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## Governor Hogan Announces $10 Million in Grant Awards to Expand Broadband Access For Education

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**Governor Hogan Announces $10 Million in Grant Awards to Expand Broadband Access For Education**
*21 Jurisdictions Receive Additional Support To Increase Internet Access for Maryland Students*
*Includes $2 Million to Study Construction of New Statewide Educational Network*
*Expansion of Broadband to Close Gaps in Accessibility to Remote Learning*

**ANNAPOLIS, MD** (August 13, 2020) — Governor Larry Hogan today announced $10 million in grant awards to support expanded broadband access for education. The Governc Office of Rural Broadband has awarded nearly $8 million in grant assistance to increase internet access for Maryland public school students. Approximately $2 million will suppo feasibility and design studies for a new statewide wireless network solely dedicated for educational use.

The grant funding will be provided by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development and administered by the Governor's Office of Rural Broadband.

"Our administration is committed to expanding broadband to every corner of our state, and as many local school systems prepare for remote or hybrid learning models in the fall, access is more important than ever," said Governor Hogan. "These grants will support partnerships between the state, local governments, and internet service providers to ensu distance learning options are available and accessible for all Maryland students."

| School District | Award Amount |
|---|---|
| Allegany County | $70,000 |
| Anne Arundel County | $58,989 |
| Baltimore City | $1,778,600 |
| Calvert County | $15,600 |
| Caroline County | $111,370 |
| Carroll County | $50,192 |
| Cecil County | $14,000 |
| Charles County | $812,008 |
| Dorchester County | $124,000 |
| Garrett County | $185,000 |
| Harford County | $79,138 |
| Howard County | $213,649 |
| Kent County | $45,973 |
| Montgomery County | $1,117,512 |
| Prince George's County | $517,500 |
| Queen Anne's County | $708,000 |
| St Mary's County | $1,685,821 |
| Talbot County | $101,900 |
| Washington County | $172,935 |
| Wicomico County | $112,125 |
| Worcester County | $11,200 |
| **Total** | **$7,985,512** |

21 out Maryland's 24 local jurisdictions applied for and received additional resources. In urban areas where students have access to broadband infrastructure, the grants will be to help currently unserved students obtain internet service from an existing provider. In rural areas where broadband infrastructure does not exist, the grants will be used to provi wireless access to students with cellular hotspots or similar resources. View the full list of grantees.

Funding will also support feasibility studies and design for a statewide fixed wireless network to further expand access for unserved students in rural areas. The Governor's Offic Rural Broadband will work with local partners to incorporate existing vertical assets, such as communications towers and water towers, as part of the network infrastructure. This network is expected to be operational by the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year.

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