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Capital Projects Funds to Flow to Beaver County

Funding from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania further ensures local communities have access to high-speed Internet

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Beaver County, Pennsylvania – Investments awarded by the Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority (PBDA) are ensuring Beaver County becomes one of the first counties in the nation to have complete access to high-speed Internet. The achievement will be made possible through the Capital Projects Fund's (CPF) Broadband Infrastructure Program (BIP) grants enabling Comcast, a leading telecommunications company, to reach approximately 620 residents in 35 municipalities – all of whom were previously without access to Internet at qualifying broadband speeds. This investment complements existing programs such as Connect Beaver County Broadband Program's Early Action Projects, performed by Armstrong and Kinetic in the northwest and southeast areas of the County, respectively, and underway by Verizon.

"The Connect Beaver County Broadband Program administrators have worked with multiple Internet service providers, and partners in federal and state government, to achieve our goal of having high-speed Internet available to everyone in Beaver County," said Commissioner Dan Camp.

"Continued investment in Beaver County broadband infrastructure has been a priority for years," said Commissioner Jack Manning. "This engagement between Beaver County and Comcast, through the Broadband Infrastructure Program, is a testament to our dedication to seeing our commitment through and Comcast's commitment to bringing access to fast, reliable Internet to our residents."

The CPF grants will provide more than \$200 million in federal funding for Internet expansion into Pennsylvania homes, businesses, nonprofits, local governments, and economic development organizations. Of that, Comcast was awarded more than \$2.5 million to expand broadband Internet to remaining unserved areas of Beaver County.

"Beaver County residents – regardless of ZIP code – deserve high-speed Internet access for their kids, their jobs, and their businesses. The vision was always that our residents could thrive here and that others would follow if we strategically invest in broadband Internet," said Commissioner Tony Amadio. "We're grateful for all of our broadband providers and appreciate Comcast stepping up to connect the remaining areas so we can fully complete our vision."

The PBDA evaluated projects based on several criteria, including the applicant's experience successfully deploying high-speed Internet, the size and scope of the unserved or underserved community, affordability options, likelihood of adoption rates, and more.

"We're excited to expand our network to previously unserved parts of Beaver County to help more residents and businesses connect to the Internet," said Ricky Frazier Jr., Senior Vice President of



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Comcast's Keystone Region, which is based in Pennsylvania. "Through our powerful network, we're able to deliver Xfinity residential and Comcast Business solutions that help local communities."

Per grant program rules, the Comcast CPF-funded projects in Beaver County must be completed by December 31, 2026, and provide the federal minimum of 100/20 Mbps. Comcast is expected to begin construction in late 2024.

Broadband developments in Beaver County have been underway since 2021 when the Beaver County Commissioners set aside nearly \$20 million of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for broadband build-out to unserved locations.

In March, the Beaver County Office of Planning & Redevelopment [announced](#) its two Early Action Projects with Armstrong and Kinetic, covering more than 180 locations in 24 municipalities, were both completed.

Last year, [Verizon was awarded](#) a contract to connect another 1,800 homes before the end of 2026.

A strong and strategic partnership between the County and Kinetic also allowed another nearly 50 homes to receive connection earlier this year through federal Rural Digital Opportunity Funds (RDOF) when these locations would have previously not been eligible to receive Internet until as late as 2028, per RDOF guidelines.

To learn more about the Connect Beaver County Broadband Program, view progress, and join the mailing list, visit connectbeavercounty.com.

About the Beaver County Planning Commission

The mission of the Beaver County Planning Commission is to provide strategic, coordinated, and objective guidance and oversight to the growth, planning, and development activities of Beaver County. The goal of the Commission is to ensure that Beaver County's future is characterized by a healthy environment, economy, and society achieved through proactive planning, citizen representation, effective communication, and professional services.

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