Broadband Expansion in Wisconsin

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Broadband Expansion Grants
In six years, 138 grants ~$20 million to spur internet build-out.

Broadband Forward!
Get your community recognized for being ready to expand broadband access!

Telecommuter Forward!
Support and promote the availability of telecommuting options!

Broadband Maps & Planning Tools
100 + internet providers and $870 million in internet expansion subsidies are on our maps.

Internet Discount Finder
Search for internet affordability programs.

Print Your Own Coverage Maps!
County and legislative district maps are now available!
Broadband Mapping Tools

View and Print Internet Coverage Maps

Derived from the Wisconsin Broadband Map, these PDFs display internet access for counties and legislative districts across the state. In addition to coverage data, a local summary of Broadband Expansion Grant winners is included. Download any of these PDFs for sharing with fellow citizens or for personal reference.

Select a map from the menu below.
Wisconsin Broadband Expansion Grant Program

EXTENDING INTERNET ACCESS ACROSS WI

$20.1 MILLION IN GRANTS TO IMPROVE SERVICE IN 63 WISCONSIN COUNTIES

PSC.WI.GOV
Who may Apply for a Broadband Grant?

To be eligible, an applicant must fall within one of the following three applicant categories:

• An organization operated for profit or not-for-profit, including a cooperative.

• A telecommunications utility.

• A city, village, town, or county that has entered into a partnership with an eligible organization or telecommunications utility.
$24 million available for Broadband Expansion Grants.

Applications due to the PSC on December 19, 2019.

Visit the PSC website for Grant Workshop and more information.

Highlighted areas are unserved & underserved for internet access, from the Wisconsin Broadband Map.
Take the first steps in reducing obstacles to broadband investment

Certification can help:

- Streamline permitting process
- Signal eagerness for broadband expansion
Support and commit to promote the availability of telecommuting options

Coordination and Partnership Between:
- Wisconsin Broadband Office
- Broadband providers
- Realtors
- Economic development professionals
- Employers + employees
- Other telecommuting stakeholders
Additional Broadband Subsidies

• Recent ACAM initial announcement: ~$160 million over 10 years.

• Over $870 million in other subsidies.

• See progress on subsidy-based expansion: [https://data.usac.org/publicreports/caf-map/](https://data.usac.org/publicreports/caf-map/)

Areas eligible for subsidy-based internet expansion.
USDA ReConnect Program

ReConnect Loan and Grant Program

USDA Announces Opening Date for Rural e-Connectivity Pilot Program Applications

https://www.usda.gov/reconnect
Mapping Resources

All WBO Maps, including printable PDFs of counties and legislative districts:

- [https://psc.wi.gov/Pages/Programs/BroadbandMaps.aspx](https://psc.wi.gov/Pages/Programs/BroadbandMaps.aspx)

Wisconsin Broadband Map

- [https://maps.psc.wi.gov/WisconsinBroadbandMap/](https://maps.psc.wi.gov/WisconsinBroadbandMap/)

Wisconsin Broadband Expansion Grant Recipients

- [https://maps.psc.wi.gov/apps/ExpansionGrantAwardees/](https://maps.psc.wi.gov/apps/ExpansionGrantAwardees/)

FCC’s CAF-II Map & Related Links

- [https://data.usac.org/publicreports/caf-map/](https://data.usac.org/publicreports/caf-map/)
- [https://www.usac.org/about/tools/contact/default.aspx](https://www.usac.org/about/tools/contact/default.aspx)
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