

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2011**

**HOUSE BILL 593  
RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE NASH COUNTY TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO PROMOTE  
BROADBAND IN UNSERVED AREAS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE  
COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** A county may provide grants to unaffiliated providers of high-speed Internet broadband for the purpose of expanding service in unserved areas for economic development in the county. The grants shall be awarded on a technology neutral basis, shall be open to qualified applicants, and may require matching funds by the private provider. The county shall use only unrestricted general fund revenue for the grants.

**SECTION 2.** Nothing in this act authorizes a county to provide high-speed Internet broadband service.

**SECTION 3.** This act applies only to Nash County.

**SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2011.

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Walter H. Dalton  
President of the Senate

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Thom Tillis  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

