

ARPA Utility Projects Monthly Update – December 2025

- The Tuckaleechee Utility District (TUD) Water System project is ahead of schedule. The contractor is Horizon Underground. The second river crossing at Walland is moving more slowly than expected but is still progressing. This project is funded by both TDEC and the County's direct American Rescue Plan (ARP) allocation. Anticipated project completion in the first quarter of 2026.
- 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. The project is completed and came in ahead of schedule and under budget. This project is funded by both TDEC and the County's direct ARP allocation. Final project closeout to be completed in January 2026.
- Merkel Brothers Construction is the contractor for the Knox Chapman Utility District (KCUD) Upgrade. This project is slightly behind schedule with a new estimated completion date of April 2026. This project is funded by both TDEC and the County's direct ARP allocation.
- 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 completed with final project closeout remaining. The water line replacement project is approximately 80 - 90% complete. These projects are funded by the County's direct ARP allocation as well as funding from TDEC and the City of Friendsville.