



A Broadband Awareness Initiative from the [Iowa Communications Network](#)
Weekly Update: March 31, 2022



Next Emergency Connectivity Fund Filing Window Opening in April

The FCC said it will “likely” be the last opportunity for schools and libraries to get funding before money runs out.

Source: Broadband Breakfast

Iowa Focus

[Iowa bill would create cybersecurity simulation training center](#)

Center would be housed at Iowa State University of Science and Technology and could be used by businesses, state agencies and others.

Source: Security Info Watch

[Ultra-high-speed fiber internet coming to metro cities](#)

West Des Moines opened its Google Fiber store location so residents could switch to the ultra-high-speed fiber internet service. Urbandale expects all residents to have access in less than a couple years.

Source: WHO 13

Sector Focus

Government

[White House budget pitches \\$10B for election assistance](#)

To help state and local election officials upgrade IT assets, improve security, hire personnel and establish a dedicated funding stream for improvements to election administration.

Source: StateScoop

[New Jersey Asks If Virtual Public Meetings Should Be Required](#)

Public bodies are not required to record their meetings and many did so simply out of courtesy during the pandemic. As local governments return in person, some wonder if recording public meetings should be mandatory.

Source: Governing

Healthcare

[Remember Cybersecurity When Setting a Hospital Security Plan](#)

67% of respondents indicated that their healthcare organizations experienced significant security incidents during 2021.

Source: Security Info Watch

[How physicians view telehealth](#)

Most physicians have embraced telehealth during the pandemic and expect to continue using it going forward, according to a new survey from the American Medical Association.

Source: Advisory Board

Public Safety

[New mission-ready solutions launch to enhance first responders' emergency response](#)

Launching innovative public safety-centric solutions to modernize communications for first responders – for emergencies and normal operations. Details...

Source: FirstNet

Education

[Intel plans to pump \\$100M into Ohio and US higher ed](#)

And it will spend another \$50 million for development of STEM curricula at other two- and four-year institutions across the U.S.

Source: Higher Ed Dive

Cybersecurity

[Here Are the Top 10 Countries Where DDoS Attacks Originate](#)

As cyber attacks, including denial-of-service hacks, increase worldwide amid the war in Ukraine, we take a look at data from Cloudflare showing the countries with the highest concentration of DDoS traffic.

Source: Government Technology

Digital Divide

[Technology Quality Affects Online Learning](#)

Researchers asked more than 1,100 teachers to rate the quality of their digital learning tools used to support student learning and schoolwork.

Source: EdTech: Focus on K-12

[FCC Announces \\$313 Million Through Rural Digital Opportunity Fund](#)

The Commission announced that it's ready to authorize more than \$313 million through the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund to fund new broadband deployments in 19 states bringing service to over 130,000 locations.

Source: FCC

Misc

[Technology, Automation Can Make Roadways Safer for All Users](#)

Automation, data and the interoperability of systems can all help to improve transportation in urban areas, experts assert.

Source: Government Technology

[Women's History Month: Meet Trailblazing Women in the Tech Community](#)

Meet these extraordinary women who are breaking glass ceilings in more ways than one: in healthcare, education, STEM, finance and more.

Source: Women Love Tech

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