

# Local Infrastructure Hub: Closing the Digital Divide:

August 16, 2022

Broadband Expansion and Middle Mile

# Meeting Agenda

- I. Introduction: Kim Leary
- II. Upcoming Application Deadlines
- III. High-Speed Internet for All: Mike Bloomberg
- IV. Special Guest: Eric Schmidt
- V. Overview of Middle Mile and Q&A: Andy Berke
- VI. Winning Strategies: Francella Ochillo
- VII. Discussion
- VIII. Calendar
- IX. Conclusion

# Upcoming BIL Funding Application Deadlines Thru Oct. (1/2)

Project Name	Bureau or Account	Funding Amount	Funding Mechanism	NOFO Application or Due Date
<b>Bridge Investment Program: Bridge Projects</b>	Federal Highway Administration	\$2,340,000,000 for large bridges and bridge projects (FY22)	Competitive Grant	<i>Large Bridges: 8/9/22</i> <i>Other Bridges: 9/8/22</i>
<b>Clean School Bus Program</b>	Environmental Protection Agency	\$500,000,000 (FY22)	Grant, Rebate, and Contract	<b>8/19/22</b>
<b>Transformational Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience Grant Program</b>	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	\$85,000,000 (FY22)	Competitive Grant	<b>9/6/22</b>
<b>Safe Streets and Roads for All</b>	DOT Office of the Secretary	\$1,000,000,000 (FY22)	Competitive Grant	<b>9/15/22</b>
<b>Middle Mile Grant Program</b>	National Telecommunications and Information Administration	\$1,000,000,000	Competitive Grant	<b>9/30/22</b>

## Upcoming BIL Funding Application Deadlines Thru Oct. (2/2)

Project Name	Bureau or Account	Funding Amount	Funding Mechanism	NOFO Application or Due Date
<b>Marine Debris Removal Program</b>	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	\$56,000,000 (FY22)	Competitive Grant	<b>9/30/22</b>
<b>All Stations Accessibility Program</b>	Federal Transit Administration	\$343,000,000 (FY22)	Competitive Grant	<b>9/30/22</b>
<b>Coastal Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities</b>	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	\$10,000,000 (FY22)	Competitive Grant	<b>9/30/22</b>
<b>Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program</b>	Federal Railroad Administration	\$573,264,000 (FY22)	Competitive Grant	<b>10/4/22</b>
<b>Community Wildfire Defense Grants</b>	Forest Service	\$160,000,000 (FY22)	Competitive Grant	<b>10/7/22</b>
<b>Reconnecting Communities</b>	Federal Highway Administration	\$195,000,000 (FY22) <i>\$50 million for planning; \$145 million for construction</i>	Competitive Grant	<b>10/13/22</b>



# **Mike Bloomberg**

Founder of Bloomberg Philanthropies and  
Former Mayor of New York City

# Eric Schmidt

Co-Founder, Schmidt Futures;  
Former CEO & Chairman, Google

# **Andy Berke**

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# UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEM



# GET TO KNOW YOUR STATE'S BROADBAND OFFICE – NOW.

## How Has Your State Designed Its Broadband Program?

Office

Agency

Task force

Fund

ARPA Funding

A 50-state overview of efforts to expand high-speed, reliable internet access

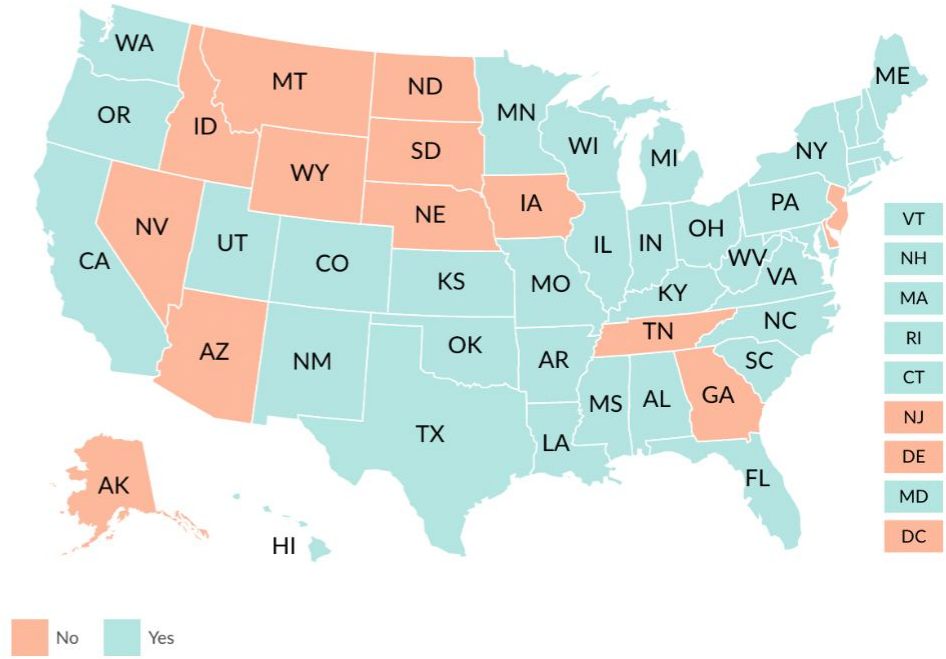


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# INVEST IN COMMUNITY-DRIVEN INFRASTRUCTURE.



**Massachusetts**

***Mass  
Broadband  
123***



**Oregon**

***City of Eugene's  
EugNet***



**Kentucky**

***Kentucky  
Communications  
Network Authority***



**California**

***Nevada County's  
Vast Network Middle  
Mile Project***

# SPREAD THE WORD

## ABOUT BIL'S AFFORDABLE INTERNET PROGRAM

### American Connectivity Program

(ACP) provides a monthly broadband subsidy for low-income households.



Up to a \$30/month discount on monthly internet service



Up to a \$75/month discount for households on qualifying Tribal lands



A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer (with a co-payment of more than \$10 but less than \$50)



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BIG!**

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# LH Information Track Webinar Series

**Big Grant Opportunity Sessions:** *Overview for mayors from expert speakers of the most important infrastructure funding opportunity for that month*

**Delivering Results Workshops:** *Sessions with federal agency officials focused on how mayors can deliver real results for residents on racial wealth equity, climate, and other policy areas aligned with community goals*

