



CONNECTING CANADIANS

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What is Connecting Canadians?

Connecting Canadians is the Government of Canada's plan to bring affordable, high-speed Internet to 280,000 Canadian households at the most affordable prices possible. Over the next few years, the Government will invest up to \$305 million to extend access to broadband Internet at speeds of at least 5 megabits per second (5 Mbps) to an additional 280,000 homes in rural and remote parts of the country.

Why is the Government of Canada creating this program?

In today's digital economy, Canadians live in an increasingly connected world where access to the Internet is essential to create jobs, realize economic opportunities and link Canadians to online services. By investing now, the Government is taking important steps toward giving Canadians—no matter where they live—the tools they need to more fully participate in Canada's digital economy.

How does it work?

The Government issued a call for applications on October 15, 2014. The selected projects will be announced in early 2015. Following the application process, the Government will work with Internet service providers to deliver affordable, high-speed broadband Internet to a targeted 280,000 households across Canada.

Will my community be eligible for funding?

Connecting Canadians will provide incentives for the private sector to invest in wireless and wireline Internet services in areas of the country where it currently does not exist, creating thousands of new investment opportunities, breaking down barriers to entrepreneurship and connecting businesses in rural areas to the rest of Canada. Thanks to feedback from Canadians, Internet service providers, provincial and territorial governments and other key industry representatives, Connecting Canadians released its updated high-speed Internet coverage maps on

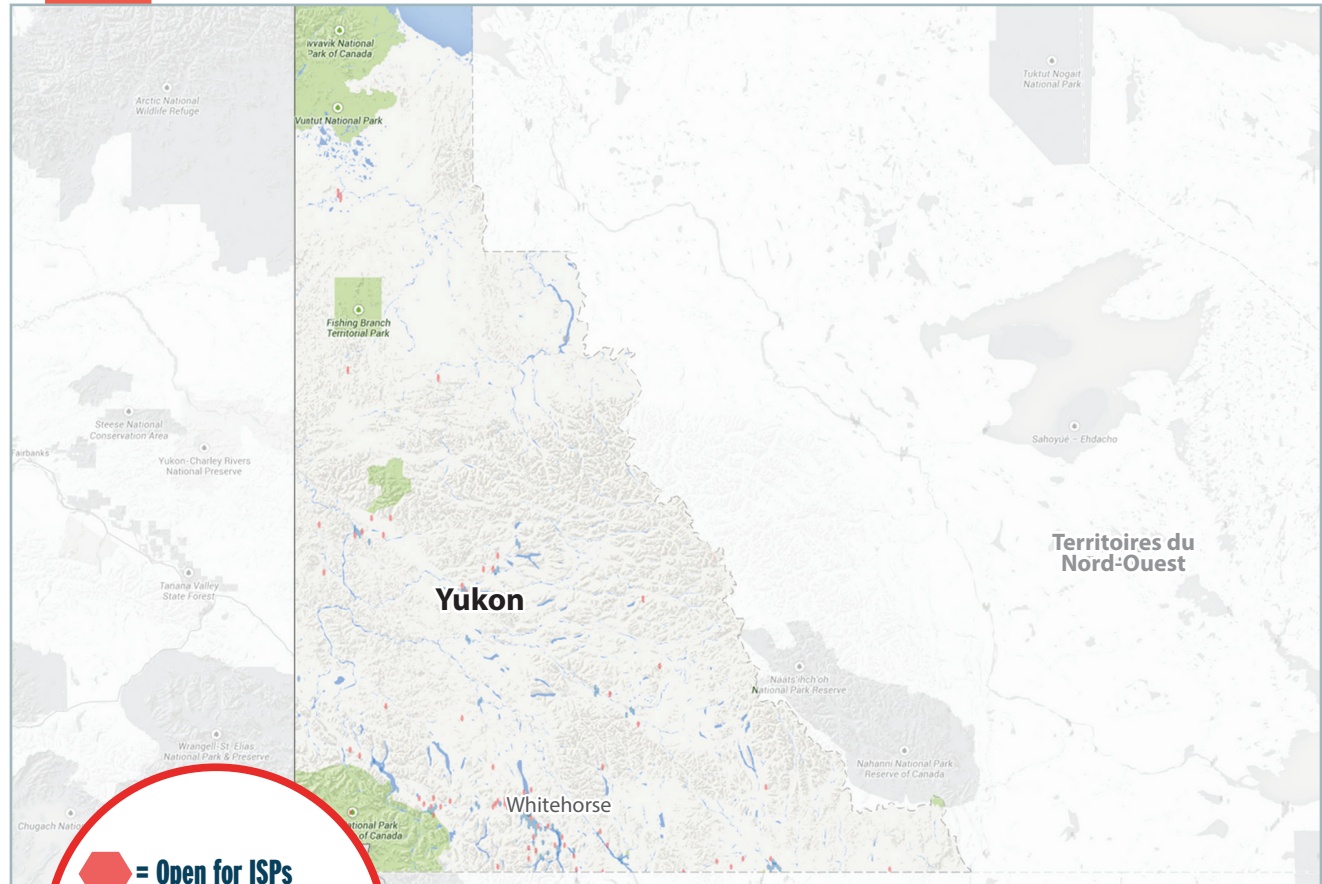
October 15, 2014. These will be used to identify areas that are most in need of investment.

If you would like to see if your community has coverage, please visit ic.gc.ca/ConnectingCanadians.

What will having access to Internet speeds of 5 Mbps mean for me?

With Internet speeds of 5 Mbps, Canadians will be able to better use cloud computing, stream video, save and transfer files, or participate in distance education programs online. These are just a few of the benefits. Faster speeds allow for new opportunities for Canadians who want to be able to live and work in their home communities and contribute to Canada's digital economy.

Connecting Canadians: Am I covered?



 = Open for ISPs to apply

 = High-speed Internet already available

*Note: Coverage within a community will depend on its size, broadband network design, local topography, and other factors. In some instances, Internet Service Providers (ISPs) will not be able to provide service to 100% of households within a community designated as served.