

★ Government-Run Broadband Fails to Connect

In 2007, the Electric Division of the Clarksville Electric Power Board issued a \$16 Million loan to the Broadband Division. In 2009, it was approved that the Electric Division could make additional loan(s) to the Broadband Division up to an aggregate amount of \$4.5 Million¹.

Cost of Municipal Broadband Network in Clarksville: \$20.5 MILLION.

Instead of wasting \$20.5 Million in taxpayer dollars on this network, the city could hire a combination of²:

108 
Police Officers
 \$63,370 average annual salary

115 
Teachers
 \$47,610 average annual salary

110 
Firefighters
 \$51,400 average annual salary

111 
EMT/Paramedics
 \$39,470 average annual salary

 Represents 10th percentile

AND purchase:

5 
Police Cars
 \$37,000 Each³

5 
Ambulances
 \$130,000 Each⁴

2 
New Ladder Trucks
 \$1,000,000 Each

Sources:

¹ Comprehensive Annual Financial Report For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013, City Of Clarksville, TN, 12/31/13

² www.BLS.gov

³ <http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2014/05/20/special-duty-rides.html>

⁴ <http://emergencyvehiclesales.net/>