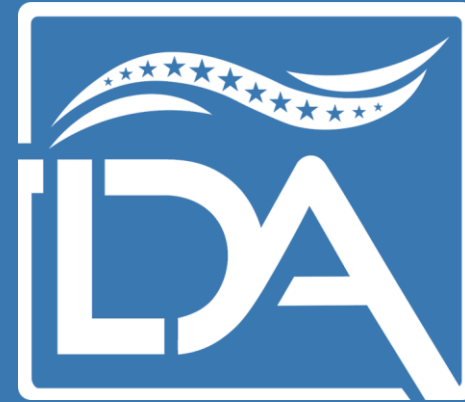


# Broadband and Digital Equity Funding Opportunities

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# Tribal Programs

# NTIA Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program

- ➔ \$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

# Other Tribal Grants

- ➔ **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

# NTIA State Digital Capacity Grant Program

- ➔ \$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...

# NTIA Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program

- ➔ \$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 consortiums) 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**

**NTIA Determines  
Funding Distribution:  
~June 30, 2023**

**60 Day Comment  
Period**

**State Programs  
Open:  
Summer/Fall 2024**



**Challenges to  
Maps Due  
January 13, 2023**

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

**20% Funds  
Released:  
February 25, 2024**



# State Broadband Infrastructure Programs

- ➔ 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.

# Broadband.





# Questions?



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