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**Grants  
to expand  
Internet  
service**

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**Washington, D.C.** — Iowa is getting more than \$90 million from the stimulus package that Congress approved last year to expand high-speed Internet services.

The Iowa Communications Network, the state agency that operates the state telecommunications network for schools, government agencies and libraries, is getting \$16.2 million to upgrade service in every county. The agency says more than 4,500 institutions will benefit from the faster service.

Another \$17.7 million is going to Iowa Health System to upgrade a fiber network that connects more than 200 health care facilities.

Other projects being funded, according to the White House:

- The Farmers Telephone Co. of Riceville is getting \$18.7 million in a grant and loan to upgrade service for Little Cedar, New Haven, Plymouth, Riceville, Marble Rock, Greene, St. Ansgar and Stacyville.
- Grand River Mutual Telephone Corp. is getting more than \$29 million in grants and loans to provide broadband service to Lorimor, Murray, Thayer, Corydon, Millerton, Allerton, Lineville and an area in Missouri.
- Ellsworth Cooperative Telephone Association is getting \$5.3 million to provide high-speed service in Ellsworth, Garden City and surrounding areas.
- Breda Telephone Corp. is receiving \$2.6 million to upgrade the Breda and Lidderdale exchanges.

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