

Verizon awarded state funding to build broadband service to an estimated 1220 underserved locations in Warren County

April 18th, Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority (PBDA) **Executive Director Brandon Carson** announced that the PBDA has approved \$4.7 million in Broadband Infrastructure Program grant funding to Verizon Pennsylvania LLC towards a \$9.9 million dollar project that will bring high-speed broadband services over Verizon's fiber-optic network to an estimated 1220 homes in Warren County.

The awarded project would include municipalities such as Warren, Russell, Clarendon, Ludlow, Spring Creek, Irvine, Pittsfield, and Youngsville.

Funded through the federal Capital Projects Fund, the BIP awards grants for line extension and development projects, as well as large-scale regional infrastructure projects. Upon completion, projects must deliver service that meets or exceeds symmetrical download and upload speeds of 100 Megabits per second, with prioritization given to fiber-optic deployment.

Access to high-speed broadband service is no longer a luxury; quite simply, it is a necessity that our residents and businesses demand of us. Completion of Verizon's Project will enable our constituents to participate in remote work opportunities and will enable our students to use technology to participate in virtual learning and complete their homework assignments.

It will enable local businesses within and near unserved and underserved areas to attract talented employees and compete in the marketplace. To ensure the Project's timely and successful completion, the County is coordinating with Verizon as a local jurisdictional partner on this Project.

This project is expected to commence this year and is expected to be completed in December 2026.

Warren County Commissioners, with support from Insight Technology consultant Bill Gallagher, continue to engage providers to find solutions to the complex residential broadband problem that exists in our rural county.

The County looks forward to partnering with Verizon as this project progresses and constituents are served. Additional information will be provided and made available on the County website:

<https://warrencountypa.gov/1406/Verizon-2024-Broadband-Build>