



Can Rural Communities Overcome Broadband Roadblocks to Economic Prosperity?

Gov. Wolf signs SB 835 to support expansion of broadband access to undeserved areas that some have termed a "crisis."

- Creates the Unserved High-Speed Broadband Funding Program overseen by the Commonwealth Financing Authority
- Eligible applicants are qualified non-governmental entities, rural electric cooperatives and local development districts.
- Non-governmental entities must finance the project with at least 25 percent private capital

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- The FCC estimates 800,000 PA residents or 6 percent of the population does not have high-speed access to the internet.
- Many believe the actual number is higher
- Impacts are felt in education, telemedicine, property values, business development and more.

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- [Pennsylvania Increases Focus on Rural Broadband](#)
- [Please wait while we connect you: Rural broadband access an issue in PA capitol](#)
- [More than an inconvenience, Pa's broadband crisis affects education, medicine and more](#)



- [Broadband Demand: The Cost and Price Elasticity of Broadband Internet Service in Rural Pennsylvania](#)
- [Senate Sends Broadband Expansion Bill to the Governor](#)

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