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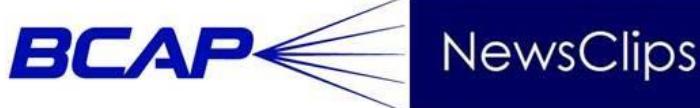
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**November 10**

Today the FCC announced that it has awarded over \$13 million in new funding to help bring high-speed internet to rural Americans. This award will help expand internet across the United States, helping people who live in rural areas get access to high-speed internet. This is part of the FCC's plan to spend \$1.488 billion with the goal of bringing high-speed internet to 700,000 homes over the next 10 years. Here are some previous announcements on how that money will be spent:

October 2019: \$61 Million

This award will help expand Internet to rural Americans in Washington, Massachusetts, Minnesota, California, Montana, Iowa, Colorado, Nebraska, Wyoming, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Virginia, and Kansas.

August 2019: \$137.2 million

With the announcement of this investment, the FCC detailed where the money would be allocated. Recipients of funding included Northern Arapaho Tribal Industries, Tri-Co Connections, Midcontinent Communications, Citynet West Virginia, Armstrong Telecommunications, DTC Cable, and Haefele. Each recipient would receive the money to spend on bringing Internet access to rural and underserved locations.

August 2019: \$4.9 billion

The largest investment in this push for rural Internet access was made to bring broadband to Tribal lands over the next decade. Part of this

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push will bring high-speed internet to 44,243 homes and businesses on Tribal Lands nationwide.

July 2019: 563.2 million

"High-speed Internet provides access to opportunity in the 21st century, and the FCC's top priority is closing the digital divide so that all Americans can fully participate in our connected society," said FCC Chairman Ajit Pai about this round of funding in partnership with New York State's Broadband Program.

June 2019: \$166.8 million

"Providers will be deploying gigabit-speed connections to the majority of locations for which funding is being authorized today, while nearly 8,000 homes and small businesses on Tribal lands will be getting fixed broadband service for the first time," the FCC chairman said of this financial commitment.

"Closing the digital divide is the FCC's top priority, and I'm proud that this partnership will provide many rural New Yorkers with access to the opportunities that high-speed Internet offers." — **Associated Press**

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Netflix Inc. Chief Content Officer Ted Sarandos said "nothing has changed" with the launch of Walt Disney Co.'s new streaming service, expressing optimism that his company is prepared to weather competition from rivals because of its investments in original programming. "We don't really get that distracted by competition," Mr. Sarandos said Thursday at an event at New York's Paley Center for Media.

Disney+ this week launched its \$6.99-a-month Disney+ service, which features an array of programming from its Star Wars and Marvel brands and a deep catalog of animated films and original programs, among other fare. Apple Inc. earlier this month launched its own services and next year AT&T Inc. and Comcast Corp. will join the fray in streamed entertainment.

Mr. Sarandos said with most of the major Hollywood players emerging as competitors, it's unlikely they will want to keep offering programming to Netflix. He said he envisions a world where Netflix will have to rely solely on its own content, which is why the company has invested so aggressively in originals. "We figured at some point everybody would get into this," Mr. Sarandos said. "I was frankly surprised it took Disney and other people this long to go on this path."

Disney said Disney+ had 10 million sign-ups on its first day of service. The company did not say how many of those people received free service through a partnership with mobile provider Verizon Communications Inc., and Wall Street will be waiting to see how many users stick with Disney+ when free trials end. Disney, which had been one of Netflix's biggest suppliers of both original and library content, has indicated it will no longer sell shows to Netflix, instead focusing on Disney+ and Hulu, which it also controls.

Mr. Sarandos also clarified recent comments that Netflix Chief Executive Reed Hastings had made about the company's decision to take down an episode of comedian Hasan Minhaj's show "Patriot Act" from the streamer's Saudi Arabia service after that government's complaint. Asked about that decision at a New York Times conference

last week, Mr. Hastings said the company is “not in the ‘truth to power’ business, we’re in the entertainment business.” “All entertainment is truth to power,” Mr. Sarandos said Thursday, adding that Mr. Hastings was trying to say Netflix isn’t “in the breaking news business.” – ***Wall Street Journal***

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A South Hills business owner and Marine veteran on Thursday announced his plans to pursue a seat representing the 37th state Senate district. **Devlin Robinson**, a Pittsburgh native and fourth-generation military veteran, said in a release that he will eschew tax hikes and promote “new and expanded” business. Mr. Robinson owns Veterans Medical Technology, a company that supplies surgical equipment to medical facilities throughout the country. Mr. Robinson fell short in a crowded special election earlier this year to replace Republican Guy Reschenthaler, who was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.

**Democrat Pam Lovino** ultimately won that race over Republican D. Raja. Mr. Robinson is again looking to secure the Republican nomination for the 2020 election. “Regaining Republican control in the 37th district next year is essential to protecting values that are critically important to western Pennsylvanians,” he said in a news release. The district comprises parts of Allegheny County’s western and southern suburbs and Peters in Washington County. – ***Pittsburgh Post-Gazette***

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A **Muhlenberg College/Morning Call Poll** found that Pennsylvania voters agree on one thing — they don’t care much for any of the leading contenders in the 2020 presidential race. President Donald Trump had a favorable/unfavorable rating of 43% to 54%. Former Vice President Joe Biden hit 43% to 45%. U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren was 38% to 47%. And U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders ranked at 41% to 50%. “None of the candidates have a groundswell of favorable public views when you’re looking across the broader electorate,” pollster Christopher Borick said. – **Chris Brennan’s “Clout” column in Philadelphia Daily News; more in Allentown Morning Call**

