



DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING
AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Maryland Broadband Investment Advisory Workgroup



Welcome

- ▶ Secretary Kenneth C. Holt, DHCD – Workgroup Chair
- ▶ Secretary David Brinkley, DBM
- ▶ Secretary Mike Leahy, DoIT
- ▶ Mr. Sean Powell, MDOT
- ▶ Senator Stephen Hershey, Jr., District 36
- ▶ Senator Sarah Elfreth, District 30
- ▶ Delegate Brian Crosby, District 29B
- ▶ Delegate Johnny Mautz, District 37B
- ▶ Honorable Thomasina Coates, M.S., Charles County
- ▶ Honorable Craig Rice, Montgomery County
- ▶ Honorable George Pfeffer, Jr., Dorchester County
- ▶ Mr. Robert O’Conner, CTO, Baltimore County
- ▶ Councilmember Henri Gardner, City of Bowie
- ▶ Mr. Scott Nicewarner, Administrator, City of Hagerstown

Workgroup Purpose

- ▶ Workgroup will advise on DHCD's Office of Statewide Broadband's proposed framework for allocating and administering the State's Broadband Funding - \$400 million
- ▶ **TIMELINE**
 - Meeting 1 – December 16, 2021: Workgroup Convenes, discuss OSB Overview
 - Meeting 2 – Discuss OSB Program Framework, February 2022
 - Meeting 3 – Review Final OSB Program Framework and Program Funding, April 2022

Office of Statewide Broadband Responsibilities

- ▶ Construction and Access to Infrastructure
 - Ensure that all households have physical access to broadband infrastructure for service
- ▶ Equity
 - Ensure that everyone has the financial resources, equipment, and digital skills needed to get online
- ▶ Inclusion
 - Ensure that the benefits of the internet and digital technologies are available to everyone

Total Broadband Funding

State and CARES Funding - Capital and Operating	
FY19	\$2,000,000
FY20	\$9,180,000
FY21	\$2,700,000
Total Budget	\$13,880,000

ARPA Funding	
Service Fee Subsidy ⁽¹⁾	\$45,000,000
Device Subsidy ⁽¹⁾	\$30,000,000
Digital Inclusion Fund ⁽¹⁾	\$2,000,000
Gap Networks ⁽¹⁾	\$5,000,000
Network Infrastructure ⁽¹⁾	\$97,600,000
Digital Connectiveness ⁽²⁾	\$23,720,000
LGIF ⁽¹⁾	\$15,180,000
LGIF FY21 ⁽¹⁾	\$30,000,000
Municipal Broadband ⁽²⁾	\$45,000,000
Additonal Funding ⁽²⁾	\$100,000,000
OSB Program Subtotal	\$393,500,000
Digital Literacy Program ⁽³⁾	\$4,000,000
Digital Navigators ⁽³⁾	\$2,000,000
Total Budget	\$399,500,000

⁽¹⁾ ARPA Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

⁽²⁾ ARPA Capital Projects Funds

⁽³⁾ Budgeted to UM Extention

Office of Statewide Broadband Program Status

Program:	Neighborhood Connect	Connect MD: Network Infrastructure
Status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Applications received 12/23/2021– Completeness Review underway	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Applications received 1/14/2022– Completeness Review underway
Available Funding:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– \$13MM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– \$97.6MM
Grant Amount:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– \$50,000 to \$500,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– \$1MM to 10MM
# of Applications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– 54	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– 41
Amount Requested:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– \$20,946,852	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– \$267,768,264
Project Totals:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– \$26,340,659	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– \$322,963,520



OSB: Program Status cont.

Program:	Connected Communities (Gap Networks)	Digital Inclusion
Status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Receiving applications until 3/15/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Receiving applications until 3/15/2022
Applicant:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Local Jurisdiction/Non-Profit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Local Jurisdiction/Non-Profit
Available Funding:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- \$5MM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- \$2MM
Grant Amount:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- \$25,000 to \$250,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- \$10,000 to \$75,000
Required Match:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- none	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- none
Grant Awards:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- May 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- May 2022
Award Method:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Review by internal team	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Review by internal team

OSB: Program Status cont.

Program:	Maryland Broadband Benefit (MEBB)
Status:	– Ongoing
Applicant:	– ISP on behalf of subscriber
Available Funding:	– \$45MM <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provides \$15/month subsidy for service
Grant Amount:	– Dependent on enrolled households
Results:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 88,789 households currently receiving subsidy• \$13,315,240 encumbered• \$1,010,528 expended

[PSA Video](#)

OSB: New Programs Underdevelopment

Maryland Device Subsidy Program - \$30 Million

- Will provide up to a \$200 subsidy for the purchase of a computer for low/moderate income households
- Under development – rollout expected in 1st quarter 2022

Municipal Broadband - \$45 Million

- Will provide grants to local jurisdictions to retrofit public housing for broadband distribution
- rollout expected in 2nd quarter 2022

Digital Connectedness - \$23.72 Million

- Will provide grants to local jurisdictions to help offset costs associated with difficult to connect homes
- rollout expected in 2nd quarter 2022

OSB: Other Tasks Underway

- ▶ Data Dashboard
 - We are in the process of completing a publically facing data dashboard
 - Cumulative Funding
 - Spending Progress
 - Cumulative Awards
 - MEBB Progress
- ▶ Broadband Mapping and Broadband Plan
 - Required by CH74
 - Required for IIJA Broadband Funding



OSB: Data Dashboard

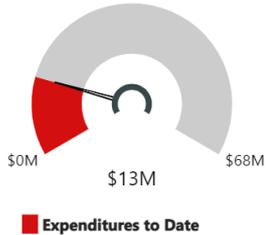
OSB Spending Progress

Data Period: FY19-FY21
Last Data Refresh: 2/1/2022
Next Data Refresh: 5/1/2022

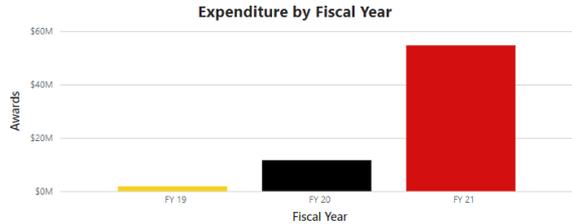
COUNTY
All

Applications Received	Applications Approved	Households Assisted
151	136	17K

OSB Spending Progress per County



BROADBAND
All



OSB Cumulative Broadband Funding

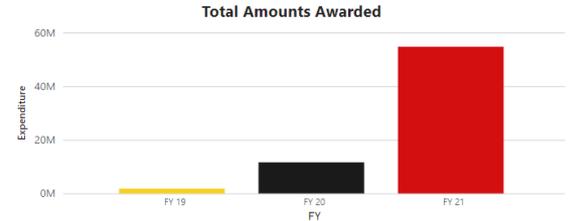
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COUNTY
All

FY 19 Awards	FY 20 Awards	FY 21 Awards
5	48	85

Total OSB Funding

68.1M



NOTES: Awards are inclusive of all broadband infrastructure and expansion projects. In addition, funds allocated to counties for sustainability, feasibility studies, emergency education grants and other programs are included in this data.



WRAP UP:
Discussion
Tasks/Goals for Next Meeting

