

# Legislative Audit Bureau: Announces the release of report 22-11, certain broadband expansion grant programs

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The Bureau announces the release of Certain Broadband Expansion Grant Programs ([report 22-11](#)).

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) administers programs that award grants to telecommunication providers that make broadband service available to businesses and residences. In October 2020, the Department of Administration (DOA) allocated \$6.2 million in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds to PSC. In July 2021, DOA allocated \$103.4 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to PSC. Through June 2022, PSC awarded \$105.3 million in broadband grants and reimbursed telecommunication providers \$7.7 million. We recommend that PSC improve its program administration, including by establishing comprehensive written policies and improving how it reviews and awards grants, reimburses telecommunication providers, and oversees the programs.

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