

ARPA Utility Projects Monthly Update – September 2025

- The Tuckaleechee Utility District (TUD) Water System project is ahead of schedule. The contractor, Horizon Underground, has installed all of the pipe along Hwy 321 and water lines have been connected and tested. The river crossing at Kinzel Springs has been completed and connected. The second river crossing at Walland is underway and should be completed in approximately one month with another 2-3 weeks to connect the mainline bore. This project is funded by both TDEC and the County's direct American Rescue Plan (ARP) allocation. Anticipated project completion by December 31, 2025.
- The South Blount County Utility District (SBCUD) Chilhowee View Road Water Main and Tuckaleechee Pike Water Main projects came in ahead of schedule and under budget. These projects are funded by the County's direct ARP allocation. Both projects are completed.
- Horizon Underground is the contractor for the SBCUD Town of Louisville water main project. All of the pipe and meters have been installed. Water connections are completed and have been tested. The contractor will be performing site clean-up for the next month. This project is funded by both TDEC and the County's direct ARP allocation. Anticipated project completion by October 31, 2025.
- Merkel Brothers Construction is the contractor for the Knox Chapman Utility District (KCUD) Upgrade. This project is on schedule. Approximately 45% of the pipe has been installed and the contractor will be starting on the connections and testing in the coming weeks. This project is funded by both TDEC and the County's direct ARP allocation. Anticipated project completion by April of 2026.
- Consolidated Pipe & Supply is the contractor for the City of Friendsville's water meter replacement project while Nitzschke Communications is the contractor for the water line replacement project. The water meter replacement project is at substantial completion with over 95% of the meters installed. The water line replacement project is approximately 70% complete and has encountered rock on Bonny C. Curtis Lane. These projects are funded by the County's direct ARP allocation as well as funding from TDEC and the City of Friendsville.