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In The News: Gov. Walker's Broadband Grants Will Help All Corners of Wisconsin Win the 21st Century

[Madison, Wis.] – Gov. Scott Walker is working to connect all of Wisconsin's communities, including those in rural areas, with additional broadband grants – ensuring that no corner of Wisconsin is left behind.

Under Gov. Walker's leadership, the current budget has increased total broadband investments by \$35.5 million and created a permanent Broadband Expansion Grant Program. The additional \$7.69 million in broadband grants awarded this week only further highlight the governor's efforts to ensuring that Wisconsin families and businesses have the technology and information they need to prosper in today's global economy. Scott Walker is fighting for hard-working families and job creators in all corners of our state – his bold reforms are getting results and putting Wisconsin in a position to win the 21st century.

Check out what's in the news:

[From WBAY](#): "Particularly in rural areas, access to high speed internet connections is one of the barriers that applies,' said Governor Scott Walker. ... Gov. Walker visited Oconto Falls to award the largest grant from the state's Broadband Expansion Grant Program."

[From The Chippewa Herald](#): "Gov. Scott Walker and Packerland Broadband announced a \$200,000 rural broadband grant for eastern Eau Claire County Monday at Chippewa Valley Technical College. With the announcement, 33 of Wisconsin's 72 counties are now being serviced by the rural broadband grants."

[From WKBT](#): "Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker awarded a nearly \$250,000 grant Monday to Vernon Communications in Viroqua. As part of the largest dispersal of grants in the state's history, the grant will help build service to 173 homes and businesses in Vernon County."

[From The Eau Claire Leader Telegram](#): “Forty-six grants have been awarded in the latest round of broadband expansion grants to extend broadband access to as many as 1,600 business locations and 18,000 residential locations. A total of \$7.69 million in grant funding will leverage \$11.8 million in private and local government matching funds, according to the PSC.”

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