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Connecting a home to the internet

Computer
Modem
Last mile connection
Middle mile infrastructure

Greater Internet (to find what you asked for)
- Google
- Instagram/Photo
- Netflix/Streaming video
- Yahoo E-mail message
- Facebook
Office of BroadbandOhio

Established in March 2020

The Vision of the Ohio Broadband Strategy is to:

• Bring high-speed internet access to every Ohioan
• Build a best-in-class broadband network in Ohio
The Digital Divide: Connectivity Issues

Availability

Adoption
- Digital Literacy
- Affordability
Jan. 2019
- Established InnovateOhio

Feb. 2019
- Connected Nation Ohio - coverage maps

June 2019
- ODOT/InnovateOhio RFI

Dec. 2019
- Broadband Strategy
- Southeast Ohio Broadband Backbone Project Announced

Mar. 2020
- BroadbandOhio was launched
- Telehealth Pilot Project

Jul. 2020
- Streamlined ODOT Permitting Process
- Education Specific RFI

Aug. 2020
- BroadbandOhio Connectivity Grant

Dec. 2020
- SpaceX/Starlink Marysville Pilot Project
- Donation of 150 computers to PCs for People

Jan. 2021
- Riverside Connectivity Pilot Project

Feb. 2021
- Phase 1 of the Telehealth Pilot Project operational

Mar. 2021
- BroadbandOhio Alliance Kickoff Meeting

Apr. 2021
- East Cleveland Connectivity Pilot Project

May 2021
- Signing of House Bill 2
- Muskingum Valley ESC Telehealth Project
- Middletown Connectivity Pilot Project

June 2021
- $250M provided from the state budget

Broadband Accomplishments Timeline
BroadbandOhio Initiatives

- East Cleveland Connectivity Pilot Project
- Muskingum Valley ESC Telehealth Pilot Project
- Starlink Pilot Project
- Riverside Local School District Pilot Project
- Middletown Connectivity Pilot Project
- Telehealth Pilot Project
Student Access

The BroadbandOhio Connectivity Grant
$50 million in grants with ODE for connectivity devices

K-12 Education RFI
Created a transparent pricelist
Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant Program

• HB 2 was signed into law by Governor DeWine on May 17, 2021.
  • Provides grants to internet service providers to fill the funding gap for the construction of broadband projects in unserved and underserved areas of the state.
  • Established the Broadband Expansion Program Authority within Department of Development.
• Application period opened September 6, 2021.
How Can You Help?

• Identify areas in your region that lack access. This could include boots-on-the-ground conversations and community engagement.

• Identify key state and local assets that could be leveraged by ISPs to get service out faster and more efficiently.

• Collaborate with community organizations such as libraries, schools, and non-profits on access, affordability, and digital literacy efforts. Find your champions!

• Contact BroadbandOhio at BroadbandOhio@development.ohio.gov