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NEWS RELEASE

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Dorchester County Receives Grant Funding to Assist Property Owners with Obtaining Broadband

At its November 19, 2024 meeting, the Dorchester County Council confirmed acceptance of a \$1,100,000 Connect Maryland: Home Stretch for Difficult to Serve Properties FY2024 grant award through the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD).

The grant will provide property owners with funding assistance, up to \$8,000 per property, to install broadband in difficult to serve areas due to long lanes or private roads. Dorchester County residences and businesses that are currently located in a broadband service area, but do not have service due to its location may qualify for funding.

The County will manage the process by working with service providers, property owners, and the State of Maryland. Property owners may request a cost estimate or more information by contacting the Dorchester County Finance Department at (410) 228-7291, or broadband@docogonet.com.

The Internet Service Providers may also contribute funding. This may result in some property owners experiencing no cost, whereas others may have out of pocket costs. Routine new service connection fees will apply. Installations will be on a first come first served basis until grant funds are expended. The deadline for construction is December 31, 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact the Finance Department.

Expanding Access to Broadband in Dorchester County

Dorchester County received a \$1,100,000 Connect Maryland: Home Stretch for Difficult to Serve Properties FY2024 grant through the Department of Housing & Community Development to work with Internet Service Providers to expand access to broadband services to properties that are located down long lanes or private roads.

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UP TO \$8,000/
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