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County & Group Broadband Scheme



Broadband Information Event



NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Your Plan - Your Future



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Presentation Overview

Answers for 3 Questions:

- What is available under GBS?
- Where do I get information about GBS?
- What do I do to get a GBS project in my area?

GBS Summary

● Grant for Infrastructure Costs

- €100,000 per project – can be aggregated
- 20%-30% of infrastructure costs in Tipperary
- €4 million available

● Eligible Areas

- communities <1,500 population (CSO 2002)
- towns, hinterlands & suburbs

● Advice from Coordinator

- how to get grant
- different service providers
- aggregating proposals

Sources of Information (1)

- **North Tipperary Broadband Coordinator**
 - **Role:**
 - promotes the scheme at local level
 - matches communities & service providers
 - aggregates/joins-up proposals
 - advice on application
 - **Contact details:**
 1. Anthony O'Reilly, North Tipperary Broadband Coordinator.
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 2. Tom Kirby, Regional Coordinator.
Tel: 067-33197. Email: mwra@eircom.net

Sources of Information (2)

- **GBS Website** (www.gbs.gov.ie)
 - brochure, meetings, previous awards
 - Coordinators' contacts
 - G1 Form (summary of proposal)
- **Other Websites**
 - broadband pricing (www.broadband.gov.ie)
 - computer security (www.makeitsecure.ie & www.netsecure.ie)
 - North Tipperary Broadband (www.tipperary.com)

Two GBS Project Models

● Community Cooperative

- designed, financed, built & operated by community group
- proposal prepared by community group

● Community-BSP Partnership

- Community & BSP share responsibilities
- Community: estimates demand
- BSP: capital, technical expertise, implementation of project, operation of service
- BSP prepares application & community approves application before submitted

Setting Up a GBS Project (1)

1. Community takes Initiative

- any community group: *individuals, chamber of commerce, LEADER, development assoc., council*
- contact the GBS Coordinator
- BSP can also take initiative

2. Estimate Broadband Demand

- Why?
- find out “how many & where?”
- cover how much of community?
- e.g. carry out a survey or petition
- “Can it be joined-up with another community?”

Setting Up a GBS Project (2)

3. Find a BSP partner

Where?

- contact the GBS Coordinator
- contact known Service Providers
- Department's websites

Ask the BSP:

- speed of broadband service – 0.5-2.0 Mbps
- contention ratio (how many shared users?)
- price: subscription & installation
- coverage (how many people in community will be able to receive service?)

Setting Up a GBS Project (3)

4. Agree Proposal with BSP

- aim = *“get the right service for the locality”*
- sign-off on proposal
- no legal obligation on community

- **BSP prepares Proposal & G1 Form**
 - business plan: *service; customers, revenues, costs, marketing*
 - technical details: *technology type; backhaul service; customer service support; security*
 - admin details: *tax; insurance; SME; map of coverage; Comreg authorisation*

Setting Up a GBS Project (4)

5. Submit Proposal for Approval

- Send to Regional Coordinator
 - checks it's complete & reasonable
 - G1 + supporting info
- Forwarded to Department
 - proposal evaluated

6. Implementation of Project

- Approval – grant agreement offered
- Implementation by BSP
- Grant payments to BSP – 3 phases
- Customers sign up – costs to end-user

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