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**FW: Unserved High-Speed Broadband Funding Program Update**

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Greetings Supervisors,

Below is an email just received from Jenn Frees of Comcast regarding the anticipated announcement on March 22<sup>nd</sup> on the Unserved High-Speed Broadband Grant.

Good afternoon-

As you are likely aware, the legislature passed Act 132 in November of 2020 to fund deployment of high-speed broadband infrastructure in unserved areas of the Commonwealth and during the 2021 budget cycle, the legislature appropriated \$10 million to fund the Unserved High-Speed Broadband Funding Program (UHSB).

I'm writing to share an update on the status of Comcast's application to expand broadband service in Cass and Reilly Township, Schuylkill County. We submitted an application to the UHSB program in September 2021. The Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) completed the challenge process in January and is expected to announce awards at their March 22 Board Meeting.

The Comcast application for Cass and Reilly Township can be found [here](#). UHSB funding would allow Comcast to extend high-speed Internet to 1022 homes and businesses. If awarded funding, Comcast would complete the project within a year.

In addition to Internet speeds up to 2 Gbps, Comcast will offer its full suite of products (including Video, Voice, Smart Home, Security and Mobile services) to customers in the project area. Qualifying customers in all Comcast service areas are also eligible for Comcast's low-cost Internet Essentials service and could receive Internet free of charge through Comcast's participation in the Affordable Connectivity Program.

Should you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me.

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