

Baltimore

Maryland

NCC has four member municipalities in Maryland including Baltimore, Hagerstown, Montgomery County, and Westminster. In 2016, Baltimore was among several cities to participate in the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Community Connectivity Initiative in collaboration with NCC. The initiative created an online tool to assist community leaders in identifying critical broadband needs and to share resources and knowledge needed to expand broadband infrastructure and access. Years later, that work is even more important.

State Resources

- Maryland's Office of Rural Broadband provides funding and technical assistance for communities to improve local governments' ability to fund rural expansion initiatives.
- The state broadband map includes broadband coverage from the FCC and overlays public speed test results.
- The Maryland Broadband Cooperative is a technology infrastructure public-private partnership focused on economic development. Members are Internet Service Providers.
- The Maryland Rural Broadband Task Force released a 2019 report which studies issues facing broadband access and offers suggestions for legislation to improve rural deployment.

Federal Engagement

- Local officials and community leaders are their community's best story tellers. Be sure to share and document your connectivity challenges and successes with members of Congress and federal officials.
- Continue to participate in federal proceedings such as the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program. Access FCC instructions on filing comments [here](#). In its upcoming monthly meeting, it will discuss COVID-19 telehealth program and actions to improve its mapping.

