

## **WHAT THEY ARE SAYING: Biden-Harris Administration Awards \$6.47 Million to Ohio in 'Internet for All' Planning Grants**

Today, the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) announced that Ohio received its first planning grants for deploying high-speed Internet networks and developing digital skills training programs under the Biden-Harris Administration's Internet for All initiative. Ohio is receiving \$6,470,550.76 in funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, signed by President Biden, to plan for the deployment and adoption of affordable, equitable, and reliable high-speed Internet throughout the state.

A bipartisan group of Ohio elected officials have offered their support for these grants, see a full list below. For more information on the grants, please see today's press release.

### **U.S Senator Rob Portman (OH)**

"Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we saw firsthand the importance of being able to access fast, reliable broadband internet – driving not only education and healthcare, but also economic development and job growth. This funding, made possible through my bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, will provide much needed resources to under- and unserved areas of Ohio, working to close our nation's digital divide and bring all areas of the state into the 21st century."

### **U.S Representative Tim Ryan (OH-13)**

"When it comes to studying, applying for jobs, banking, and more, access to a reliable internet connection is a necessity for anyone living in 21st century America. I'm proud to see our Bipartisan Infrastructure Law continue to deliver for Ohioans and make the essential investments needed to ensure our families and businesses can succeed and compete with the rest of the world."

### **U.S Representative and Congressional Black Caucus Chair Joyce Beatty (OH-03)**

"Without reliable access to the internet, low income communities are cut off from employment, education, banking, and other services many Americans take for granted. When I fought to pass the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, I made sure funding to eliminate the digital equity gap was a priority. Now, with over \$6 million headed to Ohio alone, we are closer than ever to providing all Americans with the upward mobility and security that comes with a stable internet connection."

### **US Representative Shontel Brown (OH-11)**

"Access to affordable, high-speed internet is more important than ever for Ohioans to do their jobs, participate in school learning, and stay connected with friends and families. This grant funding presents an opportunity to increase internet access across Ohio and close the digital divide."