

# Regional Policy Roundtable

Mayor Kim Maggard, Whitehall

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- **State Capital Budget**
- **2019-2020 Public Policy Agenda Working Group**
- **Next Roundtable on Tuesday, April 17, 2018**

# Legislative Update

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- **Digital Infrastructure Joint Meeting**
  - **Broadband Expansion (HB 281 & HB378)**
  - **5g Deployment (HB 478)**

# Federal Omnibus Program Funding Highlights

- **TIGER program** increased to **\$1.5 billion**, tripling FY 2017's funding level of \$500 million.
- **FAST Act** highway programs are fully funded, and the bill also includes a one-time increase of **\$198 billion** for the **Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP)**.
- **CDBG and HOME:** The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) is funded at **\$3.3 billion**. The **HOME Investment Partnerships Program** is funded at \$1.362 billion, an increase of \$412 million.

# Federal Omnibus Program Funding Highlights

- **LIHEAP:** The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program is funded at **\$3.64 billion**, a **\$250 million increase**. This program has been slated for elimination by the Trump administration for fiscal years 2018 and 2019.
- **Opioid Crisis Relief:** Includes a **\$3.2 billion** increase for programs responding to the opioid crisis.
- **New Broadband Loan and Grant Program:** The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Utilities Service received **\$600 million** for a new broadband loan and grant pilot program.

# Legislative Update

- **Speaker Rosenberger**
- **Speaker Ryan**



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