**Section 547.110 Purpose**

Subject to appropriation, the Department shall make grants to *a nonprofit organization to implement a comprehensive, statewide high speed Internet deployment strategy and demand creation initiative with the purpose of:*

a) *ensuring that all State residents and businesses have access to affordable and reliable high speed Internet service;*

b) *achieving improved technology literacy, increased computer ownership, and home high speed Internet use among State residents and businesses;*

c) *establishing and empowering local technology planning teams in each county to plan for improved technology use across multiple community sectors; and*

d) *establishing and sustaining an environment ripe for high speed Internet access and technology investment statewide*. [20 ILCS 661/15]