Broadband and Digital Equity Funding Opportunities

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Tribal Programs
$1 billion dollars—anticipated maximum request for DE $2.5M.

Anticipated allowable expenses:

- Personnel costs directly related to the program
- Travel expenses for key project staff
- Equipment related to project activities
- Equipment and devices to support connectivity for telehealth such as laptops, tablets, and hotspot
- Design and printing for training and outreach materials
- Staff and volunteer training
- Stipends, internships and/or fellowships
- Administrative costs no more than 2%
- Reimbursement of preparation costs not to exceed 5%

Six-month application window.

Open: Spring 2023
Library Services Enhanced Grant.
$150,000 award ceiling to support the establishment and refinement of digital infrastructure platforms and technology. Focus on health information, digital literacy, needs of the community. Due April 3.

Tribal grants can come from numerous agencies—check out HHS, DOJ, USDA
Federal Programs
$1.44 Billion available in a formula grant program for states that will be spread over five years.

States are encouraged to prioritize projects that target:

- Low-income households
- Aging populations
- Incarcerated individuals
- Veterans
- People with disabilities
- People with language barriers
- Racial and ethnic minorities
- Rural inhabitants

States estimated to get funds summer of 2024. Programs will open fall of 2024…
$1.25 Billion available in a discretionary program that will be spread over five years.

Will mostly likely prioritize projects that target:

- Low-income households
- Aging populations
- Incarcerated individuals
- Veterans
- People with disabilities
- People with language barriers
- Racial and ethnic minorities
- Rural inhabitants

Estimated to open summer of 2024—one month after the first capacity award.
Federal Digital Equity Programs

USAC Healthcare Connect Fund
Provides a 65% discount on eligible broadband connectivity expenses for nonprofit entities (healthcare providers, post-secondary institutions that offer healthcare instruction, and consortia) Filing deadline: April 3, 2023
Fed. Broadband Infrastructure Programs

▶ USDA Community Connect. $64M discretionary program to provide service in rural economically challenged communities.

▶ EDA Economic Adjustment Assistance Program. $363.5M discretionary program to support economic development and revitalization projects in economically distressed areas.
State Programs
What is BEAD and when will I see it?

Funds that came from the IIJA that will be distributed to states & territories. States will develop competitive grant programs to distribute their funds.

FCC Maps Released: November 18, 2022

Challenges to Maps Due: January 13, 2023

NTIA Determines Funding Distribution: ~June 30, 2023

Initial Proposal due on or before: ~December 27, 2023

60 Day Comment Period

20% Funds Released: February 25, 2024

State Programs Open: Summer/Fall 2024
Colorado: Twice a year. Summer program opens May 15, closes July 15.

Nevada: $55.2M in CPF to use for broadband infrastructure. Grant cycle TBD.

New Mexico: Had $123M from ARPA late in 2022. Grant program now closed. Next grant cycle TBD.

Arizona: $100M program in 2021, with 2022 awards. Next grant cycle TBD.
Cyber Security
Cybersecurity Grants

- **DHS State & Local Cybersecurity Grant Program.**
  $400M, formula program allocated to states. 80% must be to local governments, 20% match requirement.

- **Rural/Municipal Cybersecurity & Technical Assistance.**
  $250M discretionary programs to electric utility providers to protect against, detect, respond to, and recover from cybersecurity threats.

- **Cyber Response & Recovery Fund.**
  $100M Funds to recover from cyber attacks. Available after emergency declaration from DHS to affected state, local, tribal governments, and private institutions as determined.
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Questions?

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