

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2011**

**SESSION LAW 2011-163
HOUSE BILL 593**

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 16th day of June, 2011.

s/ Walter H. Dalton
President of the Senate

s/ Thom Tillis
Speaker of the House of Representatives

