

Telehealth Grants & Resources April 2022

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Broadband Grants & Resources Tuesday April 12, 2022 10am – 11:30am

The need for broadband access and adoption is greater than ever. Please join us for an overview of broadband federal funding programs and the various services they can provide to your communities. Topics discussed will include:

- USDA Community Connect Grant
- NTIA Broadband Infrastructure Program
- NTIA Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program
- NTIA Connecting Minority Communities Program
- NTIA State Formula Grants
- NTIA Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program
- And broadband funding best practices!



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Telemedicine In the News

Issue 2 Arizona Telemedicine Program's 'Telemedicine In the News' update.

Each month we will be compiling interesting Telemedicine articles, stories & journal articles from around Arizona and nationally, making it easier for you to see what is going on.

Keep an eye out in your inbox for our monthly recap!

Arizona To Expand Broadband Connectivity Along Interstate 40 West

"Arizonans, visitors and commerce rely on high-speed internet connectivity for efficiency and safety," Governor Ducey said at the ADOT North Central District Office. "That's why we've prioritized the expansion of broadband infrastructure in every corner of our state. This critical infrastructure will give more homes fast internet, improve public safety, increase access to education and help more Arizonans get the care they need through telemedicine."

Arizona To Expand Broadband Connectivity Along Interstate 40 West | Office of the Arizona Governor

Pima County seeking opportunities to expand broadband



From telehealth to remote schooling to job applications, the internet has become a central part of so many of our lives today that it's easy to forget some people don't

3G networks are shutting down. Here's what it means for Arizona cellphones, devices

Most mobile phone users will benefit, but millions of Americans who purchased phones before 2019 and other wireless devices incompatible with 5G could find themselves unable to reach 911, talk, text or use data services unless they upgrade.

<u>3G network shutdown: What it means for cellphones, home alarms, GPS </u><u>azcentral.com</u>

Department of Commerce's NTIA Awards Additional \$1M in Grants to Tribal Groups Seeking to Expand Broadband

"WASHINGTON – The Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) announced today it has awarded two additional grants as part of the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program. These grants, totaling nearly \$1 million, are being awarded to the Yavapai-Apache Nation in Arizona and the Lac Courte Oreilles (LCO) Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians in Wisconsin."

Department of Commerce's NTIA Awards Additional \$1M in Grants to Tribal Groups Seeking to Expand Broadband | National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Resident physicians honored for work on telehealth, cancer care

"A project at HonorHealth Medical Center in Arizona aimed to measure the efficacy of telehealth use among seniors and historically marginalized racial and ethnic groups during the pandemic. The project, which won third prize in the Impact Challenge, used the health system's database to tally the number of visits in the primary care settings before and after the implementation of telemedicine."



Webinars

ARIZONA TELEMEDICINE SOUTHWEST TRC ROGRAM

Improving Access to Quality Medical Care The practice and delivery of healthcare is changing, with an emphasis on improving quality, safety, efficiency, & access to care. The Arizona Telemedicine Program & the Southwest Telehealth Resource Center inviteyou to a free webinar on the implementation and practice of telemedicine

RESOURCE CENTER

Challenges to Effective Telehealth in Colorado

Wednesday, April 6, 2022 ~ 12:00 pm MDT

(11amPDT; 12pm MDT; 1pm CDT; 2pm EDT)

Learning Objectives

- Learn from leaders of 3 very different Colorado-based healthcare organizations
- 1. their biggest challenges in the provision of telehealth care.
- their efforts to address these challenges.
- 3. The degree to which these efforts have been successful

We also hope to learn from participants, through the chat, the challenges faced by other Coloradobased healthcare organizations in the effective provision of telehealth care.

Presenters Gerard Frunzi Ian Ground, PT, MRA Director of Virtual Care (Facilitator) Contura Health Colorado Liaison Southwest Telehealth Resource Center Pat Kelly Dr. Jonathon Savage Chief Executive Office **Chief Executive Officer** Routinify Care on Location REGISTRATION: https://telemedicine.arizona.edu

This webinar is made possible through funding provided by Health Resources and Services Administration, Office for the Advancement of Telehealth (U1U42527)



Mel & Enid Zuckerman

College of Public Health

Thursday, April 7th, 2022 4-5:30 pm EDT, 3-4:30 pm CDT, 2-3:30 pm MDT, 1-2:30 pm PDT

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Historically, African American, Latinx, Native American, Asian American Pacific Islander, and Alaskan Native communities have not had their stories accurately told. Those from outside their communities have co-opted their history and experience, thus providing an inauthentic and incorrect narrative.

Presenter: Dr. Yvonne Poitras Pratt

Join us on April 7th as we launch our series of webinars with Dr. Yvonne Poitras Pratt Associate Professor Werklund School of Education at the University of Calgary and author of Digital Storytelling in Indigenous Education: A Decolonizing Journey for a Metis Community, on how community members must be the ones that tell their own

unique stories and the significance of that shaping the story of where they are going

For more information contact Denise Wise-David wisedI50@gmail.com

Made possible by the National REACH Coalition with funding support from the National COVID-19 Resiliency Network of Morehouse School of Medicine, and through funding from the Office for the Advancement of Telehealth, Office of Health Information Technology, Health Resources and Services Administration (U1U42527)



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Join us, Wednesday, April 13, 2022

at 12:00 pm PDT/1:00 pm MDT/2:00pm CDT/3pm EDT For a Billing and Reimbursement Webinar

"Takeaways from the AHLA Institute on Medicare and Medicaid **Payment Issues**"

3 Takeaways:

1) Update on telehealth billing guidance 2) Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) and Rural Health Clinic (RHC) payment news 3) Questions asked during the Remote Patient Monitoring & Remote Therapeutic Monitoring (RPM/RTM) Session



Carol Yarbrough is a healthcare compliance and reimbursement specialist. Providing a unique background in legal, technology, revenue management, clinic management and both federal and state regulations, for the past four years, she has actively contributes to telehealth initiatives at UC Health. She works hands-on with professional fee and hospitalbased fee professionals to implement billing strategies and provides real-time feedback to clinicians regarding documentation and staff with encounter guidance. She also trains CPT coding professionals at UC Medical Center in order to maximize EMR workflow with greater documentation and coding

For more information and registration instructions go to www.telemedicine.arizona.edu

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THE AZ CENTER FOR RURAL HEALTH WEBINAR SERIES

A webinar series focused on providing technical assistance to rural stakeholders to disseminate research findings, policy updates, best-practices and other rural health issues to statewide rural partners and stakeholders throughout the state.

Webinar: Thursday, April 21, 2022 12-1:00 pm Arizona Time **Opioid Stewardship Assessment Program** for Arizona Critical Access Hospitals

Arizona Center for Rural Health (AzCRH) and Health Services Advisory Group (HSAG) collaborated in 2021 to assess the opioid stew ardship program (OSP) implementation in Arizona's 17 critical access hospitals' (CAHs) acute care and emergency departments (EDs) In this webinar, we will describe the 11 OSP components that were assessed, the assessment instrument, and our approach to survey ing CAH leadership teams at each hospital.

Learning objectives:

- 1. Describe Opioid Stewardship Programs,
- 2. Explain differences and similarities in initiative implementation by department setting and prevention orientation at Arizona Critical Access Hospitals
- 3. Understand how assessment information is used to guide technical assistance and quality improvement efforts.

Ben Brady is an Assistant Research Professor with the AZ Center for Rural Health. His research interests include evaluating substance misuse policies and treatment services. He uses theory-driven evaluation and integrative scholarship to evaluate program implementation, outcomes, as well as the assumptions that influence how the problem is framed and what antecedent conditions are targeted for change. Ben assists in evaluating state-funded efforts to promote access to opioid use disorder, medication-assisted treatment, and address rural workforce provider shortages. Ben previously worked at Arizona Smokers' Helpline, and is interested in tobacco cessation services, tobacc harm reduction, and electronic cigarette policies. Ben is a professor at the College of Public Health.

Bianca SantaMaria is a Health Education and Promotion Professional II at The University of Arizona, Center for Rural Health. She does evaluator for the Overdose Data to Action grant and does work on the AHEAD CDC COVID-19 grant. She also facilitates Naloxone trainings in English and Spanish statewide, as well as provides Technical Assistance to various counties in Arizona. Her interests are in Digital Health, Health Equity, Healthcare Systems, Preventative Measures, and Medical Informatics. She completed her undergraduate and graduate education at the University of Arizona. Bianca was born and raised in Tucson. AZ, and hopes to pursue her PhD, and serve her community in efforts to create a healthier and safer environment for all

For more information contact Jennifer Peters: petersjs@arizona.edu • 520.626.2254 To register: https://telemedicine.arizona.edu

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Service Provider Directory

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Ancillary Services

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Service Provider Directory





DIRECTORY OVERVIEW

Welcome to the Telemedicine & Telehealth Service Provider Directory, a service of the Arizona Telemedicine Program. The directory is a resource for hospital and healthcare administrators and other decision-makers who want to expand or improve their healthcare services to their patients, employees, clients, etc. The directory lists companies providing

medical specialty services (such as radiology, rheumatology, neurology, psychiatry) and ancillary services (such as patient education and language interpretation) through telemedicine to healthcare providers such as hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, private practices and urgent care centers.



Directory Listings

Scroll to view company dashboard listings in alphabetical order.

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Telemedicine and Telehealth Overview The history, progression and current uses of Telemedicine and Telehealth.

Clinical Applications Overview Clinical services (real-time and store-forward) that have been amenable to telemedicine consultation and how these services can help underserved areas.

Telecardiology

Definition of telecardiology services, requirements to provide this service, and current applications.

Teledermatology

Definition of teledermatology services, requirements to provide this service, and current applications.

Telenursing

How telenursing can help close the nursing shortage gap. Case studies are presented and outcome results are discussed.

Telepathology

Definition of telepathology services, requirements to provide this service, and current applications.

Telepsychiatry

Definition of telepsychiatry services, requirements to provide this service, and current applications.

Teleradiology

Definition of teleradiology services, requirements to provide this service, and current applications.

Teletrauma

Definition of teletrauma services, requirements to provide this service, and current

Distance Education

The role of tele-education in continuing medical education for various healthcare professionals and the necessary components to set up such a program.

Evaluation

The importance of evaluation in telemedicine/telehealth and how it relates to acquiring and organizing data about the program that can be used to obtain funding for increased sustainability.

Business

Sources of funding for telemedicine/telehealth programs, the business model developed and used by the Arizona Telemedicine Program, and paths towards sustainability and business planning.

Facility Design

Go through the steps required to set up a telemedicine/telehealth facility, including placement of the equipment, lighting, wall color, etc.

Video and Data Communication

Basic introduction to networking and data communications. Description of the Internet, local area networks, Ethernet, wireless communications and communication modes (e.g., Internet, satellite, wireless), including the advantages and disadvantages of each as they relate to telemedicine/telehealth.

Telemedicine/Telehealth Network

Basics of how a telemedicine/telehealth network is set up and the roles of various pieces of equipment: CODECs, MCUs, computer applications (e.g.,videoconferencing, Skype), video bridges, gatekeepers, and communication protocols (e.g., H.239).

Culture, Etiquette & Technology

The impact of technology on social interaction and the universal rules of good manners and technology.





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HIPAA Compliant Software

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- State specific Telehealth Billings Manual (AZ, NM, CO, NV)
- Update quarterly



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Fact Sheets

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ATA2022 will explore the landscape and examine what will be necessary to establish telehealth as a permanent modality in care delivery.

ATA2022 will showcase a mix of practical applications of telehealth – from preventative and primary care to behavioral health and other areas of specialty care – and hands-on workshops, mixed with luminary vision of important next steps for telehealth's future.





American Telemedicine Association **Special Interest Groups**



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- Async Telehealth
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- **Digital Transformation**
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COVID-19 Digital Access Task Force

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- AZ Corporation Commission
- UAZ CTO
- Executive Director Sun Corridor Network
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- E Rate Administrator for Public Libraries
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Telehealth Alliances

Northern Arizona Telehealth Alliance (NATA)



The Northern Arizona Telehealth Alliance (NATA) is an autonomous group facilitated by Arizona Telemedicine Program (ATP) staff. NATA started in 2014 with a few Flagstaff-based healthcare organizations that wanted to share telehealth experiences and information, look for opportunities for collaboration, and help each other and the ATP advance telehealth and avoid duplication of effort.

Since then, NATA has grown to 40 organizational members. It meets quarterly via Zoom and is open to any organization serving northern Arizona that has or is working on starting a telehealth program for its patients, clients, members, or students.

For more information or to request to join, contact Janet Major, ATP Associate Director for Education and Facilities, jmajor@telemedicine.arizona.edu.

Southern Arizona Telehealth Alliance (SATA)



The Southern Arizona Telehealth Alliance (SATA) is an autonomous group facilitated by Southeast Arizona Area Health Education (SEAHEC) staff, with assistance from the Arizona Telemedicine Program. SATA was established in 2019 to offer southern Arizona organizations an opportunity to share telehealth experiences and information, learn about telehealth, and help each other and the ATP advance telehealth and avoid duplication of effort, similar to the Northern Arizona Telehealth Alliance.

SATA has 32 organizational members. It is open to any organization serving southern Arizona that has or is working on starting a telehealth program for its patients, clients, members, or students.

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Utah





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Global Edition Telehealth

\$1M grant sets up Renown Regional for hybrid telehealth and in-person care

The FCC funds greatly expanded the health system's virtual care abilities last year as COVID-19 hit – but the added bonus of a hybrid care future is a big win.

By Bill Siwicki | November 16, 2021 | 10:53 AM



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Colorado Telehealth Alliance

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Telemedicine and Broadband

OeHI's *Telehealth and Broadband Initiative* develops and supports approaches that lead to increased adoption of telehealth, and reliable and affordable broadband access for health organizations and consumers. Telehealth and broadband are key priorities of the Primavera and Polis administration. Colorado has already made significant progress in providing remote access to care through telemedicine. Telehealth is an important avenue to support health care reform and is increasingly seen as an acceptable alternative to many types of in person provider visits. One of OeHI's Wildly Important Goals, or WIGs, for this year is to increase utilization of telebehavioral health in safety net providers. OeHI is also working to support expansion of telehealth policies and practices based on cost savings, economic impact, and health outcomes.

In Colorado's rural areas, only 7 in 10 people have access to broadband. OeHI's goal, in partnership with other state agencies, is to raise rural broadband availability and pave the path to achieve 100 percent access for all of Colorado. Lack of broadband inhibits the utilization of telehealth services in many parts of rural Colorado as well as the uptake of other emerging health IT capabilities. OeHI is working with the state to expand usage of telemedicine and broadband access in order to make health care across the state more affordable and accessible for all.













Who is your state broadband director? <u>https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/resources/states</u>



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State Broadband Leaders Network (SBLN)





https://www.azcommerce.com/media/vvslgr2e/ac a-broadband-strategic-plan-final-2-2-22.pdf

> Arizona Broadband Statewide Middle-Mile Strategic Plan

Arizona Commerce Authority

February 2022





Studies are all on the Commissions Website <u>https://www.fcc.gov/about-fcc/fcc-</u> <u>initiatives/connect2healthfcc/general/connect2healthfc</u> <u>c-task-force</u>

> National Survey Trends in Telehealth Use in 2021: Disparities in Utilization and Audio vs. Video Services

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This dataset of academic and practitioner research on the impact of broadband access and use was made possible by a partnership with the Brookings Institution's Metropolitan Policy Program. Please email info@digitalinclusion.org for instructions on submitting multiple articles at once, for general questions, or suggestions for edits.

Publications in this dataset are generally one of the following:

- · An article appearing in a peer-reviewed academic or professional publications
- Research accepted for publication in other academic or professional settings (books, conference presentations, etc.)
- · Published results of significant new field research by a digital inclusion practitioner.

Submit Your Work

The ongoing development of this resource is available thanks to







https://www.rd.usda.gov/programsservices/telecommunicationsprograms/distance-learningtelemedicine-grants

- Fact sheet @ link above
- Dates will be announced this spring or fall for this year



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USDA Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grant Program (DLT)

Opportunity to Apply for Funding

The USDA begins accepting applications for funding under the DLT program on April 5, 2021. Applications must be received no later than June 4, 2021, to be eligible for funding under this grant opportunity.

- The Agency encourages applicants to consider projects that will promote equity and economic opportunity in rural America, specifically those that advance the following key priorities:
- Containing the COVID-19 pandemic
- Ensuring racial equity Rebuilding our rural economy and
- Addressing the climate crisis.
- Congress provided USDA Rural Development \$57 million in DLT funding in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021. As it was authorized to do, the Agency applied \$18 million from FY 2021 to award projects from the prior fiscal year. Approximately \$44.5 million is available. This amount includes \$39.2 million in funds appropriated for EV 2024 on well on funda

What does this program do?

This grant program helps rural communities acquire the technology and training necessary to connect educational and medical professionals with students, teachers, and patients in rural areas.

Who may apply for this program?

Eligible applicants that provide education or health care services through telecommunications facilities, include:

- State and local governmental entities
- Federally recognized Tribes
- Nonprofit organizations
- For-profit businesses
- Consortia of eligible entities

What is an eligible area?

The intent of the DLT program is to benefit rural areas with populations of 20,000 or less.

How may funds be used?

Grant funds may be used for:

- · Audio, video and interactive video equipment Broadband facilities that support
- distance learning or telemedicine Computer hardware, network components and software
- Acquisition of instructional programming
- Acquisition of technical assistance and instruction for using

What kinds of funding are available?

Grants funds are awarded through a nationally competitive process. Funding is not currently available for DLT loans or loan / grant combinations.

What are some grant requirements?

- Awards can range from \$50,000 to \$1 million
- A minimum 15 percent match is required and cannot be from another federal source

How do we get started?

- Application windows for this program are announced through the national office on a periodic basis
- Program Resources are available online at rd.usda.gov (includes forms, guidance, certifications, etc.)
- Check back here or contact your General Field Representative for additional information

Who can answer questions?

Contact a General Field Representative that serves your area. Call (202) 720-0800 or email dltinfo@usda.gov.

What governs this program?

 Code of Federal Regulation: 7 CFR Part 1734

Why does USDA Rural Development do this?

The DLT program helps rural residents tap into the enormous potential of



EBB is now ACP! ACPBenefit.org

- NEWSFLASH: the FCC's EBB Emergency Broadband Benefit is now ACP: the Affordable Connectivity Program.
- This continues an FCC benefit program that helps ensure that households can afford the broadband they need for work, school, healthcare and more. The benefit provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward internet service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price.
- The Affordable Connectivity Program is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household.




ACP Affordable Connectivity Program Toolkit Webpage

<u>https://www.fcc.gov/acp-consumer-outreach-toolkit</u>









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A Starter Guide To Telehealth Billing Resources & Current National And Medicaid Reimbursement

- Tuesday April 19, 2022
 8am 9am PDT
- Hosted by the Upper Midwest Telehealth Resource Center

Goals:

-Address common telehealth definitions, break down service types and their differences.

- -Provide an overview of telehealth billing services on a national level.
- -Break down the UMTRC's state territory billing processes.
- -Address COVID state guidelines where applicable.

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HTRC Education Series Webinar: Interstate Licensing For Telehealth, Coding And Billing Implications

- Wednesday April 27, 2022
 10am 11am PDT
- Hosted by the Heartland Telehealth Resource Center

Guest speaker, attorney Diane Bellquist, former counsel for the Kansas Board of Healing Arts, will join the session to discuss interstate licensing rules affecting the delivery of telehealth. Richelle Marting will join the discussion to address how interstate licensing impacts coding and billing of telehealth services across state lines.







NCTRC Webinars

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- CHC Series
- Best Practices
- Information Security
- Medicaid and Permanent COVID-19 Telehealth Policies
- Provider Burnout and the EMR
- Remote Specialty Coverage: Telehealth Beyond Stroke





Arizona Telemedicine Program / Southwest Telehealth Resource Center

ATP Developing a Telemedicine Program

Monday May 9, 2022 9am – 2pm PDT/AZ







Arizona Telemedicine Council Quarterly Meeting Wednesday April 20, 2022 11am – 1pm PDT

The Arizona Telemedicine Council was created by the Joint Legislative Budget Committee of the <u>Arizona State Legislature</u>. The Council has oversight for the Arizona Telemedicine Program and the development of its telecommunications network. Senator Robert ("Bob") Burns, who initiated the legislation that created the Arizona Telemedicine Program, became the first Co-chairman of the Council, which has met quarterly in Phoenix since 1996.

Recent years have required hosting this meeting as a webinar and we look forward to returning to our "home" at the office of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC).



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Top 10 Grant Writing Tips

- Start early
- Reach out to PO to verify fit
- Read review/scoring criteria & tailor grant to them



- Many require matching funds get commitments & budget appropriately
- Clearly assess, document & summarize need/rationale/population served
- Have clear work plan with deliverables & timeline
- Metrics, benchmarks & criteria for success
- Collaborate stakeholders, patients, industry, TRCs etc. letters support
- Experience, skills, capabilities
- Have others read (critically) proposal





AZ Broadband Development Grant Program Arizona Commerce Authority

ARIZONA BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM

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Governor Doug Ducey announced a \$100 million commitment to expand high-speed broadband to underserved areas of the state – one of the single largest broadband investments in state history. Funding comes from the American Rescue Plan Act.

APPLY NOW

SUMMARY

The Arizona Broadband Development Grant Program (ABDG) will enable local communities to construct or improve broadband infrastructure. The historic investment will build on the progress of recent years and strengthen communities' capacity and competitiveness for economic growth. The ABDG is intended to bridge the digital divide and enhance the connectivity for Arizona's citizens, businesses, healthcare institutions, government establishments, and education sector.



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Updates and Resources

On this page you will find resources to help address your digital access needs

AZBSN Arizona Broadband Consultants List (V02P)

This list has been crowdsourced from AZBSN COVID-19 Digital Access Task Force members' experience and suggestions to aid Arizona institutions and communities in finding consultants to aid with their broadband projects, grant writing, and to otherwise help meet their broadband planning, information technology (IT), funding, and project management needs. The current version V02P includes a total of 63 entries, last updated on January 12, 2022. To inquire, suggest additions or otherwise give feedback, please contact Steve Peters, AZBSN Coordinator at aticarizona@gmail.com.

Arizona Commerce Authority

- Arizona Commerce Authority Broadband
- Arizona Commerce Authority: Ensuring Connectivity in Arizona: Resources and Support in Response to COVID-19. Download PDF

Free WiFi Access

Cox Community Hot Spots

- Link to the document for parents to find Broadband that the Arizona Commerce Authority provides to ADE. The document includes help for AZ families to determine Broadband carrier options and COVID-19 specific offers, the statewide map of free WiFi hotspots and instructions for parents to turn on their cellular hotspots which is a much better option now that many carriers' data caps have been lifted.
- . Link to the free WiFi access points statewide developed with State Land and the State Library:
- Arizona Together Web Site: See Business Resources page with links for Help with Internet Services and Help with Wireless Services
- Arizona Public Libraries Digital Inclusion Wi-Fi Maps: The link will take you to the Digital Inclusion web page with the map.
- Arizona Commerce Authority: Ensuring Connectivity in Arizona: Resources and Support in Response to COVID-19. Download PDF





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NTIA administers grant programs that further the deployment and use of broadband and other technologies in America, laying the groundwork for sustainable economic growth; improved education, public safety, and health care; and the advancement of other national priorities.

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Overview

On November 15, 2021, President Biden signed the **Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act** into law. This Act includes a significant investment of \$65 billion to help close the digital divide and ensure that all Americans have access to reliable, high speed, and affordable broadband. This investment builds upon the funding for broadband deployment provided in the American Rescue Plan, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, the FCC's Universal Service program, and USDA's Rural Utilities Service broadband programs. This historic investment will lay critical groundwork for widespread access and affordability of broadband, creating new jobs and economic opportunities, providing increased access to healthcare services, enriching educational experiences of students, and improving overall quality of life for all Americans.





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Posted on December 21, 2021 by Kathy Wibberly



#FUNDING. Here are a list of federal and regional grant and other funding opportunities with either a focus or strong potential for telehealth applications that have winter proposal due dates.

(We recommend that you bookmark this page or add it to your home screen as we will be adding to this list periodically from now through February as more opportunities are announced!)







Thank You, Merci, Gracias y CIAO! jmajor@telemedicine.arizona.edu



