

Public Service Commission: Gov. Evers, PSC opening next state broadband expansion grant round

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Governor Tony Evers and Rebecca Cameron Valcq, Chairperson of the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC), today announced the next round of funding opportunities through the Broadband Expansion Grant Program. The application period runs from December 7, 2022 and will end on February 22, 2023.

The broadband expansion grant program connects people and businesses to broadband and the economic, health, and educational opportunities that high-speed internet access unlocks. State and federal investments directed by Gov. Evers toward this program since 2019 have connected or are in the process of connecting over 387,000 homes and businesses to high-speed broadband internet service.

“High-speed internet access is critical for Wisconsin families, businesses, and communities to thrive,” said Gov. Evers. “The historic investments we’ve made since 2019 in the state broadband expansion grant program have helped connect unserved and underserved areas of our state with high-speed internet. This new round will build upon our past success and deliver improved access for more Wisconsinites.”

“Governor Evers and the PSC are committed to the continued equitable expansion of broadband services in Wisconsin,” said Chairperson Valcq. “This new grant round will equip our partners with the necessary support and resources to improve internet access in underserved areas of the state.”

In this grant round, \$14.1 million is available to applicants to help expand high-speed broadband Internet in the state through funding from the Universal Service

Fund. These are the remaining state funds available for broadband expansion during the 2021-23 biennial budget period.

In October, Gov. Evers announced that the U.S. Department of the Treasury approved the governor's plans to allocate \$40 million in federal ARPA funds through the Capital Projects Fund to expedite Wisconsin's efforts to expand access to high-speed internet across the state. Application information related to the Capital Projects Fund will be announced at a later date.

More information about the [Broadband Expansion Grant Program](#) can be found on the PSC website at psc.wi.gov.