EXHIBIT C American Rescue Plan State Fiscal Recovery Fund Eligibility Certification

I, Bill Slaughter am the Chairman of Lowndes County certify that: (Print Name), (Title) ("Grantee") and I

- 1. I have the authority on behalf of the Grantee to submit, or designate persons to submit on my behalf, requests for disbursement of Grant funds for eligible expenses to be incurred to build broadband internet infrastructure pursuant to the Amended Terms and Conditions of this Grant award from the federal funds allocated to the State of Georgia's State Fiscal Recovery Fund (SFRF) created by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.
- 2. I understand that the State will rely on this certification as a material representation in making payments to the Grantee.
- 3. I acknowledge that pursuant to this Amended Agreement, Grantee must keep records sufficient to demonstrate that the expenditure of grant funds it has received is in accordance with the terms of this Grant.
- 4. I acknowledge that all records and expenditures are subject to audit by the United States Department of the Treasury's Inspector General, the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts, the State of Georgia Office of Inspector General, and the Department of Community Affairs, or representative or designee.
- 5. I acknowledge that Grantee has an affirmative obligation to identify and report any duplication of benefits. I understand that the State has an obligation and the authority to de-obligate or offset any duplicated benefits.
- 6. I acknowledge and agree that the Grantee shall be liable for any costs disallowed pursuant to financial or compliance audits of Grant funds received.
- 7. I acknowledge and agree that all submissions for reimbursement or disbursement, supporting documentation, reports, and any other record upon which the State relied to reimburse or fund expenses pursuant to this Amended Grant Agreement are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that federal and State authorities may exercise any and all legal and equitable remedies against the Grantee involving any false records created or submitted, or in relation to findings concerning fraud, waste, or misuse of funds received.
- 8. I acknowledge that the Grantee's requests submitted for reimbursement or disbursement from the federal funds allocated to the State of Georgia's State Fiscal Recovery Fund (SFRF) as created by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 will be used only to cover those costs that:
- a. Are expenditures made in accordance with the terms of this Amended Agreement.