

## **ARPA Utility Projects Monthly Update – March 2024**

- The Tuckaleechee Utility District (TUD) Water System project remains on schedule. The design report is complete and TUD is proceeding with the construction document and permitting phases. TUD is working with Blount County to pre-qualify contractors for the construction phase. The County's direct American Rescue Plan (ARP) allocation has funded this project to date.
- The South Blount County Utility District (SBCUD) awarded a contract to Horizon Underground, LLC for work on the Chilhowee View Road, Nickle Point Drive and Hwy 321 Water Main Project. Project work started in December of 2023. Work continues on the Water Main Project on Tuckaleechee Pike with an anticipated bid date in early April of 2024. These projects are funded by the County's direct ARP allocation.
- Work on the Knox Chapman Utility District (KCUD) Upgrade has started and is in the design and permitting phase with 60% of the design completed. The utility is working on obtaining easements. This project is funded by both TDEC and the County's direct ARP allocation.
- Blount County, on behalf of the City of Friendsville, requested project scope changes to better align community needs and grant requirements. TDEC has approved the changes pending updated project and budget information from the City of Friendsville. This project is funded by the County's direct ARP allocation as well as ARP funding from TDEC and the City of Friendsville.