

North Florida Broadband Authority Wasted \$10 million of Taxpayers' Money, Making Zero Impact on Broadband Access

0
New Miles Deployed
566 Initially Projected

0
Wireless Links
67 Initially Projected

0
Points of Interest
55 Initially Projected



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Government-Run Broadband Fails to Connect

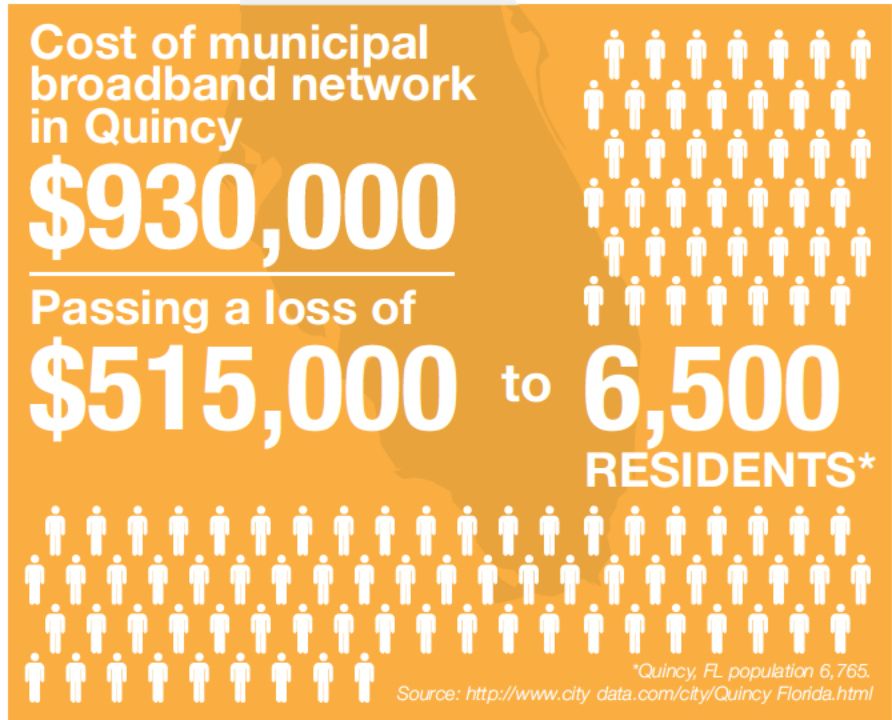
In February 2010, the North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) received a **\$30 million grant** to build a wireless Internet network to serve poor and educationally challenged households in Florida.

As of July 2011, the NFBA has wasted \$10 million without taking a single step towards increasing broadband access in the region.

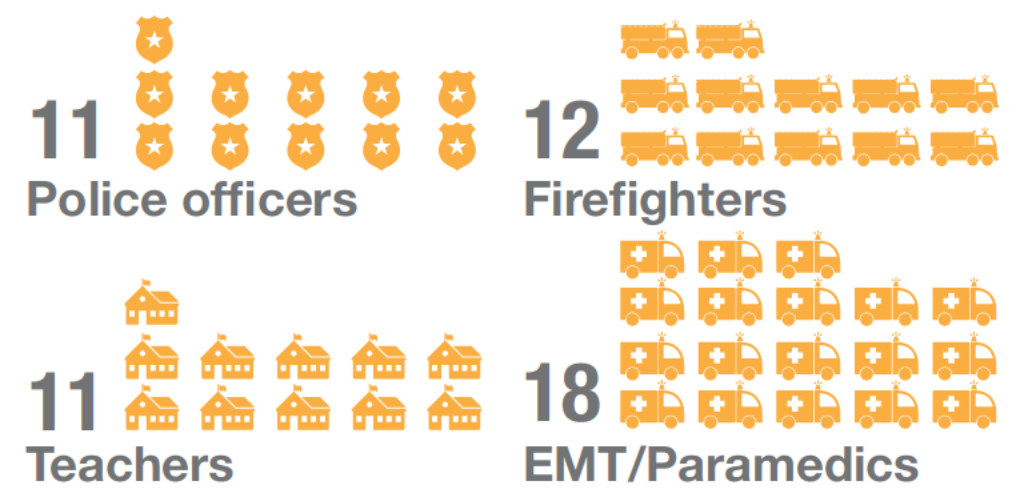


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★ In 2005 NetQuincy, a failed government-owned broadband network in Quincy, cost the town **\$930,000** to operate and generated only **\$415,000** in revenue, passing on a loss of **\$515,000** to the 6,500 Quincy residents.



\$515,000 would have supplied Quincy with much needed services, including:



Mission Statement

The Coalition for the New Economy (CNE) is dedicated to ensuring that all Americans have access to innovative technologies and that policies are fair, fiscally responsible and will allow for increased access and adoption. CNE is committed to ensuring that investments in broadband networks are used efficiently and effectively and that government-owned broadband networks (GONs) operate solely to provide high speed Internet access to unserved areas. We also believe that government policies should promote incentives for private investment in communications networks across the country.

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