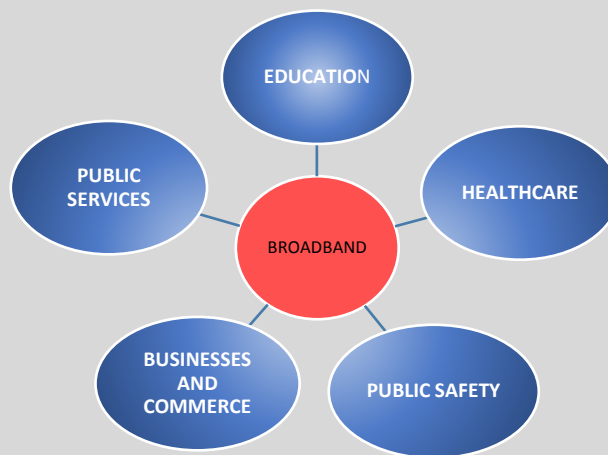


Broadband in Nevada

Office of Science, Innovation, and Technology Mission:

To promote and facilitate the expansion of broadband infrastructure and technology through planning, policy and partnerships in order to provide for essential communication and data demands for K-12 education, healthcare, public safety, transportation, community and economic development.



IMPROVED BROADBAND WILL.....

- Provide rural communities better healthcare, education, business development, public safety, and economic development.
- Support the needs of the state to increase the access to dark and lit fiber infrastructure.
- Deploy broadband services to rural communities that are normally disproportionately impacted by market force.
- Meet the demands for Nevada's "Information Highways" for mobile devices and wireless services, which will also aid in closing the Digital Divide.
- Help coordinate efforts to secure funds to pay for broadband construction.
 - Nevada will leverage the USAC E-rate program to build fiber links to schools to increase Digital and Distance Learning Technologies.
 - Nevada will leverage USDA programs and other federal and state funding opportunities to expand rural broadband.
- Help coordinate a unified front to drive broadband expansion, through a "whole community approach".