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**DIGITAL DIVIDE**

## State to award $85 million in federal funds for broadband expansion

The Grant Fund "will award grants based on a competitive basis that is weighed towards providing faster speeds and serving the un-served and underserved areas."

Source: Radio Iowa

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## Digial Divide

### [Round Two of $550M ReConnect Program Kicks Off with $12.5M Award](#)
The company will use the round two ReConnect funds to deploy a FTTP network connecting 7,348 people, 11 farms, 15 businesses, four fire stations and an elementary school.
Source: Telecompetitor

### [Many kids lack tech tools for remote learning, new report says](#)
A new report says that nearly a third of kids from kindergarten through high school age don't have the tech tools and internet access they need to learn remotely.
Source: The Today Show

## Education

### [Telepresence' Can Help Bring Advanced Courses to Schools that Don't Offer Them](#)
If a high school doesn't offer advanced coursework, having students take such a class remotely offers a promising alternative.
Source: Center for Digital Education

## Healthcare

### [FCC Makes 62 More Telehealth Awards, Program Now Reaches 45+ States](#)
The awards – which seek to support both rural and urban initiatives – are in 45 states and the District of Columbia.
Source: Telecompetitor

### [FCC grants $29.41M more in telehealth funding to 77 providers](#)
The FCC approved 11 previous batches. This wave brings the program's total amount of funding to $157.64 million.
Source: Becker's Hospital Review

### [Telehealth saved my life. Here's how to make it even better](#)
Giving healthcare professionals the ability to help patients remotely can be a game-changer, from

emergencies to rehab. But it requires a vision and a plan.
Source: Fast Company

[Tucson Patients Concerned as Telehealth Begins to Retract](#)
For families at high-risk for COVID-19, Arizona's rising case numbers are cause for concern. Some medical practices are reducing the availability of telehealth at the end of June.
Source: GOVERNING

## Cybersecurity

[The Cybersecurity Threat in Healthcare and How Emerging Technology Can Help](#)
In this article explores the nature of cyber threats in the healthcare sector and outlines a handful of practical tips to enhance security to reduce risk.
Source: Blue Fountain Media

[UTSA, Feds Discuss Creating Cybersecurity Research Institute](#)
The University of Texas at San Antonio is in talks with the Energy Department to establish a $70 million cybersecurity research institute.
Source: Government Technology

[How Election Security Has Become a Top Issue](#)
As international attention and media coverage increasingly focuses on the 2020 U.S. presidential election, election security measures will take center stage.
Source: Government Technology

## Government

[4 Steps to Prevent Ransomware Attacks](#)
While COVID-19 has made continuity of public services more critical than ever, it has also made them more vulnerable. A few guidelines can help organizations prepare for & prevent ransomware incidents.
Source: Government Technology

[New Florida Law to Boost Broadband in Multi-Use Corridors](#)
A new law could help increase broadband Internet access in Florida's rural underserved communities — starting with more accurate data.
Source: Government Technology

[Facebook wants to help register 4 million voters this year with new 'Voting Information Center'](#)
The company has invested heavily in election integrity & in the human-guided & artificial intelligence-powered moderation practices & security tools.
Source: The Verge

[San Diego City Council Plans to Make Major Tech Upgrades](#)
San Diego City Council is planning to make major technology upgrades to increase public participation. The list includes an upgraded voting system, new video displays, and more.
Source: Government Technology

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