



**Governor Baker
Signs \$1.8 Billion
Bond Bill To
Improve Information
Technology,
Public Safety,
Food Security**

Join OpenCape in Asking Governor Baker to Release Funds for Critical Cape & Islands Fiber Internet Projects

You can advocate today for Internet Connectivity in your community!

Governor Baker has recently signed the IT Bond Bill, which includes \$1.7M in funds allocated for OpenCape Internet connectivity projects on the Cape & Islands. But we need your help in urging the Governor to release these dollars.

OpenCape worked in partnership with State Representative Sarah Peake and State Senator Julian Cyr to ensure these key initiatives that directly and immediately impact communities on Cape Cod would be included in the bill.

The funding will support these planned projects:

- **Main Street Fiber Internet Initiatives in Provincetown and Chatham**
- **Strategic extensions of the OpenCape fiber backbone in Wellfleet, Truro and Eastham,**
- **Enhanced fiber outreach in Falmouth.**
- **Fiber expansion strategic planning for Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket**

Now that the bill has been signed by the Governor, you can join OpenCape as we continue to work with the Cape and Islands legislative delegation, town administrators, community leaders and business owners to advocate for the funds to be released.

We are encouraging residents of the Cape and Islands to share their support for better Internet connectivity and to SPECIFICALLY request that Governor Baker release the \$1.7 Million for OpenCape that has been allocated in the IT Bond Bill.

As soon as these funds are released, OpenCape can begin to move forward immediately with these exciting and innovative projects that address crucial areas of economic and quality of life concerns for the Cape and Islands.

TAKE ACTION:

Call or email the Governor's Chief and Deputy Chief of Staff today and let them know we need these projects to move forward!

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If you want to learn more about OpenCape's proposed internet connectivity projects that are included in the IT Bond Bill please email us at info@opencape.org, or call our office at 508-362-2224.

**You have the opportunity to make real change in your community.
Thank you for joining OpenCape and working toward the future of connectivity on Cape Cod!**