

Two minutes of your time can help you and your neighbors obtain better broadband access in Kittitas County

Unsatisfied With Your Internet Speed? We Need Your Help!

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) published a new national broadband availability map on November 18th, 2022. This map attempts to show where internet service *is* and *is not* available for every address in the country. The accuracy of this information is critical to the future of broadband in the state, and we need your help in identifying inaccuracies in our community. Having an accurate broadband map will increase our opportunities to apply for and receive federal funding to support high-speed internet deployment in Kittitas County. If this map is inaccurate, your location may be mistakenly listed as served, and state or federal sources will be less likely to fund new service or upgrades to your location.

The Washington State Public Works Board encourages all Washington residents to participate in this important validation effort for the FCC broadband map *before January 13th*. Up to \$900M in federal funding is at stake.

Kittitas County residents can enter their address, read whether they are categorized as <u>served</u> or <u>unserved</u>, and CHALLENGE that data if it is inaccurate. For example, if your address indicates that there are three companies that can provide internet service to your home, but that's not accurate, you can challenge that data and help get federal funding for high-speed internet deployment to your neighborhood.

Here's How You Can Help:

- 1. Access the draft broadband mapping tool: https://broadbandmap.fcc.gov/home and enter your home address.
- Review if the information is accurate about internet service providers available at your address.
 If not accurate, click on LOCATION CHALLENGE and complete the information requested, and then click AVAILABILITY CHALLENGE and select the Providers who do NOT provide service to your address.

Need more details? Go to the <u>Washington State Broadband Office</u> for additional information on FCC mapping **Concerned about privacy?** You can still help and participate by using the <u>WSU Information Collection Form</u>

Please contact your local public library for personalized assistance