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IMPACT OF THE FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE BILL IN IOWA
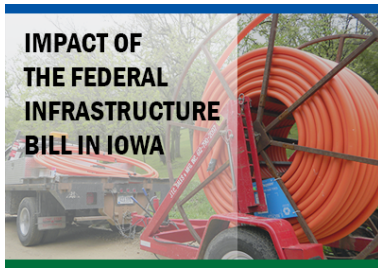
Here are 2 ways Iowa will see the impact of the federal infrastructure bill

Iowa will receive $100 million from the new federal infrastructure bill to get more people high-speed internet.

Source: KCCI

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[FCC Announces Over $700M for Broadband in 26 States Through Rural Digital Opportunity Fund](#)

In this funding wave, 50 broadband providers will bring broadband service to over 400,000 locations in 26 states including Iowa.
Source: MeriTalk

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Education

[8 ways colleges are adjusting digital services for 24/7 students](#)

Often these services come through artificial intelligence. Institutions are also digitizing experiences that are normally on-campus, such as bookstores and mental health centers, to improve access.
Source: EdScoop

[Ed-Tech Startup Launches Global Online-Hybrid STEM School](#)

The goal is to prepare students for an increasingly tech-integrated job market by cultivating their early interests in STEM careers.
Source: Government Technology

Government

[Breaking Down Broadband Funding in the Infrastructure Bill](#)

How can states and local areas take advantage of the $65 billion set aside for broadband? Here are some details.
Source: Government Technology

Healthcare

[Regulations are changing that will affect the future of telehealth](#)

Telehealth services were important during the pandemic. Rules that permitted its growth are in flux, as state and federal governments and insurance providers weigh which policies to keep in place.
Source: NPR

[Telehealth apps see post-COVID focus on mental wellbeing](#)

Demand for online mental health care will be a priority in the post-COVID world after lockdowns took a toll on people's wellbeing and requests for virtual appointments skyrocketed.
Source: Reuters

Public Safety

[CISA warns malware could be injected into emergency comms](#)

"If malware is introduced from the beginning in an image, in a video, in a text to a 911 center, it has the possibility and potential of providing that malware to those interconnected government systems," Brown told legislators.
Source: SC Magazine

[Learn more about the FirstNet fleet of deployable network assets](#)

The deployables program is unique to FirstNet. FirstNet deployables boost coverage in the aftermath of disasters, during large planned events or incidents, or in remote areas — and are available to subscribers 24/7 at no extra cost.
Source: FirstNet

[Indiana State University to Host High-Tech Crime Unit](#)

The university is one of 10 "hub" high-tech crime units across Indiana, where prosecutors will work with Vigo County law enforcement and college students to analyze and process digital evidence.
Source: Government Technology

Cybersecurity

CISA Director to Appoint Hackers to Cybersecurity Advisory Committee
Security researchers have a crucial role to play in balancing an offense-heavy ecosystem, the director said.
Source: NextGov

DHS announces new program to attract and retain cybersecurity talent
The Cyber Talent Management System (CTMS) will streamline and screen the application process for potential cybersecurity professionals, and those hired through CTMS will work to protect critical infrastructure against cyberattacks.
Source: The Hill

Digital Divide

Experts Urge FCC Unilaterally Broaden Revenue Base of Universal Service Fund
Consultants say the Federal Communications Commission has the authority to do so.
Source: Broadband Breakfast

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