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News & Updates

FCC Seeks Comments on Proposed Eligible Services for E-Rate

Education Customer Notice: On July 21, 2020, the Federal Communications Commission released a Public Notice ([DA 20-767](#)) establishing the comment period for the Funding Year (FY) 2021 Eligible Services List for the E-Rate program.

[View FCC Public Notice](#)

Broadband Grant Program - Federal Opportunity

Governor Reynolds has authorized the allocation and expenditure of \$50,000,000 from the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund ("CARES Act Funds") to address the increased need for internet connectivity due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Communication Service Providers who install broadband infrastructure in this state or facilitate broadband service in this state are eligible to receive funds under this Notice of Funding Availability #003.

Read the [Notice of Funding Availability #003](#) (Federally-Funded Opportunity)

Federal Telehealth Funding Awards

We continue to support our healthcare users with our participation as a common carrier for USAC's Rural Health Care Program. During the COVID-19 pandemic, ICN provided 12 hospitals with bandwidth increases at no charge. Half of the hospitals have recognized the added value and decided to permanently increase their Internet bandwidth.

View a [list of Iowa healthcare entities](#) that received a COVID-19 Telehealth Program award.

It is Phishing Season

The latest results of KnowBe4's quarterly top-clicked phishing email subjects are in. They report on three different categories: social media related subjects, general subjects, and 'in the wild' attacks.

KnowBe4 describes [phishing](#) as the process of attempting to acquire sensitive information such as usernames, passwords

Broadband News

[Iowa VA telehealth visits on the rise](#)

[AT&T invests over \\$100 million for reliable coverage](#)

[The Psychology of Passwords](#)

[Secure Your VPN, No Matter What](#)

[Five growing post-COVID industries and where their jobs are](#)

[Iowa Economic Recovery Advisory Board eyes rural broadband as key issue in second meeting](#)

[Ultrasound machines that connect to smartphones are helping doctors safely scan COVID-19 patients](#)

[Panelists call for barriers between broadband and rural communities to be taken down](#)

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and credit card details by masquerading as a trustworthy entity using bulk email which tries to evade spam filters.

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