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 TO GET BETTER, FASTER BROADBAND**

*Because of FCC Reforms, Higher-Speed Broadband Will Reach  
 New Homes and Businesses in 43 States*

WASHINGTON, April 29, 2019—Over 106,000 rural homes and small businesses in 43 states will get access to improved broadband service due to recent FCC reforms to the Universal Service Fund.

“Today’s announcement means that many more rural Americans will have access to high-speed broadband service that will enable them to fully participate in the digital economy—entrepreneurship, telemedicine, precision agriculture, online education, and more,” said FCC Chairman Ajit Pai. “This is yet another example of how the FCC is working hard to close the digital divide.”

Pursuant to new rules adopted by the Commission last December, a total of 186 companies participating in the FCC’s Alternative Connect America Cost Model (A-CAM) program have accepted \$65.7 million in additional annual support over the next decade. In return, these carriers have committed to deploying 25/3 Mbps service to 106,365 homes and small businesses that would have otherwise only received slower 10/1 Mbps service.

The boost represents a 31.8% increase in the number of locations that will have faster service available through the A-CAM program. Carriers must deploy 25/3 Mbps service to 40% of locations by end of the 2022, and increase deployment by 10% annually until buildout is complete at the end of 2028.

The chart below details the impact of the additional funding by state:

State	Previous 25/3 Mbps Obligation	New 25/3 Mbps Obligation	Difference (number of households/businesses)	Difference %
AK	1,670	3,778	2,108	126.2%
AL	18,816	21,986	3,170	16.8%
AR	9,377	12,018	2,641	28.2%
AZ	1,353	2,903	1,550	114.6%

State	Previous 25/3 Mbps Obligation	New 25/3 Mbps Obligation	Difference	Difference %
CA	1,316	1,937	621	47.2%
CO	1,981	3,225	1,244	62.8%
FL	1,364	1,545	181	13.3%
GA	13,607	15,758	2,151	15.8%
IA	8,886	13,075	4,189	47.1%
ID	3,505	5,444	1,939	55.3%
IL	4,408	6,320	1,912	43.4%
IN	5,532	6,373	841	15.2%
KS	1,410	2,713	1,303	92.4%
KY	3,643	4,233	590	16.2%
LA	1,001	1,357	356	35.6%
MA	11	12	1	9.1%
ME	6,427	7,477	1,050	16.3%
MI	9,471	14,560	5,089	53.7%
MN	43,241	54,599	11,358	26.3%
MO	7,093	11,175	4,082	57.5%
MS	17,894	22,043	4,149	23.2%
MT	5,309	10,907	5,598	105.4%
ND	325	874	549	168.9%
NE	5,582	11,208	5,626	100.8%
NH	1,407	1,595	188	13.4%
NM	1,384	3,087	1,703	123.0%
NV	1,424	2,540	1,116	78.4%
NY	18,544	21,324	2,780	15.0%
OH	4,206	4,834	628	14.9%
OK	20,029	27,753	7,724	38.6%
OR	4,420	6,492	2,072	46.9%
PA	9,863	11,325	1,462	14.8%
SC	3,739	4,260	521	13.9%
SD	1,685	3,423	1,738	103.1%
TN	22,225	25,276	3,051	13.7%
TX	14,306	21,331	7,025	49.1%
UT	2,582	5,596	3,014	116.7%
VA	10,913	12,688	1,775	16.3%
VT	756	856	100	13.2%
WA	3,010	4,095	1,085	36.0%
WI	36,887	43,146	6,259	17.0%
WV	2,975	3,809	834	28.0%
WY	866	1,858	992	114.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>334,443</b>	<b>440,808</b>	<b>106,365</b>	<b>31.8%</b>

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