



Broadband Support Scheme



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We're investing in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and broadband infrastructure for communities and businesses across Wales. We want to create a high quality infrastructure so that businesses, large and small, are well connected within and beyond Wales. Our people, businesses and communities need the right facilities, skills and services where they live and work if we are to compete in the global economy.

Scheme Overview

The Broadband Support Scheme is aimed at those individuals, businesses and 3rd sector organisations in rural communities that do not have access to broadband, these are known as broadband notspots. The scheme will provide funding to cover the upfront costs of purchasing a broadband solution where existing providers have been unable to provide a service.

The scheme is technology neutral and we do not favour any particular type of technology, however examples of the types of broadband solutions that could be supported include:

- A broadband satellite connection installed for your home or business
- A community purchasing a 'larger scale' satellite connection which is distributed around the village by a small wireless network
- A wireless network being delivered by a service provider across a community
- A community purchasing a next generation broadband service such as Fibre to the Cabinet (FTTC)

The scheme will allow individuals and businesses to discuss options with a range of service providers to provide a solution that works best for your needs.



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What is a broadband notspot?

If you don't already have broadband in your area or you consistently get a broadband download speed of less than 512Kbps you are in a broadband notspot. This is usually the result of the distance a premise is located from a local telephone exchange – the further away it is, the weaker the broadband signal becomes. You can check broadband availability for your area on the following website:

- www.samknows.com

Who can apply for support?

- Individual Households
- Communities
- Small & Medium Businesses SMEs
- 3rd Sector Organisations

If you live or work in a broadband notspot, have not previously received public funding for broadband and provided that you meet our eligibility criteria, then you can apply for funding under the scheme.

An application under the scheme will not guarantee that funding will be offered. This will be dependant upon you meeting our eligibility criteria and funding being available. Applications will be assessed on a first come first served basis.

How much support can I apply for?

If we approve your application, then funding will be made available to you directly and will cover the upfront costs for the installation of a broadband solution for your premise or your contribution to a community scheme. This will be limited to a maximum up to £1,000 per applicant or 100% of the total eligible cost, whichever is lower.

Monthly subscription costs will not be funded under the scheme.

How to Apply

The broadband support scheme will be open to receive applications in the near future.

- Step 1** Register that you live in a notspot by calling us on 029 2036 8043 or by visiting the website at www.wales.gov.uk/broadband
- Step 2** We will send you an application pack or you will be able to download them from the website at www.wales.gov.uk/broadband
- Step 3** Read the eligibility conditions to check you meet our criteria, if you do, then contact your chosen service providers for quotations and complete the application pack.
- Step 4** Return the completed application pack and we will review your application – we'll then let you know if you've been awarded funding under the scheme.

More Information

For more information on the Broadband Support Scheme, call us on 029 2036 8043, visit us at www.wales.gov.uk/broadband or email: broadband@wales.gsi.gov.uk