RDOF Awards for Broadband Expansion
What does it mean for Washtenaw County?

What is RDOF?
RDOF (Rural Digital Opportunity Fund) is a federal grant program to expand rural broadband networks by providing operational funding (not construction) over a 10-year period.

How can I find out if my address is part of the RDOF award?
https://www.fcc.gov/reports-research/maps/rdof-phase-i-dec-2020/
Click on this link.
Enter your address in the search bar in the upper right hand corner of the screen.
Note the color identified in the Map Legend. It indicates the type of internet service planned for you.

How long before my township has broadband access? The two companies selected for the grant will have up to 6 years to complete their build outs. It may be 2026-2027 before the work in Washtenaw County is finished. An estimated timeline will become available later this summer (2021).

How do I express my desire to sign up for broadband when it becomes available?
• For MEC areas (Midwest Energy & Communications)
  https://www.teammidwest.com/internet/sign-up-internet/
• For Mercury Wireless area:
  Check For Service - Mercury Broadband

Where can I sign up to receive Broadband Task Force meeting notices and updates?
https://www.washtenaw.org/2867/Broadband-Task-Force
Click on the blue “Sign-Up for Notifications” button to the right of the page.

Is there an FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) about broadband in Washtenaw County?
https://www.washtenaw.org/2867/Broadband-Task-Force
Click on the blue “FAQ’s” button on the right hand side of the page.

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