



# CITY OF SCRANTON

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## **Scranton, Verizon Partnering to Deliver Universal Internet Access to the City**

SCRANTON, PA. – The City of Scranton is celebrating the investment of tens of millions of dollars from Verizon over the next three years, at no project cost to the City. This project, which has already begun in sections of the City, will develop a ubiquitous network of fiber internet access to homes, providing the opportunity for all Scranton residents to subscribe to high-speed internet.

“Access to fast, affordable internet service is critical to our success,” said Scranton Mayor Paige G. Cagnetti. “Broadband internet provides access to students’ schoolwork, offers remote working opportunities for our residents, and can help the City stand out in an ever-evolving digital age. We are thankful for Verizon’s investment in Scranton and that our residents in need will have access to cost-saving programs.”

“Verizon is proud to be investing in the City of Scranton,” said Chris Flood, Atlantic North Market President, Verizon. “Wider availability of our best-in-class Fios internet will ensure that every resident has the opportunity to be connected whether it be for school, work or play.”

Verizon was selected from four vendors in a request for qualifications (RFQ) process that began in October 2023. Per the agreement, the costs for the project will be borne by Verizon with no funding needed from the City.

According to Verizon, millions of Americans still lack necessary access to broadband internet service, with many unable to afford it. To help Scranton close its existing digital divide, Verizon will construct a Fiber to the Premises (FTTP) network to reach all broadband serviceable locations in the City that are reasonably able to be served by a fiber-optic connection.

Further, the contract requires that Verizon either participate in the Affordable Connectivity Program, any successor program, or provide its own low-cost program to eligible low-income households in the City. Verizon currently offers cost-effective services for eligible customers through its Fios Forward program with service tiers costing up to \$39.99. Other Fios Home Internet plans range between \$24.99 and \$89.99 per month.

The agreement was unanimously approved by Scranton City Council in September.

**ABOUT THE CITY OF SCRANTON:** Incorporated in 1866, the City of Scranton has a population of approximately 80,000 residents and is the sixth-largest municipality in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Scranton City Hall is located at 340 N. Washington Ave., Scranton, PA 18503. Residents requiring services should visit [www.scrantonpa.gov](http://www.scrantonpa.gov).

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