



Broadband Grants on Commission Agenda Thursday June 23, 2022



On Thursday, June 23, 2022 at the Open Meeting, the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin is scheduled to discuss the Broadband Expansion Grants in the docket 5-BF-2022. The meeting is open to the public and will be live broadcast on YouTube.

During the meeting the Commission is expected to discuss and award the State Broadband Expansion Grants. On June 2, 2022, Governor Evers and the Commission announced increased funding for the state grants to \$125 million. This increase makes the current grant round the largest in state history.

[Open Meeting Agenda](#)

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Commission meetings are open to the public and take place at the Hill Farms State Office Building in Madison, WI. At open meetings, the Commissioners discuss and make decisions on many topics, including requests for permits to construct utility infrastructure like power plants and transmission lines, opening proceedings or investigations, reviewing requests for utility rate or tariff changes, resolving customer complaints, and funding award decisions like broadband expansion grants.

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Subscribe to the Docket 5-BF-2022

The only way to ensure you are notified of information related to a proceeding, like the Broadband Expansion Grants is to subscribe to the docket on the Commission's Electronic Records Filing (ERF) system. The docket for the current State Broadband Expansion Grant round is 5-BF-2022. Within the docket the public can find all the applications, comments, memos, correspondence, reports and Commission orders associated with a particular grant round. If you would like notifications when new documents are added you can subscribe to dockets [here](#). (You can also subscribe to earlier dockets.)

Worth Reading

Accelerate: A Community Broadband Planning Program



Accelerate: A Community Broadband Planning Program guide educates and supports broadband planning. The guide can inform community leadership teams as they create their community's broadband vision and goals and pursue the best possible broadband solutions for their area. Written by Bill Coleman from Community Technology Advisors and published in collaboration with the Blandin Foundation and the Benton Institute for Broadband & Society, this comprehensive resource helps communities through the development of broadband planning. The guide will help with understanding current and emerging technologies, navigating public and private roles, analyzing financial models, and building partnerships. It is a great resource for communities.

Accelerate

Grant Recipient Corner

ATTENTION! ARPA Quarterly Reports are due July 8, 4 p.m. CT

All ARPA quarterly reports must be submitted through [ERF](#) no later than July 8, 4 p.m. CT. First, make sure you have saved your Word document as a PDF file on your desktop. Then go to the PSC website, select "E-Services", and "ERF Upload Document". Log in or create your account, select "Public", ensure the "Existing Docket" radio button is selected, input "5-BF-2022" into the Docket table and click the "Check Docket" button. Choose "report" as the document type, choose the PDF document file you want to submit, enter the file description as laid out below, and click "Upload."

The description should begin with "ARPA Quarterly Report, Award UID" and then include the Fiscal Year, Quarter number, Agency name, and project name. The file name should also be in this format. The UID is an internal identification number for your awarded grant. This UID can be found on the upper right corner of your reporting form.

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Description: ARPA Quarterly Report, Award UID: FYXX-QX – Agency Name – Project Name

• Example: ARPA Quarterly Report, Award 123: FY22-Q3 - ACB, LLC - Town of XYZ

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