

Federal Broadband Funding Programs

	American Rescue Plan Act Broadband Funding for States		Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Passed by Senate and House
	State & Local Fiscal Recovery	Capital Projects	Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment Program
Funding available	State of Nebraska: \$1,040,157,440.40 Counties: \$375,736,074 Metropolitan Cities: \$176,030,046 Non-entitlement Units: \$111,189,720	U.S.: \$10,000,000,000 Nebraska: \$128,740,178 Each Tribal Government: \$167,504	U.S.: \$42,450,000,000 Nebraska: \$100,000,000+
Administrative/Planning Funding Available		5% or \$6.4 million	5% Pre-Deployment Planning 2% Administration of grant
Uses of Administrative/Planning Funding		Costs of administering grant fund, providing technical assistance	Pre-Deployment: Research, data collection, outreach, technical assistance, employee training, broadband office
Areas eligible for broadband funding	Areas lacking reliable, wireline 25/3 Avoid locations with agreements to build wireline 100/20 by Dec. 2024	Areas without reliable wireline 100/20 (encouraged. If justified, can fund projects in areas with other funding commitments.	Unserved (lacking 25/3) and Underserved (lacking 100/20)
Eligible Uses	Public Health and Economic Impacts Premium Pay Revenue Loss Infrastructure Water and Sewer Broadband	Directly enable work, education and health monitoring & address critical needs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadband Infrastructure Projects • Digital Connectivity Projects • Multi-Purpose Community Facility Projects 	Unserved and underserved service projects Data collection and broadband mapping Connecting anchor institutions Service to multi-family buildings Broadband Adoption
Build out requirements	100/100 Mbps (unless not practicable) Or 100/20 but scalable if impracticable	100/100 Mbps- (unless impracticable) Fiber preference	100/20 Mbps
Application dates	—	Deadline to Request Funding: December 27, 2021 Deadline to Submit Grant Plan: September 24, 2022	Funding allocated after new FCC map available. Notice of Funding Opportunity issued 180 days after enactment inviting states to submit letter of intent. Letter of intent approved—get 5% for planning; must submit broadband plan Initial proposal approved—get 20%+ Final proposal approved—get remaining \$
Required Completion/Obligation Dates	Funds obligated by Dec. 31, 2024; Projects complete by Dec. 31, 2026	All funds must be expended by December 31, 2026	Broadband service to all customers 4 years after receipt of the subgrant
Match Requirements	None specified	None specified	25% except in high-cost areas
Notes	Treasury encourages recipients to prioritize broadband networks owned, operated or affiliated with local governments, nonprofits, and cooperatives	Treasury encourages Recipients to prioritize broadband networks owned, operated or affiliated with local governments, nonprofits, and cooperatives.	States may not exclude cooperatives, nonprofit organizations, public-private partnerships, private companies, public or private utilities, public utility districts, or local governments from eligibility for grant funds.

Digital Inclusion and Middle Mile Grant Programs (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act)

	State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program Planning Grants	State Digital Equity Capacity Grants	Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program	Middle Mile Grants	Affordable Connectivity Fund
Funding available	<p>Appropriation: \$60,000,0000 Minimum State Award: \$300,000 (.5 percent of total)</p>	<p>Appropriation: \$240,000,000 for fiscal year 2022 \$300,000,000 for fiscal years 2023-2026</p> <p>Minimum award: \$1,200,000 year 1</p> <p>\$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2023-2026</p>	<p>Appropriation: \$250,000,000 a year for first five fiscal years</p>	<p>Appropriation: \$1,000,000,000 for fiscal years 2022 through 2026</p>	<p>Appropriation: \$14 billion (from news reports)</p> <p>Amends the Emergency Broadband Benefit Fund to the Affordable Connectivity Fund.</p> <p>Provides \$30 a month subsidy for broadband</p>
Eligible Uses/Other Requirements	<p>States receiving a planning grant will be required to develop a State Digital Equity Plan one year from the date of the award.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement the State Digital Equity Plan and pursue digital inclusion activities consistent with the State Digital Equity Plan Evaluate the efficacy of the digital inclusion efforts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and implement digital inclusion activities Implement training programs that cover basic, advanced, and applied skills—or other workforce development programs, Make available equipment or digital network technology for broadband services <p>Requires 10% match</p>	<p>Middle-mile infrastructure is any broadband infrastructure that does not connect directly to an end-user.</p> <p>Requires 30% match</p>	<p>Amends the Emergency Broadband Benefit Fund to the Affordable Connectivity Fund</p> <p>Provides \$30 a month subsidy for broadband for individuals with low incomes.</p> <p>Provides a \$100 subsidy for devices (not smartphones).</p>
Timing	<p>Beginning in the first fiscal year after enactment, the NTIA will award planning grants.</p> <p>State must apply no later than 60 days after the NOFA is issued.</p>	<p>Capacity grants will be awarded not later than 2 years after planning grants are awarded</p> <p>States must apply no later than 60 days after the NOFA is issued. States have five years to spend their grant awards.</p>	<p>Grants are to be used for no more than 4 years</p>	<p>NTIA has 6 months to issue a notice of funding opportunity about the new program. Awardees must complete construction within five years.</p>	

Competitive Grant/Loan Program—Federal				
	USDA Reconnect	NTIA Broadband Infrastructure Program	Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program	Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program
Funding available	U.S.: \$1.15 Billion	U.S. \$288 Million	U.S.: \$980,000,000 NTIA will allocate up to \$500,000 to each of the Federally Recognized Tribes	U.S.: \$268,000,000
Eligible Entities	Corporations, LLCs and LLPs, cooperatives, state or local governments, Indian Tribes	Public-Private Partnerships	Eligible Native American, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian entities	1) a historically Black college or university (HBCU); (2) a Tribal College or University (TCU); (3) a Minority-serving institution (MSI); or (4) a consortium
Areas eligible for broadband funding	Areas lacking 100/20 Areas lacking 25/3 score higher Can be used in RDOF areas. Points awarded for areas with low pop density, economic need, socially vulnerable communities, tribal lands, and non-telco applicants	A census block in which 25/3 Mbps broadband service is not available at one or more households or businesses in the census block. No broadband provider has been selected to receive enforceable support to build out 25/3 broadband	Tribal areas lacking 25/3 Mbps broadband A Tribal government may certify whether an area within its own "Tribal Lands" is "unserved," in lieu of using a non-tribal coverage/speed data set such as FCC 477 carrier sourced data.	
Eligible Uses	Broadband infrastructure projects	Broadband infrastructure projects	1. Broadband infrastructure deployment 2. Affordable broadband programs	Build the broadband and IT capacity of eligible institutions; Provide broadband education, awareness, training, access, equipment, and support; Provide subsidized broadband access and equipment
Build out requirements	100/100 Mbps	100/20 Mbps	NTIA encourages the submission of project proposals that deploy future-proof infrastructure to the extent feasible, e.g. fiber.	
Application dates	Application Period: Nov. 24, 2021-feb. 22, 2022	Applications due: August 17, 2021	Applications due: Sept. 1, 2021	Applications due: Dec. 1, 2021
Required Completion/Obligation Dates		1 year after receipt of grant funds	1 year after receipt of grant funds	2 years from receipt of grant funds
Match Requirements	25% for grants 50% for loan grants 0% for tribal areas and socially vulnerable communities	None Scoring bonus for match of 10% or more	None	None
Notes		No Nebraska applicants		