ARPA Yavapai County Broadband Project Question and Answers as of 11.9.22

Q 29   11.9.22   **Will the final mile consist primarily of overhead lines or on buried cables?**
Final mile and middle mile connections will consist of overhead and buried lines depending on terrain and what's cost effective.

 Q 30   11.9.22   **Were Sedona's schools and library among the 74 institutions connected by broadband in 2018?**
The main library branch in Sedona was part of the original project. Recently, the library relocated their VoC branch and they are not partaking of the Yavapai County Education Technology Consortium pricing for that branch. Infrastructure is in place at that location should they choose to partner with the YCETC for that branch.

- At the Oct. 25 Sedona city council meeting, you gave a presentation that in part outlined the total cost, number of locations, and cost per location of each section of the project as currently planned. The presentation included numbers for Sedona, which as were later explained included both Sedona and the Village of Oak Creek, but not for Jerome or Clarkdale. Do you have those numbers available?

Altice did not submit a proposal for the Jerome or Clarkdale. However, Sparklight did for Clarkdale. Here is the snippet from their proposal detailing the number of homes served:

2.1 Anticipated Broadband Improvements

In these areas of Paulden, Mayer and Clarkdale households are underserved by DSL. Sparklight will extend coverage of its existing HFC technology to service these areas.

Speed Now (download/upload):	<25/3 Mbps	<25/3 Mbps	<25/3 Mbps	>25/3 Mbps Not Reliable	>25/3 Mbps Not Reliable	>25/3 Mbps Not Reliable	Data Cap Y/N
Reliable Speed After Build (download/upload)	100/20 Mbps	100/100 Mbps	1/1 Gbps	100/20 Mbps	100/100 Mbps	1/1 Gbps	
Paulden	663						*Y and **N
Mayer	102						
Clarkdale	168						

Here is their cost proposal. They did not distinguish between Paulden, Mayer, and Clarkdale.

4.1 Total Eligible Costs

Area	Total Project Cost	ARPA Funding	% ARPA Funding	Offeror Funding	% Offeror Funding
Paulden/Mayer/Clarkdale	$3,951,000	$1,776,000	45.0%	$2,175,000	55.0%

A bid was also received by Sparklight to build out to Jerome which included the following number of passings:

Speed Now (download/upload):	<25/3 Mbps	<25/3 Mbps	<25/3 Mbps	>25/3 Mbps Not Reliable	>25/3 Mbps Not Reliable	>25/3 Mbps Not Reliable
Reliable Speed After Build (download/upload)	100/20 Mbps	100/100 Mbps	1/1 Gbps	100/20 Mbps	100/100 Mbps	1/1 Gbps
Clarkdale - Jerome			242			0
Beaver Creek			1,828			959
Mayer			1,439			457

Here is the amount Sparklight bid:

4.1 Total Eligible Costs for Each Project

Area	Total Project Cost	ARPA Funding	% ARPA Funding	Offeror Funding	% Offeror Funding
Jerome	$2,105,000	$821,000	39.0%	$1,284,000	61.0%
Spring Valley/Cordes	$21,629,000	$9,419,000	43.5%	$12,210,000	56.5%
Rimrock	$21,689,000	$9,760,000	45.0%	$11,929,000	55.0%
Total	$45,423,000	$20,000,000	44.0%	$25,423,000	56.0%

Q 31   11.9.22   The Sedona city council approved $494,000 in matching ARPA funds to be spent on broadband in September of last year. However, you explained at the council meeting that Sedona was not eligible to spend its ARPA funds on broadband since the city is considered already served under the 25/3 criterion. Was this a rule change handed down by the US Treasury after the city had already approved the money, or was this restriction in place from the beginning?
The restriction was in place at the beginning. Also, I'm not sure if the Council formally approved the funding at a Council meeting. I would check with Molly Spangler with the City of Sedona to verify anything beyond discussion occurred.

Q 32   11.9.22   An earlier presentation from August 2021 (included in the council packet for this recent meeting) indicates that Yavapai County is emphasizing reaching particular underserved areas with broadband within 18 months and that "All other locations will be connected in remaining 6 months." Do "all other locations include Sedona, meaning that Sedona will receive its broadband connection within that time period? If not, when is the extension of broadband to Sedona currently expected?
The additional six months was specified for smaller unincorporated areas that were not elucidated as being included in the 18-month part of the project. For instance, Crown King was not part of the 18-month plan.