



# GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

CONNECTING FAMILIES AND BUSINESSES TO  
HIGH-SPEED INTERNET

Governor Whitmer believes every family and business in Michigan deserves access to a reliable, affordable high-speed internet connection that meets their needs. She wants to close Michigan's digital divide by expanding broadband, driving down costs, and boosting digital literacy. High-speed internet enables communities to develop, attract, and jobs and businesses. It expands economic opportunity for families, enhances educational experiences for students, and allows for remote access to key health care services. The Governor launched the Connecting Michigan Task Force and the Michigan High-Speed Internet Office to coordinate the state's efforts. Together, these programs have leveraged millions in state and federal funds to give families and businesses access to high-speed internet.

*"In today's society, the fastest way to create an even playing field for all is access to high-speed internet. High-speed internet projects, along with additional infrastructure initiatives we are undertaking, will provide underserved communities in Michigan with high-speed internet service. This critical service is no longer a luxury but is a necessity that allows every Michigander to get a quality education and compete in the global economy."*

*- Governor Gretchen Whitmer*

## Increasing high-speed internet for homes and businesses

- Set a [state goal](#) to provide 100% access to high-speed internet and 95% adoption by households during the next five years.
- Provided high-speed internet access to [more than 18,000 homes and businesses](#), generating between \$28.1 and \$35.5 million in annual economic benefits to consumers.
- Leveraged over \$700 million in federal funding to expand high-speed internet and access to internet capable devices for Michigan families.
- Invested \$28 million through the Connecting Michigan Communities Grant Program in [three rounds of grants](#) to expand service to 18,900 homes and businesses. These investments are projected to have an annual economic benefit between \$31 and \$38.4 million.

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- [Created the Michigan High-Speed Internet Office](#) and the [Connecting Michigan Task Force](#) to coordinate the state's high-speed internet work and align the work with economic development opportunities.
- Signed the [Broadband Expansion Act of Michigan](#), codifying the Connecting Michigan Communities Grant Program, a grant program to fill internet access gaps in underserved communities.
- Signed an [executive directive](#) to ensure that funding for high-speed internet infrastructure from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act is spent and deployed effectively.