

Local Infrastructure Hub

Broadband Funding Opportunities for State and Local Government

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) includes an array of grants to expand access to high-speed internet. The table below provides background and context around the BIL broadband funding landscape. Note that local governments can also use funding from the American Rescue Plan State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to support broadband planning.

Program Name	Description	Type of Grant	Funding	Deadlines
Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD)	<p>Grant to improve high-speed broadband access and affordability for underserved houses and businesses.</p> <p>For example, deployment of internet and WiFi infrastructure within an eligible multi-family residential building. NOFO page 39.</p>	Competitive	\$1.2 to \$5 million dollars per project	<p>2023 date TBD</p> <p>Letters of Intent were due in July 2022.</p> <p>States developed Five Year Action Plans and Initial proposals.</p> <p>Once initial proposals are approved, NTIA will make available no less than 20 percent of the total grant funds allocated to the Eligible Entity.</p>
Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program	<p>Grants to foster telehealth, distance learning, broadband affordability, and digital inclusion for tribal communities.</p> <p>For example, support for the establishment of carrier-neutral submarine cable landing stations. NOFO page 31.</p>	Competitive	<p>Broadband Infrastructure Deployment Projects: \$1,000,000 to \$50,000,000.</p> <p>Broadband Adoption and Use Projects: \$50,000 to \$2,500,000.</p>	1/23/2024
Enabling Middle Mile Grant Program	<p>Programs to expand and extend middle mile infrastructure in hopes of reducing the cost of connecting unserved areas to the internet.</p> <p>For example, construction, improvement, and/or acquisition of facilities and telecommunications equipment required to deploy middle mile broadband facilities. NOFO page 32.</p>	Competitive	\$5 million to \$100 million	2023 date TBD

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<i>Digital Equity Act Programs</i>				
Program Name	Description	Type of Grant	Funding	Deadlines
State Digital Equity Planning Grant Program	Funding to develop State Digital Equity plans or similar plans (see page 2 of the NOFO).	Formula	\$60 million dollar formula grant	2023 date TBD
Capacity Building Program	Funding to implement State Digital Equity Plans.	Formula	\$1.44 billion over five fiscal years	TBD; no later than 2 years after Planning Grants awarded (see FAQ page 2).
Digital Equity Competitive Grants	Funding for private sector, public sector, and nonprofit entities to advance digital equity and engage in digital inclusion activities.	Competitive	\$1.25 billion in grant awards over 5 fiscal years	TBD; no later than 30 days after State Digital Equity Capacity Grants awarded (see FAQ page 2).