Broadband Expansion in Wisconsin

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Programs & Resources

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.

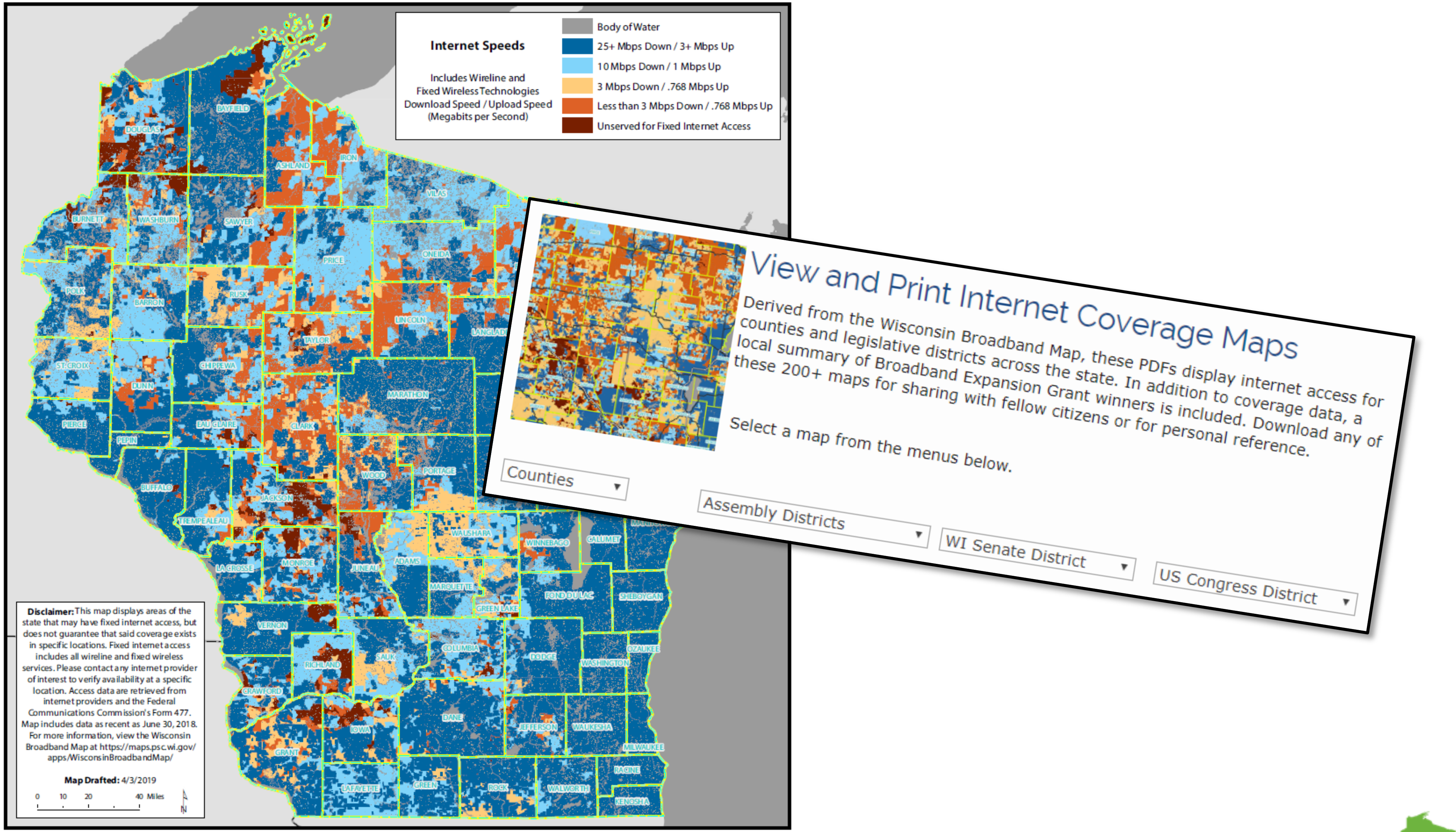
Internet Discount Finder

Search for internet affordability programs.

Print Your Own Coverage Maps!

County and legislative district maps are now available!

Broadband Mapping Tools



Internet Speeds

Includes Wireline and
Fixed Wireless Technologies
Download Speed / Upload Speed
(Megabits per Second)

▨	Body of Water
▨	25+ Mbps Down / 3+ Mbps Up
▨	10 Mbps Down / 1 Mbps Up
▨	3 Mbps Down / .768 Mbps Up
▨	Less than 3 Mbps Down / .768 Mbps Up
▨	Unserved for Fixed Internet Access

Disclaimer: This map displays areas of the state that may have fixed internet access, but does not guarantee that said coverage exists in specific locations. Fixed internet access includes all wireline and fixed wireless services. Please contact any internet provider of interest to verify availability at a specific location. Access data are retrieved from internet providers and the Federal Communications Commission's Form 477. Map includes data as recent as June 30, 2018. For more information, view the Wisconsin Broadband Map at https://maps.psc.wi.gov/apps/WisconsinBroadbandMap/

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40 Miles
N
DOUGLAS
BAYFIELD
ASHLAND
IRON
VILAS
BURNETT
WASHBURN
SAWYER
ONEIDA
PRICE
POLK
BARRON
RUSK
LINCOLN
LANGLADE
TAYLOR
ST. CROIX
CHIPPEWA
DUNN
MARATHON
PIERCE
PEPIN
EAU CLAIRE
CLARK
WOOD
PORTAGE
BUFFALO
JACKSON
TREMPEALEAU
WAUSHARA
WINNEBAGO
CALUMET
LA CROSSE
MONROE
JUNEAU
ADAMS
MARQUETTE
GREEN LAKE
FOND DU LAC
SHEBOYGAN
VERNON
RICHLAND
SAUK
COLUMBIA
DODGE
WASHINGTON
OZAUKEE
CRAWFORD
DANE
JEFFERSON
WAUKESHA
MILWAUKEE
IOWA
GRANT
LAFAYETTE
GREEN
ROCK
WALWORTH
RACINE
KENOSHA

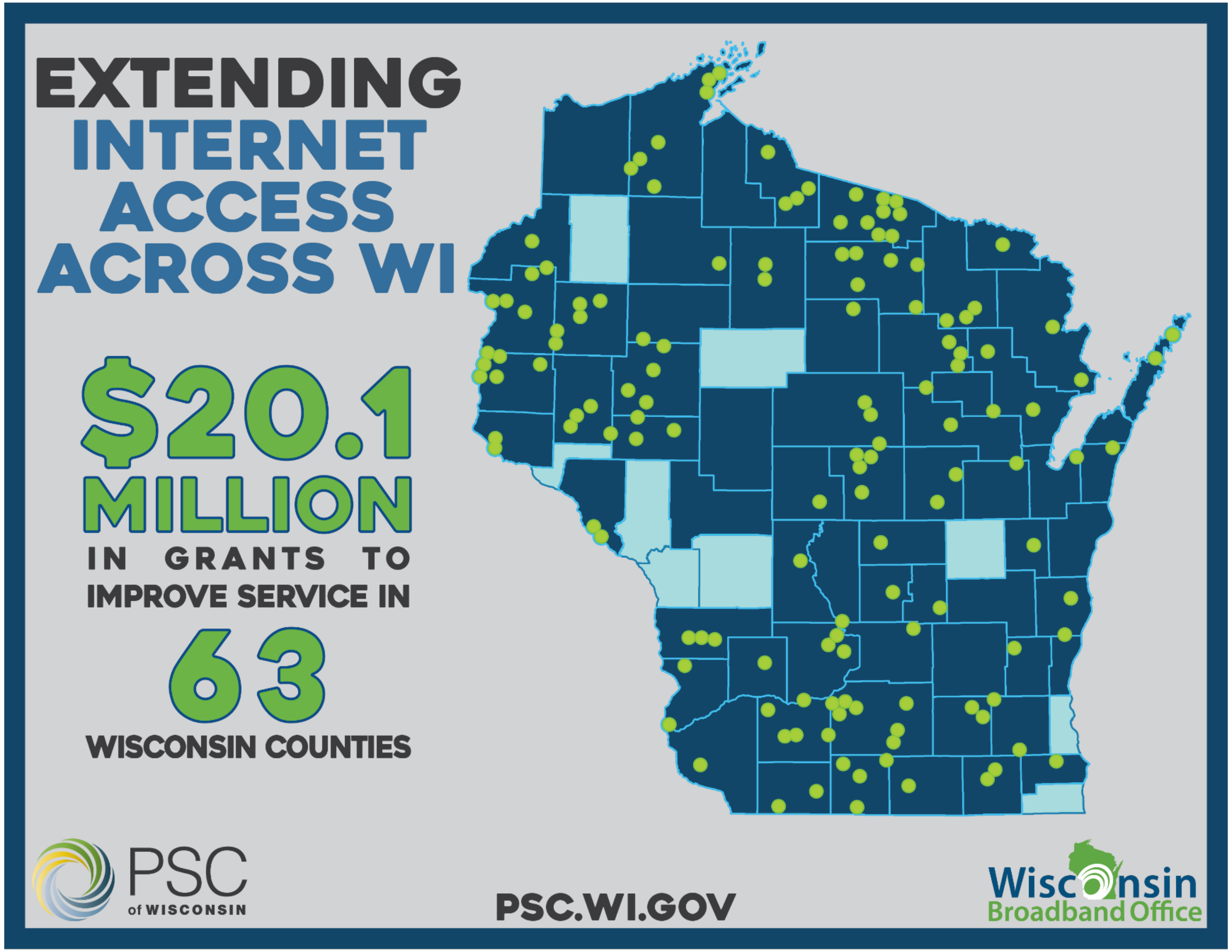
View and Print Internet Coverage Maps

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 200+ maps for sharing with fellow citizens or for personal reference.

Select a map from the menus below.

Counties ▾
Assembly Districts ▾
WI Senate District ▾
US Congress District ▾

Wisconsin Broadband Expansion Grant Program



EXTENDING INTERNET ACCESS ACROSS WI

$20.1 MILLION

IN GRANTS TO IMPROVE SERVICE IN

63

WISCONSIN COUNTIES

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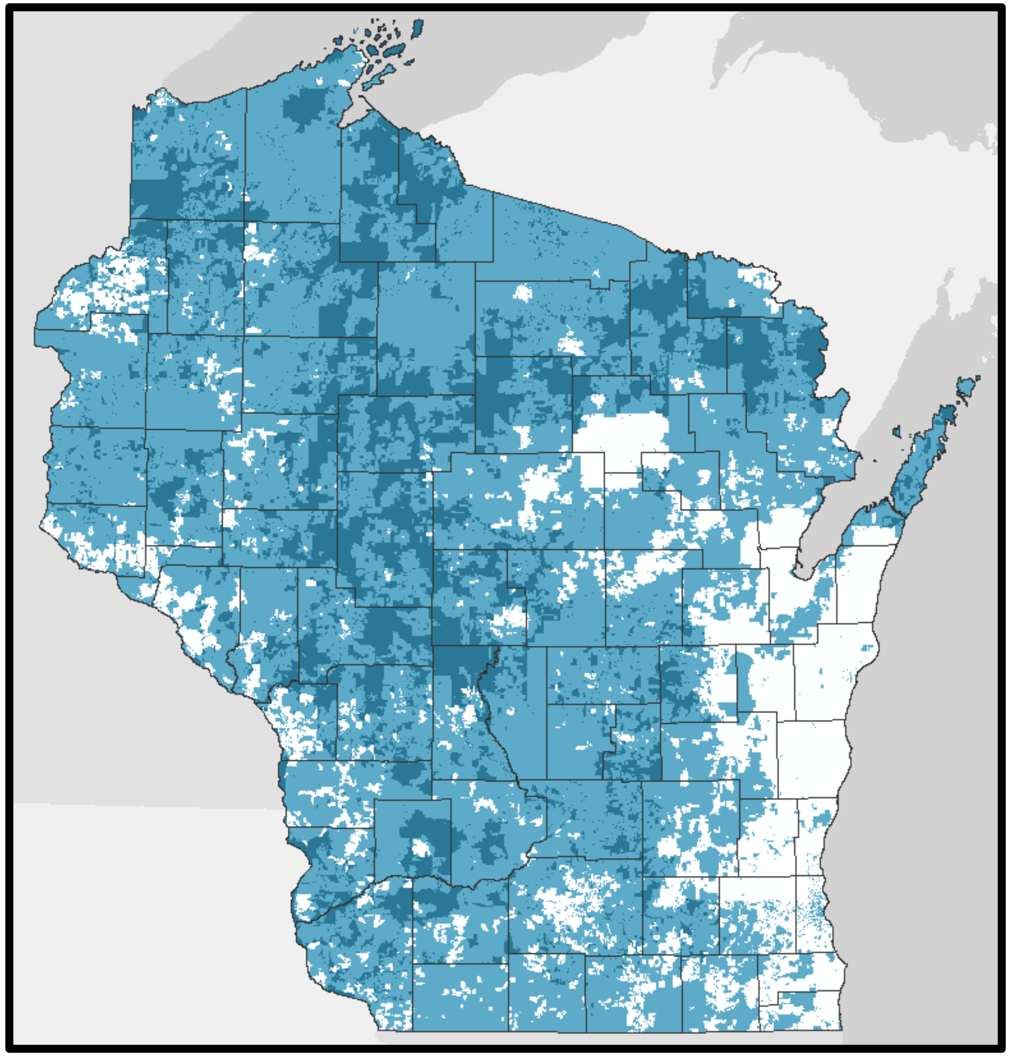
Who may Apply for a Broadband Grant?

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.

Broadband Expansion Grants, FY 2020

- $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.

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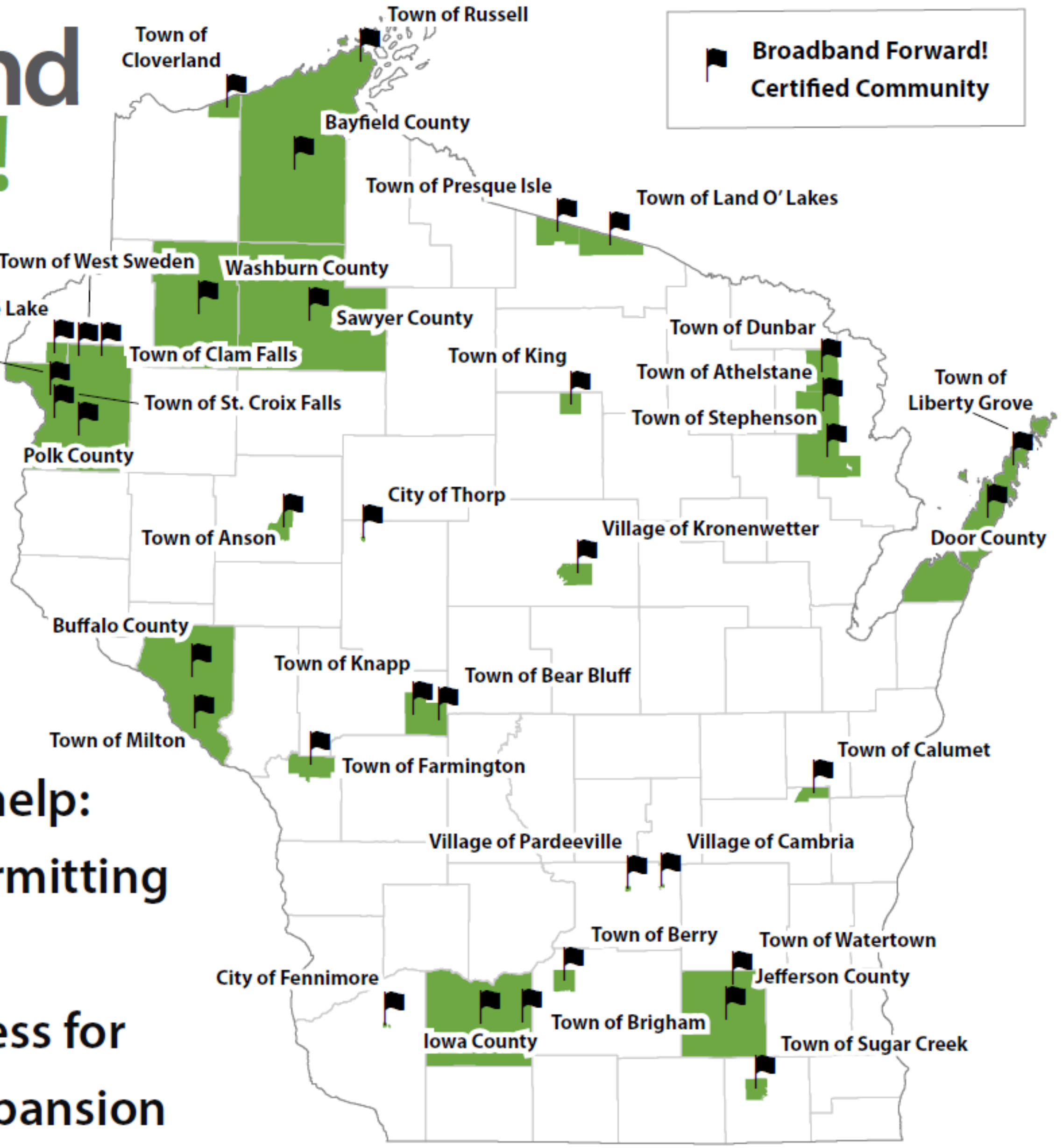
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Town of Russell
Town of Cloverland
Bayfield County
Town of Presque Isle
Town of Land O' Lakes
Town of West Sweden
Washburn County
Town of Trade Lake
Sawyer County
Town of Eureka
Town of Clam Falls
Town of King
Town of Dunbar
Town of Athelstane
Town of Liberty Grove
Town of St. Croix Falls
Town of Stephenson
Polk County
City of Thorp
Village of Kronenwetter
Door County
Town of Anson
Buffalo County
Town of Knapp
Town of Bear Bluff
Town of Milton
Town of Farmington
Town of Calumet
Village of Pardeeville
Village of Cambria
Town of Berry
Town of Watertown
City of Fennimore
Jefferson County
Town of Brigham
Iowa County
Town of Sugar Creek

Take the first steps in reducing obstacles to broadband investment

Certification can help:

- ✓ Streamline permitting process
- ✓ Signal eagerness for broadband expansion

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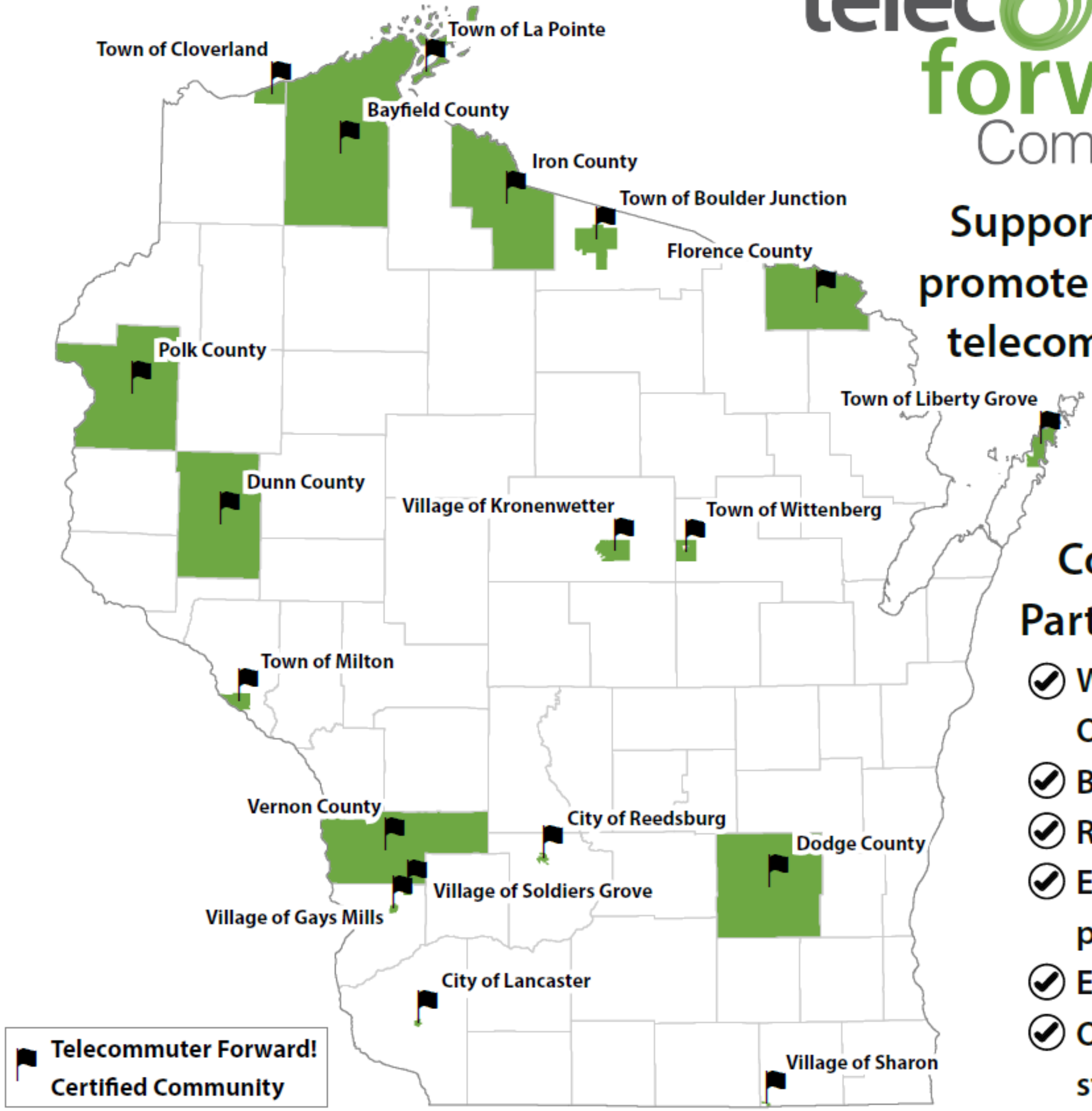
Town of La Pointe
Town of Cloverland
Bayfield County
Iron County
Town of Boulder Junction
Florence County
Polk County
Town of Liberty Grove
Dunn County
Village of Kronenwetter
Town of Wittenberg
Town of Milton
Vernon County
City of Reedsburg
Dodge County
Village of Soldiers Grove
Village of Gays Mills
City of Lancaster
Village of Sharon
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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

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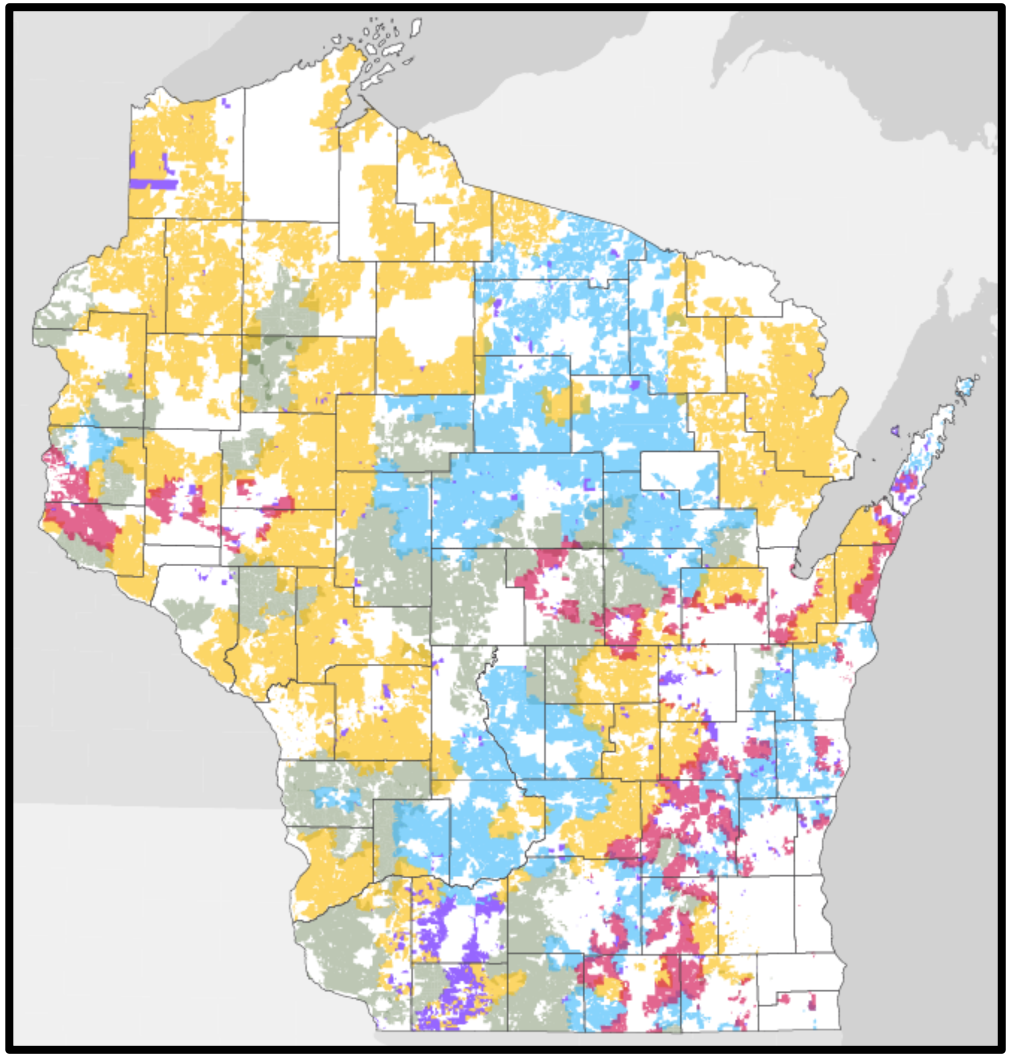
Additional Broadband Subsidies

- 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/



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

Type of Funding Available	Total Funding Available for the Funding Type/ Maximum Award
Rural Broadband Grant, with applicant supplying a cash contribution equal to 25% of project cost	Total of $200 million in federal funds available/$25 million maximum award per project
Grant + Loan Combo (50% of award as a grant/50% of award as a loan at Treasury rate of approximately 3.875%)	Total of $200 million in federal funds available/$50 million maximum award per project
Low Interest Rural Broadband Loan (fixed at 2%)	Total of $200 million in federal funds available/$50 million maximum award per project

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

Wisconsin Broadband Map

- httsp://maps.psc.wi.gov/WisconsinBroadbandMap/

Wisconsin Broadband Expansion Grant Recipients

- https://maps.psc.wi.gov/apps/ExpansionGrantAwardees/

FCC’s CAF-II Map & Related Links

- https://data.usac.org/publicreports/caf-map/
- https://www.usac.org/about/tools/contact/default.aspx
- https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/connect-america-fund-phase-ii-faqs

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