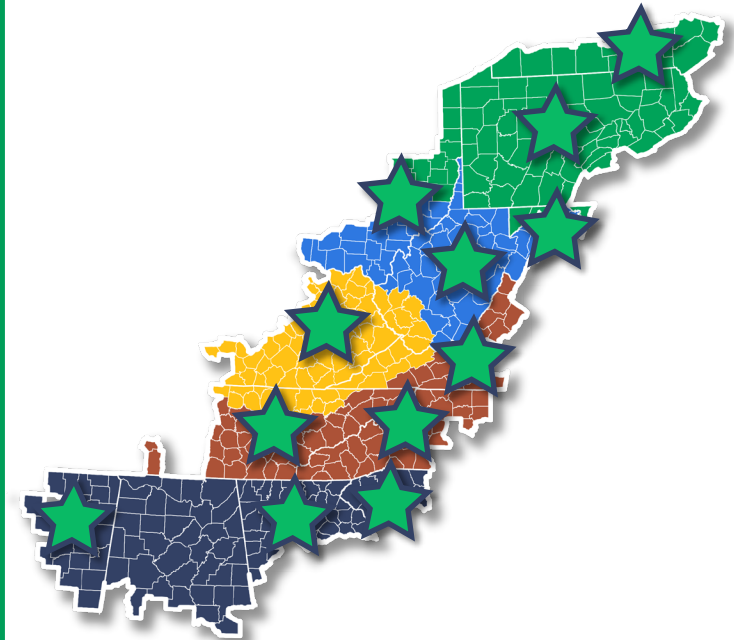**ARC FUNDING**
$6,295,509

PARTNERS
Center on Rural Innovation (CORI), Empire State Development, the Enterprise Center, Fair Count, Generation WV, the Mississippi Alliance, Shaping Our Appalachian Region (SOAR), the Student Freedom Initiative, the Center for Strategic Partnerships, and the Virginia Funders Alliance

ANNOUNCEMENT DATE
January 2023

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PROJECT SUMMARY

This project will identify 50 communities and provide support to help them develop digital equity master plans that will be used to seek funding for digital equity projects. These plans will help underserved communities better compete for the $45 billion of Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) and Digital Equity Act (DEA) funding. Connect Humanity will coordinate with project partners to develop these locally informed and tailored digital equity plans.

Connect Humanity and their partners bring $1,630,405 of in-kind matching funds to the project. The project will produce 50 plans that will improve the respective communities over the course of the 24-month performance period.