

National Broadband Policy



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Local Government Experiences

1. Investment
2. Sustainability
3. Best Practices – the 5 C's
 - ➔ **Community Needs**
 - ➔ **Cooperation**
 - ➔ **Coordination**
 - ➔ **Consolidation**
 - ➔ **Cost Savings**

Cost-Savings



Below are the combined cost savings estimates based on the number of community anchor institutions throughout the proposed One Maryland Broadband network and the approximate annual data service costs for each type of institution.

Community Anchor Institutions	Estimated Annual Savings
Public Schools	\$18,000,000
Boards of Education	\$500,000
Community Colleges, Libraries	\$1,400,000
Fire/Police Stations	\$3,900,000
Government Buildings	\$4,700,000
Phone Bills (in switching to VoIP)	\$12,000,000
TOTAL (est)	\$40,300,000 per year

Development of a National Broadband Policy



Recommendations

1. Draw on local Government Experience
2. Utilize Available Resources
3. Establish a State and Local Government Broadband Policy Task Force (LSGAC)