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**Media Coverage**

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**The Daily Star:** [Mizell lauds rural broadband access](https://www.hammondstar.com/news/miizell-lauds-rural-broadband-access/article_a0306d6b-b69a-5420-b835-7665447b8b0f.html)

As Governor Jeff Landry announced the launch of GUMBO 2.0, longtime champion of rural broadband State Senator Beth Mizell discusses the far-reaching impact that the program will have on Louisiana.

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**WGNO:** [Shreveport airport upgrades, expanded rural broadband wins for Louisiana; Cassidy says](https://wgno.com/news/politics/louisiana-politics/shreveport-airport-upgrades-expanded-rural-broadband-wins-for-louisiana-cassidy-says/)

Senator Bill Cassidy visited Shreveport to share updates on the GUMBO 2.0 program, which will put into action a $13.5 billion investment.

**KSLA:** [Sen Bill Cassidy talks Gumbo 2.0, airport funding & more](https://www.ksla.com/video/2024/08/28/sen-bill-cassidy-talks-gumbo-20-airport-funding-more/)

Senator Bill Cassidy discusses the GUMBO 2.0 program, its impact, and the importance of broadband access in Louisiana.

**KSLA:** [Sen. Bill Cassidy speaks to Bossier Chamber of Commerce](https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/politics/sen-bill-cassidy-to-speak-to-bossier-chamber-of-commerce/ar-AA1pvJfD)

Senator Bill Cassidy speaks to the Bossier Chamber of Commerce about the future of broadband in Louisiana with the GUMBO 2.0 program.

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**The Jena Times:** [LaSalle Students Attend Governor’s Event](https://www.thejenatimes.net/2024/08/28/lasalle-students-attend-governors-event/)

An administrator and students from a school in LaSalle Parish, which received GUMBO 1.0 funding, attend Governor Jeff Landry’s press conference to announce the launch of GUMBO 2.0.

**KNOE:** [U.S. Senator Bill Cassidy visits Monroe to discuss business, environmental care](https://www.knoe.com/2024/08/28/us-senator-bill-cassidy-visits-monroe-discuss-business-environmental-care/)

Senator Bill Cassidy visits Monroe to discuss the future of Louisiana, including the roll-out of the GUMBO 2.0 program, which will distribute $1.35 billion to give all Louisianians access to high-speed internet.

**Telecompetitor:** [Louisiana Broadband Director Details Route to Nation’s First BEAD Awards](https://www.benton.org/headlines/louisiana-broadband-director-details-route-nation%E2%80%99s-first-bead-awards)

As the first round of applications for GUMBO 2.0 launches, the state of Louisiana expects to be the first to award BEAD funding, aiming to announce awards by November 1.