

Eligible participants of the Last Mile Grant will be processed as follows:

1. Confirm eligibility - Access the Broadband Availability Check button on the website – www.stmarysmd.com/broadband. If your address returns **Last Mile** you may be grant eligible based upon an initial mapping assessment of your location.
2. Register your contact information - To register to automatically receive updates for this address click the link found in the text “To register to automatically receive updates for this address, **click here**”. Enter contact information and submit.
3. Vendor Assessment – A vendor assessment may be performed to confirm the actual construction costs for the address. This is initiated by St. Mary’s County Government.
4. Grant Application –
 - a. St. Mary’s County Government will send a Grant Application Link to the registered email address entered in our system.
 - b. Applicant reviews, digitally signs, and submits the application to St. Mary’s County Government.
 - c. St. Mary’s County Government, upon approval will return a copy of the completed Grant Application.
5. Schedule Construction – St. Mary’s County Government will coordinate with the cable provider for the cable expansion.
 - a. Through the county’s procurement process, a Purchase Order is issued to the cable provider operating in your area.
 - b. Once your address has been included in the Purchase Order, the cable provider is notified that the grant will be funding the construction.
 - c. The cable provider schedules the construction installation with crews and coordinates with Miss Utility.

The construction for each address requires a significant amount of effort and almost every address presents some unique challenge. Weather and material supply chain disruptions are only two examples of things which can affect these plans. As such, we cannot provide exact dates for when construction will begin or be completed.

6. Construction completion confirmation – Upon notification from the vendor that construction has been completed, St. Mary’s County Government notify the registered email address that the work has been reported complete. There may also be additional communications that originate from the county that may require your response. Please respond to these notices so we can properly document the work and let us know of any outstanding issue(s), so we can address appropriately.
7. Sign up for Service – Once construction is complete the applicant can contact the cable provider to establish an account and select service options. St. Mary’s County will notify via email when you can contact the service provider.

8. Construction payment – Once construction is confirmed complete, St. Mary's County will process payment to the vendor for the construction performed. This step does not require any action from you and is only informational so you know that the project has been completed\closed.