

**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.

**March 24 - 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.

**March 24 - Programmatic and/or Implementation Issues:**

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