

Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
Office of Broadband
107 E. Madison Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

4/4/2023

Dear Sir/Madam:

I write to you in support of AT&T's application for the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's Office of Broadband's Capital Projects Fund. AT&T's proposal provides a future-proof, 5 GIG network with the ability to scale up to 10 GIGs, providing residents with reliable and secure service.

With more than 140-years of service in Florida, AT&T has the necessary experience and expertise to carry out this work in a timely manner. Just last year, AT&T's Florida-based workforce of nearly 10,000 men and women expanded fiber-optic connections to more than 400,000 homes and small businesses across the state. That's 1,100 homes every day, which gives me peace of mind that AT&T has the ability to efficiently expand broadband here in south Alachua County, providing reliable service to the areas surrounding Archer, Hawthorne and Micanopy.

Additionally, AT&T has affordability programs that make their services cost-effective for low-income families here in Alachua County. When AT&T's low-cost program is combined with the Affordable Connectivity Program, eligible residents can receive service free of charge.

I endorse AT&T's efforts and strongly urge your support of this application that will take a meaningful step in closing the digital divide in Alachua County and have significant positive impacts for years to come.

Sincerely,