

# Gov. Walker: Gov. Walker seeks local applications for increased broadband grants

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Madison, Wisconsin - Governor Scott Walker announced the Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC) is now accepting applications for Fiscal Year 2018 Broadband Expansion Grants. This round of grants will extend \$1.5 million to underserved areas of the state. Walker has also allocated \$40.5 million for broadband expansion and technology improvements as part of the 2017-2019 state budget.

“We’ve made progress on improving access to reliable and efficient broadband, but there is still work to be done,” said Governor Walker. “I announced additional resources in December that are included in the state budget, which will provide Wisconsin’s families and businesses with the technology and information they need to prosper in today’s global economy.”

Governor Walker established the Broadband Expansion Grant program, which provides reimbursement for equipment and construction expenses incurred to extend or improve broadband telecommunications service throughout the state, in the 2013-2015 biennial budget. The 2015-2017 biennial budget tripled the amount of grants available every year from \$500,000 to \$1.5 million.

Applications for the 2018 Broadband Expansion Grants are due June 30, 2017.

Application instructions and additional information can be found [here](#).