

(2) ADOPT RULES TO CARRY OUT THIS TITLE.

(C) THE BOARD AND THE AFFECTED UNITS OF STATE GOVERNMENT SHALL COOPERATE FULLY IN CARRYING OUT THE INTENT OF THIS TITLE.

(D) THE RURAL MARYLAND COUNCIL SHALL:

(1) PROVIDE STAFF SUPPORT TO THE BOARD; AND

(2) IN ITS ANNUAL REPORT UNDER § 15-109 OF THIS ARTICLE, REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD IN THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

**Article 83A - Department of Business and Economic Development**

**SUBTITLE 19. RURAL BROADBAND ~~COORDINATION~~ ASSISTANCE FUND.**

5-1901.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "BOARD" MEANS THE MARYLAND RURAL BROADBAND COORDINATION BOARD ESTABLISHED UNDER ARTICLE 41, ~~TITLE 21~~ § 21-102 OF THE CODE.

~~(B)~~ (C) "FUND" MEANS THE RURAL BROADBAND ASSISTANCE FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 5-1902 § 5-1902 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

~~(C)~~ "OFFICE" MEANS THE RURAL BROADBAND COORDINATION OFFICE.

~~(D)~~ "RURAL COUNCILS" MEANS:

(1) THE TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR SOUTHERN MARYLAND;

(2) THE MID-SHORE REGIONAL COUNCIL;

(3) THE TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE LOWER EASTERN SHORE OF MARYLAND;

(4) THE UPPER SHORE REGIONAL COUNCIL; AND

(5) THE TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR WESTERN MARYLAND.

~~5-1902.~~

~~(A) THERE IS A RURAL BROADBAND COORDINATION OFFICE IN THE DEPARTMENT.~~

~~(B) THE OFFICE SHALL:~~

~~(1) ASSIST IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RURAL BROADBAND COOPERATIVES IN RURAL AND UNDERSERVED AREAS OF THE STATE;~~

~~(2) COOPERATE AND ACT WITH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ENTITIES TO OBTAIN, COORDINATE, AND DISSEMINATE RESOURCES, INCLUDING FINANCIAL AND~~