

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.

Program Highlights and Plans to Allocate Remaining Balance:

- New funding allows for more capital projects to help in the expansion of broadband in MD
- Projects either in progress or having recently submitted funding applications have been selected for funding. This will free up capital dollars to fund additional projects applications in FY21.
- The projects were selected for funding based on their location and ability to be completed within the required timeframe.

Programmatic and/or Implementation Issues:

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