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## **Nunatsiavut Government welcomes increased federal funding for high-speed Internet access**

The Nunatsiavut Government welcomes the Government of Canada’s announcement today of an additional \$10.3 million in funding to bring high-speed Internet to Labrador’s north coast.

The project, which received \$22 million in initial funding in March 2022, will benefit more than 1,000 households in the five Labrador Inuit communities of Hopedale, Makkovik, Nain, Postville and Rigolet, as well as the Innu community of Natuashish. It is supported by the Universal Broadband Fund (UBF), a federal initiative that aims to connect rural and remote Canadians to high-speed internet. The Nunatsiavut Government recognizes the importance of reliable and affordable Internet access for Labrador Inuit communities and is pleased to be a partner in this initiative, says Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology Minister Tom Evans.

“This additional funding will enable better access to health care, education and economic opportunities; more productivity for businesses, Inuit Community Governments and organizations; better connections for family members living apart; and overall stronger communities throughout Nunatsiavut,” says the Minister.

The Nunatsiavut Government thanks the Government of Canada and other project partners for their commitment and collaboration on this vital project.

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