Program Title: **Broadband Technology Opportunities Program – Expanded Public Computer Access**

Short Description: Competitive grants for expanding public computer center capacity, including at community colleges and public libraries.

ARRA Appropriation nationwide: $200,000,000

Estimated New Hampshire Funds: Unknown – competitive application process

Granting Agency: National Telecommunications and Information Administration ("NTIA"), U.S. Department of Commerce

Applying Agency: To be determined. DRED overseeing planning efforts.

Status: Awaiting grant announcement from NTIA

Award Criteria: Not yet announced.

Time Line for use: Preference to activities that can be started and completed expeditiously, including a goal of using at least 50 percent of the funds for activities that can be initiated not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act. Recipients shall also use grant funds in a manner that maximizes job creation and economic benefit. ARRA, Sec 1602.

Details: ARRA - page 14.

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- U.S. Department of Commerce recover website:
  - http://www.commerce.gov/Recovery/index.htm