

**Rural Broadband, Department of Housing and Community Development**  
\$2.0 Million (S00A20.01)

**Purpose: Recovery Now Funding**

The Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Community Development, shall provide grants for rural broadband programs.

**April 21 - Program Highlights and Plans to Allocate Remaining Balance:**

- Three funding awards have been made
  - Think Big Networks for \$570,561 for a project in Harford County
  - Bay Country Communications for \$193,911 for a project in Dorchester County
  - Maryland Broadband Cooperative for \$590,000 for a project in Wicomico County
  
- Remaining funds will be used to replace FY20 funding awarded to Maryland Broadband Cooperative. The FY20 funds will be used for future projects.

**April 21 - Programmatic and/or Implementation Issues:**

- 6/30 deadline for spending; 4 months is a short timeframe for any infrastructure project.