



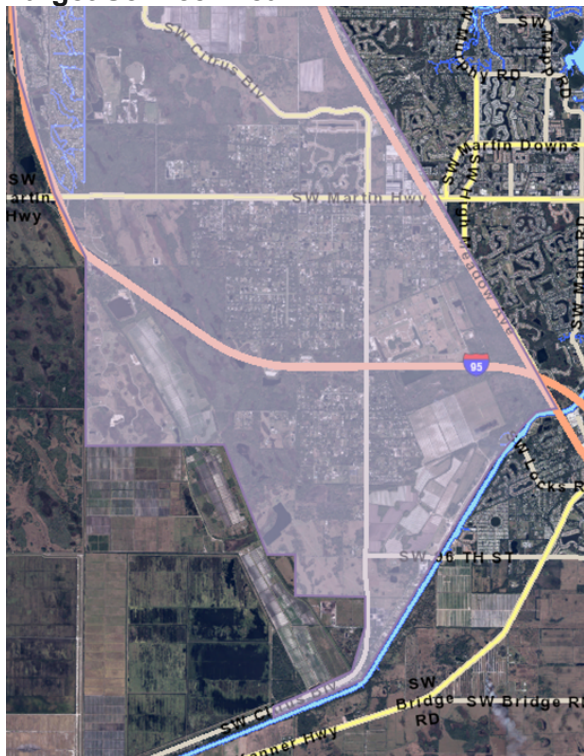
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Martin County Seeking Proposals for Internet Access Solutions in Connectivity-Challenged Areas

STUART, Fla (February 21, 2023) – The County has allocated 1 million dollars in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to bring broadband access to central Martin County. "Based on public feedback, the target service area has little to no available connectivity," said Assistant County Administrator George Stokus. "Utilizing ARPA funds, we're taking efforts to resolve connectivity, beginning in central Martin County. Our goal is to help students, families and businesses — enhancing lives and encouraging economic development," he continued.

Interested providers can visit www.martin.fl.us/ARPA to find grant application guidelines. Responders must submit a narrative proposal that outlines their qualifications and ability to meet the grant's goals, objectives, and requirements. The **submission deadline is April 6, 2023**. The County is providing total grant awards of \$1 million and may issue multiple awards, with the total amount awarded collectively not to exceed \$1 million.

Target Service Area



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ARPA was signed into law on March 11, 2021. Within the package, the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund contains approximately \$65 billion allocated for direct funding to all counties. With direct federal aid and a broad range of use of the recovery funds, Martin County created programs designed to bring about long-lasting, positive outcomes to residents and the community. The County's ARPA webpage, www.martin.fl.us/ARPA includes a visual representation of fund allocation for all county programs utilizing APRA funds including the newest program for broadband infrastructure, as well as capital infrastructure, economic development, food & sundries assistance and library assistance.

Residents are encouraged to visit www.martin.fl.us, Martin County's online resource for services, news and information, and connect with us on social media. Follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) and subscribe to our [YouTube Channel](#).

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The five-member Board of County Commissioners is the legislative governing body of Martin County. Each Commissioner is elected to a four-year term by voters in the countywide area. Chapter 125.01 of the Florida Statutes establishes the specific duties and powers of the Board of County Commissioners. Exercising their legislative powers, the County Commission adopts ordinances (local laws) and resolutions to establish policies and programs to protect the health, safety and general welfare of Martin County residents.