



WE ARE FEET AWAY
FROM BEING CONNECTED
TO 1100 MILES
OF SUPER HIGH SPEED,
STATE OF THE ART,
UNTAPPED FIBER OPTICS...

FOR 3 YEARS IT'S BEEN READY AND WAITING TO
SERVE ALL OF MAINE

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1100 MILES OF **UNUSED** SUPER BROADBAND
RUNNING THROUGH OUR STATE HAS ALREADY BEEN
PAID FOR BY OUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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HELP MAINE GO FROM WORST TO FIRST!

Maine's internet offerings are ranked 49th in the U.S.— equal to that of a third world country—**AND WE ARE LITERALLY SITTING ON TOP OF THE SOLUTION.**

We need to develop plans in order to get funding to **link into the EXISTING ULTRA FAST INTERNET.** By doing so we can offer some of the **FASTEST INTERNET ON THE PLANET!**

Imagine what this can do to **attract new business to our state.** Healthcare, education and government services will benefit tremendously; and homeowners statewide will receive much **BETTER** service at a **SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER RATE.** This will create extra disposable income that can go into our economy.

**WE'RE VERY CLOSE TO BEING CONNECTED.
WE NEED YOUR HELP. ►**

See the reverse side to learn how to make the **DIFFERENCE.**



CREATE JOBS ATTRACT BUSINESS BRING PEOPLE BACK HOME

LET'S GET STARTED

In this two-tiered process, 25 communities will be selected for a planning grant. Once the planning process is complete, the full grant can be applied for, which will get your community connected to some of the fastest internet available anywhere.

GET YOUR MUNICIPAL BROADBAND FUNDS

1) APPLY FOR A \$25,000 PLANNING GRANT (\$5K MATCH)

Each interested town or municipality will apply for a municipal planning grant. 25 Selected communities will receive \$20,000 toward the \$25,000 cost of the municipal planning process.

2) BECOME A BROADBAND-CERTIFIED COMMUNITY

Upon completing the formal planning process your community will become a certified community, eligible to apply for the \$200,000 grant.

3) APPLY FOR \$200,000 GRANT AT THE STATE LEVEL (\$50K MATCH)

25 communities will be awarded, 15 of which will be economically challenged. Each community will need to put up \$50K to receive the \$200,000 grant.

4) IMPLEMENT BROAD BAND INTERNET

This initial cash infusion should be enough to get your community connected, reaching core businesses and immediate town centers, anchor institutions, government agencies and services. More outlying areas can be rolled out subsequently.

YOUR MUNICIPAL TEAM

This process will be a collaborative effort with various members of your community. Helpful team members might include your chamber of commerce, local county or city economic development team members, municipal leaders, the general public, business stakeholders and anyone who uses technology.

ALREADY ON THE BANDWAGON

ROCKPORT | SOUTH PORTLAND | ISLESBORO
SANFORD | ELLSWORTH | ORONO/OLDTOWN



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