

How best can the cost of implementing high-speed or broadband facilities be funded?

Decided by public  
paid for by users  
Don't know  
grants / public funds  
internet providers / advertisers / private companies  
taxes  
Assesment on utility bill  
Bonds  
multiple ways

This is a subject best decided by town hall meetings, open to the public, and discussed over a period of time. Not rushed into and decided by a few officials. Without involving the residents of Newport and surrounding area, would definitely be the wrong way to go.

Don't know.

By users.

By users.

By users.

By those who use the internet.

With competitive costs charged to those who use it.

Pay for your own.

They should be billed to those that use them.

By those who use it! Not for low income people, renters, highway users - only those who use it.

Those who use it.

I am not sure.

Please not land taxes.

By businesses who sell on line.

Grants and rate payers.

Competing industries.

Property tax assessment coupled with user fees/surcharge.

Not sure

Should be paid for by taxes, public funds and those who use the service. Sure this would increase taxes of some least able to support this service but our whole community will ultimately benefit with a stronger business/jobs base. The increased community wealth should then provide more and better public services.

Through taxation.

By the users.

Don't use it.

Don't know.

What would the cost be to a retired person on a fixed income. I hope it to be reasonable.

Let the higher earners pay-The lower income people can not afford, especially on a fixed income.

Should be paid by those who use it.

Don't know.

No computer.

Mostly by those who want or may need it if there are not enough people to fund it at an agreed set relate, then forget it.

By advertisers.

Assessment on your utility bill.

Government grant.

For those interested-they should pay for it. Not all people would want an % or increase on a bill if not used.

By those who use it.

Spread basic startup cost, with ongoing fees for those who use it. Cost to bring service from PUD facilities, or site payable at least in part by monthly installments, as needed.

Volunteers to front money for 20 year bond.

Don't know.

Same way we funded 115 KXA line from Box Canyon. Bond to be repaid by rate payers.

By the customer

By those who use it.

Government grants or state funds to boost economy or unemployment.

Property taxes? I don't know.

Forget it!

Individual household assessments.

People who use it should pay for it.

Good question.

By the user.

Probably through electric bill or taxes shared by all would be the cheapest. But paid by those who need and use it would be the fairest way to pay for it.

Let those that use it pay for it.

Spread the cost to the local users - and to those who benefit indirectly through increased products/services.

By users.

Those who use the service - Not fair to charge those who do not use the service. Many of the retired cannot budget for satellite or the internet - let alone higher power rates.

By the users. I feel that if PUD has fiber optic systems, it should be available to everyone. PUBLIC UTILITIES DISTRICT!!

The cost should go to those who use it.

By charging the users.

Grants - long term loans, to be repaid by users.

However other companies are doing it.

Grants from Federal and State gov.

This seems to be a long term investment by PUD and the residents of this county.

Those who use it.

Don't know.

Both public funds and user fees.

It can best be funded by those who want it and use it.

By the consumer.

By the people that use them.

By the people who use the service.

I am not interested being just a seasonal party.

They should be funded by those who want or use them.

Have a bake sale? Car wash? I don't know. How would I know? I'm a fireman. These are questions for computer experts.

I don't know.

It would not be fair for everyone that does not have computer to pay for those that do.

By those who use it.

The cost of these facilities should be paid for by those that use them, and not through high expenditures and debt load, resulting in increased electrical rates. Don't get in the same mess as the Grant County PUD.

Not educated enough on this to give an opinion.

The possibilities you've alluded to in this survey would be adequate.

Not sure what the options are.

Paid for by users

Since we live in such a poor county - I just don't know.

By users only.

By those who use it.

See above #16 Why are you asking this twice?

Economic Development grants and electricity rates.

Maybe an across the board one time assessment to utility customers.

By other than PUD #1.

PO County is a distressed area, therefore federal grants might be available. On top of grants, funds could come from those who use it and a very slight increase in sales tax, if it created more jobs from more businesses in the area; or funds could come from B&O tax on top of grants if Newport is no longer a distressed area.

Cost should be funded by the users of the facilities.

Users and electrical rate subsidy.

Majority of those using such.

We are looking at a possible high increase in PUD costs, but, I have seen the installation of fiber optics in several areas.

If they were made available to IP's they could provide additional revenues to PUD. I assume Verizon would also be involved and they too could contribute to the initial funding for the additional services they could provide.

No idea

I wonder if we should be planning for wireless internet instead?

Partial property tax use and personal needs from individual sites.

By users and any public funding, matching funds, etc.

Not sure.

I prefer taxes, but would accept other plans.

OK, but the cost should be lower.

By securing loans (paid back by users) or grants based on economic development opportunities.

Don't know.

Government or government entities. Possibly private enterprises.

PO residents can't afford more bills, without more money.

Loans, customer service charges.

As you know, we people in Newport had two(2) ISP from which to choose, but now only one (1) exist, and demand a price that can not be competitive (a monopoly? I would say "yes!") I think from Federal grants and state funding to make it (high speed) available to everyone at a fair price without raising local taxes.

Through business use funds. Those who use it should pay. I would like it, but could afford no more that \$25.00 month and small set-up fee.

Increased rates. Basic intro upfront cost at hookup.

Let communications companies develop and fund it! Or fund it by cost to users. PO county will never be an industrial mecca - spend money on recreation, water and power.

Users.

In spite of what Pend Oreille Telephone says DSL is not the same as broadband. More providers will result in lower costs.

It would be nice to have some grant money - definitely the people who use it - but customers can't possibly foot the whole bill - so possibly assessment on utility bill too.

Study and research.

Internet company should provide at cost to consumer or provider of internet.

Who knows - but not at the expense of non-users.

N/A

By people who use it the most.

Those who use it and grants and electric rates.

The same way it has been for the people/businesses that currently have it! The people on Hwy 211 are left out!

Actually I am not sure. In general the taxpayers think gov't can operate providing optimal services for free. PEOPLE need to get over it. We have to fund service we choose to have.

Grants and users fees. Large companies (I.e. Paper mill) pay more.

Make user's pay for it.

By the person that is using it.

By those that use it! Not by my electric bill!

By cutting down on bureaucracy costs of government.

Good question. This is not a very affluent area so it will be difficult to fund locally. Could we qualify for any federal

grants?

Economic Development grants, power rates, Kalispell Tribe Casino profits, some percentage by users.

Users.

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Charge those who use it.

The same as any other business! Offer a product and put a price on it.

Don't waste money suing FERC a federal commission! Do as they require and stop with the broadband. IT IS NOT YOUR MISSION!!

Bond issue?

By the "users".

Everyone in my area could pay a little bit for the infrastructure and the users could pay a use fee of about \$40 to \$60 per month.

I would pay a higher electric bill if broadband were available.

It should be funded by those who use it just as utility line extensions are paid by the user.

I don't know.

By user at an affordable price.

By the customers of PUD but only ones that have internet service.

Privately.

Through the telephone, CATV or satellite companies. "NOT" the PUD. Quit subsidizing low cost wholesale high speed service at the cost to the power rate payers. Maybe this can be best resolved through the court system.

Like the dam was built.

We have already incurred a \$15 per month fee since fiber line was implemented with great promises and no benefit for most of the rate payers. Remember, Joe, you said this would pay for itself several years ago. \$15 per mo fee still here. Still paying for fiber installation. No services. No big business boom.

Opinion should be from users of such equipment.

By those who want it. If business will profit from high speed - they should fund it.

Keep the Governor home from one or two of his trips to China.

Don't know.

By the companies that want them.

By business owners and majority of high speed internet users.

No answer.

Bake sale? Ha, Ha! Usage fee, Gov. grant, utility taxes (temporarily).

Grants, public funds, for use by all, as in the not too distant future, everyone will have access, just like roads, etc.

Charge those who use/want it.

Disagree.

A bond.

Don't know, by the people that use them I'm thinking.

Neutral.

**MAKE THE PEOPLE THAT USE IT - PAY FOR IT.**

Keep in mind low income families who do not have computers in Pend Oreille County. Look for Federal Grants to get set up and charge user fees to pay for outstanding cost. Washington state is a tax happy state that does not use all options to reduce added cost as with this broadband system only provides services to less than half of population.

Charge users only. No users no fee.

By those who use it.

Grants - Temporary increase in PUD rates until infrastructure is paid for then cost of operation on users.

Special levy - short term tax increase.

Charge the people that use it, not the one's that don't have internet in their home.

By the individuals who want/use it.

Through grants, cost sharing, and by those who benefit.

By the users.

Those who use it should pay for it.

By those who use it!!

By those that use it.

Public and private funds.

Not sure.

By those that use it.

Don't have a computer.

Charge customer using high speed or broadband for their usage. The more you use, the more you pay.

By those who use it, like satellite!

By those who use it, along with a pursuit of grant or public funds.

It should be funded by people who use the system. Certain ISP retailer should not benefit from the PUD's investment.

Public funds or by lying to the government and making false claims to get funds like the Kalispell Tribe has done to the PUD.

Public funds, or money from smoking lawsuits.

Not knowledgeable to input at this time to make a reasonable opinion.

By those using it.

Users and would be users should subscribe and pay for it.

Perhaps a small increase in PUD electric rates, or a vote by the people for a tax levy to improve the county.

User fees and any U.S. grants.

Drop the project that never should have been started!!

By individuals.

By the user paying for it. If you can't relicense Box Canyon Dam, we he electrical people sure can't pay because our rates will double or triple.

You need it, you pay for it!

Ask someone who has money to spare.

Part of monthly service bill.

User

Business interests and those most benefited.

A small % of electric bill for users only.

By those who use it.

The PUD is people owned utility and always enjoyed low rates because profits go back to lower rates. When you raise rates to build other services they never come back down because we wind up paying for those services too. We are not against other services, but they should be separate from our utility service.

By those that use it.

Those who want it and will use it.

I believe if business and private homes have this they should be billed for the use.

By users.

Through those who use it.

Don't know.

Cost, installation, taxes(?) this is not fair for those who don't have it.

Don't do it.

Not sure.

Economic development funds from State and County, local tax increase - If its really available county wide.

Those who want can pay for it.

Wait a couple of years - See what happens with new President!

Users should pay a monthly fee for its use.

Wait for cellular connections or hardwire to population areas only.

Total cost divided by total number of users.

By users only.

Not sure.

Mainly by those who us it and partially by PUD rate increase; wide variety of businesses, government, private parties will benefit from this service.

Begin with most populated areas, then branch out as money will allow. You may not be able to afford to do anything if everyone gets their way on our dam relicensing!!

The cost should be paid by the users.

Let the people that use it pay for it.

Forget about it.

Grants and rates for those who use it.

By the user.

n/a

Pay for use.

Subscriber fees to those who use it.

If someone wants it let them pay for it!

Ask President Bush, he suggested it.

I don't know, but, if I don't have water or electric on my property I don't have to pay for them, so, I feel that about the high speed internet.

The cost should be funded by the users. Not on the raising rates on phone and electric bills. Fixed income people can't take to many raises.

People who use it.

Not sure.

Do not know.

Through private funding and advertising.

Small monthly fee on power and user fees.

By independent retailers as determined by the market.

Probably a raise in our PUD services

Users/Grants/PUD

I believe people should be independent, pay their own way and not depend on others to support them.

Depends on cost and extent of coverage; suggest coverage around Newport; up (North) PO River to Metaline Falls or go wireless like city of Spokane! Funded by a startup bond levy or a surcharge on PUD bill until bond is paid off.

It needs to be funded like electric lines - long term debt that was used to build most of the system.

By those who utilize it.

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USER PAYS - PUD finances.

By charges to users.

Grants for poverty stricken rural areas.

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Those who use it should pay for it; however, for government emergency and hospitalization usages, it should be taxed.

Privately.

Find how many are going to use it and possibly divide cost over a time period or even a little help from other avenues to get started.

Item 5 implies that "facilities" are already here. Expanding your user base is desirable, subject to law of supply/demand i.e. reasonable monthly fees. Dish satellite system sent me a free TIVO, no strings attached, hoping I would pay them a reasonable monthly fee long enough to justify the "free" gift. Why not do the same if (item 19) equipment is required?

No idea yet.

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User based fees.

I don't have a computer and at my age I don't intend to buy one so I don't know much about what you are talking about.

By investors who realize a need. It must be cost effective. I do not believe it is a viable option at this time based on population density and income levels. Why should PUD ratepayers support something that should be free enterprise.

Many forms of faster speed are already in place and getting faster all the time.

Public funds!

Business throughout the county.

Electric rates.

We are retired and live on a fixed income and don't think we should pay for other peoples toys.

People that use it.

Charge the people who want it and not the rest of us who don't care about the stupid internet.

Maybe it could be by issuing public bonds which would be repaid by the monthly fee from internet users. Have you heard about the testing they are doing with internet access over electric lines in Boston?

Not by charging those who don't use it and don't have internet.

I would hope the cost could be shared by all however it might be initially at least supported by those who use it.

By those who would use it!

By those that use it - perhaps matching private/government funding grants etc...

Because it will benefit the entire community in one way or another, it should be shared by rate payers and/on the entire community.

Service fees, assessment on utility bill.

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By those who use the facilities.

By Public funding and taxes.

Privately by those who use it.

By those who use it.

Separate billing. As now we get a bill for water and a bill for electricity.

It's best to fund it by several methods. The cost of installation, possibly issue bonds, possibly a small tax increase, surcharge on utility users, etc..

Bonds.

By those utilizing the service, businesses, taxes.

Those who use it.

By those who use it.

By the users who benefit by this service. Fiber optic line are already being made obsolete.

Fundraisers, grants.

One time charge by all who uses the capability. But as I have said above other countries have high speed internet from \$5 to \$20 a month.

by those who use it - billed. For we retirees, (or some of us) an extra charge would be hard on us. I think those who use it should be the ones to pay for it, regardless of age.

See question 16.

Increase electric rates 7-9%

Through multiple billing additions, phone, electric., etc...

By users!

Don't know.

Thru those with computers and those with those needs.

You use it - you pay.

Don't know.

By those who use it.

Depends on the area. In Tiger area Pend Oreille Telephone has optical fiber installed but not connected because switching equipment is outdated "so I am told" Check with PO Tel Co.

By users.

By those who want to use it. Fix your power delivery problems, such as buried lines, before any other endeavors.

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Don't know.

Attached, as a percentage, to electric utilities bill.

By the user.

We don't have enough information to answer this questions. We don't know how much this is going to cost. This is a poorly presented (or deceptive) question.

Through tax bonds the same as schools are funded.

People who use it pay for it.

Public funds.

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Believe it should be paid for by those persons or businesses that utilize it.

Be paid for by the people that use it only!!

Charge the customers that use it according to their usage (just like we pay for our electricity). Have a base fee for these people to be connected and a monthly fee according to time spent on high speed system.

Save your money - buy beer.

N/A  
Shared cost to all is out. Concentrate on relicensing and distributions of power - have a 3rd party auditor rate the overall performance of the PUD against others to see where you are!

See #16 and bonds.

By those who use it.

Depends on the cost. Maybe could be funded from several sources, i.e.. Installation and monthly fees to customers who use, some tax dollars, grants?

By those who want it, or use it.

Possibly through a co-op situation where those interested (like us) would enter into a fund..

I would not support it being paid for by my electric bill at any time. The cost should be funded by the users.

By cutting PUD "not necessary" spending and increased efficiency and decreased waste.

Get grants to help our poor county in the state of Washington! More people would stay in our county!

If PUD provides it, they should bear initial cost and pass the cost to consumers gradually.

Paid for by the users.

By users.

I think those that use it should pay the cost.

Probably by assessment on PUD bill - start now and build as you can - make it affordable to all.

Bonds - ???

Directly by users.

Federal/State grants; user fees; phone bill assessments.

Only by the people who want it and need it. Charge them to hook up and a monthly fee, like everyone else.

The cost should be spread on the broadest base possible so it won't cost as much, but the ones who will use it more, should pay more.

Paid by businesses who use it and or individuals. I don't have any idea how costly it may be.

By those who want it or need it.

By the people that use it.

Those wishing for services should pay the cost. I am sure it is important to them, but others who do not want or use such services should not pay for what a few want or demand.

Usage taxes/fees.

By persons who use it. Everyone should not have to bear the cost.

Users.

User fee.

By those desiring, wanting, or using it.

I don't know. I rely on professionals to determine how that will be accomplished. I believe everyone should pay in some sort of tax base as it will benefit everyone and someday every household will be using it.

Grants, bonds, percentages of electric bill, percentage of internet bill. Look for an industry to come to the north end of POC. They could help also. Think people think. Take over POTC - they have the fiber optic set up just to jump or broke to hook it up.

Through taxes, PUD bill and or electric rates.\*Anyone wanting high speed out side of town that have business, I believe would be willing to pay the expense of getting high speed in this county. We spend a lot of down time with local internet providers because phone lines are to slow.

Not sure.

I like the idea of a publicly owned system to help keep costs under control. Private ownership tends to be greedy. The main trunk system should be owned and paid for by everyone, with the distribution paid mainly by the end users.

For those who use it.

If it is inevitable - the user should pay - not the innocent utility user trying to live on a fixed income - and no cost of living increase plan.

Cap salary increases for the highest paid administrators, reduce rates for customers before investing in broadband.

I'm not sure. I'm willing to pay, but am not knowledgeable on funding issues. - I work entirely from home on the internet.

I got 2 new projects within a week of letting people know I have broadband. (I'm on wireless in lone) Bigger/Better

projects all continuing to come in. High speed capability has increased my employment capability.  
Government assistance or grants should be made available to divert a lot of the cost from the consumer/  
By the users only.  
Through investors.  
See #16.  
Don't know.  
By user possibly, 1% of utility bill.  
Grant.  
Individuals pay as all do now (phone, Comcast, etc.)  
Fairly - graduated by customer usage/needs/demands.  
More business in the area benefits everyone so a tax or fee that is universally applied.  
Don't know.  
Those who use it pay the cost just like electricity and water.  
Those who require it should fund it.  
Through user fees. I don't want to pay for it through electrical rates!  
PUD could borrow to get it set up - users could pay - maybe Kalispell's would offer interest free loan! Or maybe they would donate all costs.  
He who wants it should pay for it whether it's a company or individual and not expect the rest of us to subsidize your hobby.  
Municipal bonds if cost justifies it and residents vote to tax themselves to insure the bonds. Go, MBAC or other firms.  
No other way.  
What is the cost of implementing?  
By those who use it.  
Why charge people that are not interested or not using this?  
Public access funds, federal grants and user fees.  
Too new to area to give a good answer here, not familiar with resources, funds or accessibility of other services.  
Vote for it like funding schools or roads. Also, have business help fund it. GTE (Verizon) etc.  
By the subscribers using it.  
Paid for by those who use it - we don't need increases of any sort. We're already the poorest county in the state. If this is such a good idea, why isn't private industry doing it? Then, at least, we could tax them - instead of making the local population foot the bill.  
Government grants.  
Good question, I don't know.  
Public funds.  
By the customers who want it - not by taxes, phone bills or any other methods listed in #16.  
I don't support any rate increases UNLESS you also provide internet services/connections for me and this area (99006)  
Don't know.  
A percentage at the electric rate would be ok. Anything that would be an improvement of our phone lines would be willingly paid for.  
User based costing.  
unknown.  
Don't know. (that's what worries me.)  
Private enterprise.  
Whatever means necessary.  
I know nothing about this.  
By the people who use it.  
It should be funded by the internet companies that benefit from increasing the cost of having it and those that want it.  
Addition to utilities.  
Frankly, I have no idea how much such a service would be expected to cost. That would have an impact on the answer to this question.  
You figure it out.  
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Utility cost and/or direct consumer costs.

Individuals who use it.

Use money from power sold to other states.

Grant funding.

Not sure, but because at some point everyone will use it - the costs should be shared by everyone. See #16

By those who use it - those who do not use it should not have to pay any kind of fee or tax etc.

Based on usage and the county as well as businesses should share the cost. It will benefit all!!

Private companies, government matching funds - grants. Let's get phone service first! There are many remote areas that don't have phone service due to WA State Exempt Status of the Rural Electrification Act of the 1950's.

Reasonable set up costs and billing with current utility billing.

See #16

Primarily by those who use the service, but also through public funding, and utility assessments since the entire population of the county will benefit after the basic infrastructure is in place. There are also many opportunities for adult education available over the internet which would take advantage of higher speeds.

By users and on our electric bills. (hate to say it)

If you implement it for profit/you pay for it by not increasing utility bill. Somehow?

To be paid for by users. Not persons who do not need this access.

See survey questions #16 above.

Local business taxes, power taxes and per individual use.

I don't know but I am willing to listen to ideas.

Don't know.

Rates, grants, public funding, local utility district (LID).

By the users.

Users.

Those who use it.

Through rates to support the cost, I.e., internet rates only.

Grants, taxes, surcharges to PUD, bonds.

By phone company, rates, usage, advertising.

Not really sure.

Combination of grants, taxes, usage fees. Increased user base or partnering with wireless ISP or local improvement districts can distribute costs. P.S. Thanks for giving this survey. I hope you have a lot of positive feedback and are able to expand service to business and residences in Pend Oreille County.

Cost to users.

By those who are profiting from it.

Through grants, federal funding, not by the public utilities customers. Is this really what PUD should be doing?

Private venture capital if there is sufficient interest.

By the people who use them.

By those who use it.

Don't have a clue.

The cost must be fully borne by those who specifically want and use it. Anything else is a more or less disguised tax which is unaffordable to many lower income families in this area.

New construction should be required to build to current technology standard and pay/ensure access.

By those who use it.

Grants.

Partially by citizens at rates they can afford and then the PUD funds.

Not!

By those who use it.

I don't know.

Let those who need it or use it pay for it.

By the people or businesses that use it also by selling bonds to pay for the set up of lines. You should also be required to hire people from Pend Oreille County to work in the office or train them for tech service. There are people within the county who are qualified.

The need to be funded by the ones who need it or can afford it. Certainly not higher electrical rates or taxes.

Don't know?

Unsure - however, it wouldn't be fair to charge those who won't be using it.

No opinions.

By those who use it.

Don't know.

Raise % on utilities to help pay for high speed.

Don't know.

No idea. I would support any reasonable idea's.

Don't know.

I'm not sure but our electrical service and bills need to be kept separate from high speed internet. I'm sure less than 50% of PO County homes have internet in them. Many of those (50%) without internet are the same ones who can't pay their power bills. Why add more burden to them and then to us who are asked to pay their bills.

Don't know.

By those who use it amortized over a 5 - 10 year period.

By those who use it.

Part user fee, part utility supported (by all users).

User fees and fair taxation.

A levy perhaps?

By those who use it NOT by those who don't.

By those using it.

Grant.

Bonds and utility assessments.

Either the public funds or a user fee.

By those who use it. If the PUD does not have the funds, then don't do it.

Don't know.

By people who use it.

Those who use it.

Have no idea.

Those who use it.

Taxes, public funds, etc.

Those who use it should pay for it.

Don't know.

By the users.

By the people who use it.

By higher electric rates.

Pay if you use it.

Users/PUD?

By those whom use plus small assessment to all on PUD bill.

Taxes.

It is an investment into the future. Just remember this is a low income community and charge accordingly.

Not sure but more taxes are out of the question. We are all taxed to the utmost already. Our household will not support a tax for this service.

Yes.

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Let the people that want it pay for it.

Move back to California or Puget Sound.

Have the big wigs in PUD not get such a big bonus for a series of years to cover cost or take form profits.

By government funds - we don't need to send billions of dollars overseas.

No comment.

I do not know.

Actual user fees.

Monthly, just like POTC.

I pay POTC \$20.00 a month for slow, disconnect at inappropriate times, takes over 1 hour to get connected at many times, sometimes only 15 or 20 minutes. Why can't I pay PUD \$20.00 a month for better service.

By users and federal grants where possible.

Don't know.

By the people who use it.

By the user - ludicrous to have the general public support a luxury.

Let the ones who think it's so necessary to absorb the cost!

Demonstrated (documented) need developed the users would be willing to fund. Electric rates are for electricity not to be siphoned off for other ventures!! When the PUD purchased IP&L electric lines users paid for the line NOT ALL PUD customers!

Raise the cost of our (everyone's) power bill, as everyone might not be needing high speed now, but everyone will have the need for it in the near future.

No idea.

Wait until there is no interference, then it will be widely accepted and funded.

User's should pay part and anyone who stands to make money from it should also pay their share.

By those who use it.

Public funds.

By those who would utilize the service.

By users.

People that use it.

As facilities would be available to all county residents, distribute cost over all county residents.

Not sure, but perhaps a small cost paid off overtime - such as done with the water meters.

Difficult problem - mainly by those who use it, and or low rate applied to all.

For the people who use it.

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Just like you do with the power, low-cost to customers.

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Don't know.

Tax, utility tax.

By those who use it and federal grants.

Those who use it should pay for it. Monthly installments added to electric bill would be fine. Not sure how much is total cost to implement? How much total cost to manage and maintain?

If the person wants to use it, let them pay for it.

By those who use it.

By those using it and possibly a small electric rate increase.

Those who want it should pay for it.

By consumer who uses it.

Don't raise power rates - that is also a good marketing tool to attract business - low power rates. Let people who use it pay for it.

Those who use it - maybe businesses.

Possibly increase in electricity bill.

Don't need it.

Right now I get it through the cable, it was reasonable installation and reasonable monthly charge. I don't know about areas outside the cable service area.

By the people who use it.

By the people who use it.

AS you know we are mostly poor people in this area until more jobs open up. So, I think smaller payments over time would help.

Grants will help.

Boy, there's a question - we have so many people here living on welfare level income - the cost should be borne by those who are going to use the service, not those folks who are trying to live on SSAN Benefits and whatever puny

retirement they may have coming in additionally.

Pay as you go.

The ones that use it pay.

DK - b/c dk how much it would cost.

Sell bonds and set rates so that users amortize the equipment.

This is out of reach for the average resident. Those who need and want it should pay for it.

Variety of means.

You pay for it PUD.

None.

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The most democratic and equitable way is to provide Internet service as a public service - similar to roads and public libraries.

User's pay.

BY THE USER

Charging the users.

I feel that the companies (providers) should have costs associated with use of the lines. Installation is like any other infrastructure - it is an investment towards future growth and profits for the installer, provider and investor.

Solely by the users.

Don't know.

Users.

Base fee and tariffs.

? - Wouldn't the 1-3% do that!

By the users.

Them that want it should pay for it.

I feel that if you make that case that it can help increase employment in the area, there may be government subsidies to help fund the project.

Are government grants available? Users should pay for costs of using and maintaining systems - perhaps businesses would invest in the equipment required for DSL.

By those who use it. The people who do not use nor want the facilities shouldn't have to pay for it.

Paid for by those that use it. PUD must stick to providing electricity PERIOD!!! Or is it time for a new manager and commissioners

If the cost was not too high, those that use it. Otherwise some public funding or grants to help.

By the people that can afford it by means of satellite internet or DSL or ??DO NOT RAISE MY PUD BILL TO SUPPORT FIBER. Thank you.

Don't know the best way?

The most economical for the user would of course be the provider.

Utilities bill, not all area's have access to electric or phone.

Investments - separate out that part of the investment out and open it up to investors - user shared costs when I hook up to the power - there was a line extension fee and hook up fee and etc...

I don't know for sure.

By those who want it.

By the users of the service.

Don't know.

The people that want it should pay for it.

Grants, I doubt Pend Oreille County PUD can justify investing the residents personal funds when so few would truly benefit.

AS a minimal user and not by choice. I feel only users should fund - or grants.

By those who want it.

If it can't be done without adding a tax or assessment it should not be done. Leave it to those who will use it and not punish those who don't.

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I once again do not have an answer on this matter!

Internet companies should set up.

The businesses that want it and houses that want this service. Have you looked for Grants?  
Grants, assessments, and fees.