Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act

Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment

- **Total :** $42.45 Billion

- **Goal**: Get all Americans online by funding partnerships between states, territories, communities and stakeholders to build infrastructure where we need it and to increase adoption of high-speed internet.

- **Eligible uses:** Planning for deployment, Deployment or ugrading infra, installation in multi-family buildings, implementing adoption/equity programs, workforce & job training.

BEAD Breakdown

Three components of funding:

Minimum Allocation: $100M

+

High Cost Allocation:

$$\frac{\text{\# of unserved location in HC areas in IN}}{\text{\# of unserved locations in HC areas in US}} \times 4.245B$$

+

Remaining funds based on FCC Maps:

$$\frac{\text{\# of unserved locations in IN}}{\text{\# unserved locations in US}} \times \text{remaining funds}$$

BEAD Key Points

- Must complete a 5 Year Action Plan

- Must conduct local coordination and public engagement activities as part of plan development & Implementation

- State must define "low-cost option" and ensure its availability

- Priorities: Access, Affordability, Adoption
  - Must serve all UNSERVED locations = without reliable speeds of 25/3 or under
  - UNDERSERVED locations – without speeds of 100/20 and latency <100ms
  - Serve Community Anchor Institutions
  - Other: affordability programs, cyber training, workforce dev

Digital Equity Act Programs

- GOAL: Support the closure of the digital divide and promote equity & digital inclusion, so that everyone has the info technology and capacity for full participation in society and the economy.
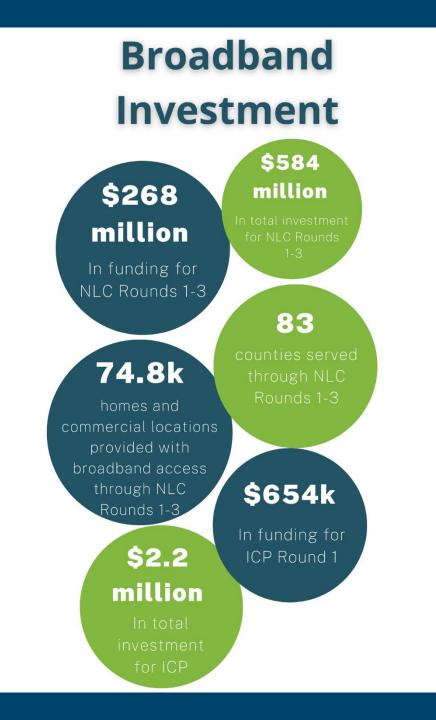
- Total: $2.75 Billion

- 3 Phases:
  - State DE Planning Grant : $60M for states and territories to develop a DE Plan
  - State DE Capacity Grant : $1.4B for states and territories to implement their DE Plans
  - DE Competitive Grant: $1.25B Fund annual programs for 5 years – Non state entities are eligible (political subdivisions, NP's, CAI's, Local ed agencies, Workforce orgs)

Middle Mile Program

- **Goal:** Expand MM Infra to reduce to the cost of connecting un/underserved areas. Will also increase resilience.

- **Total:** $1B

- **Eligible Entities:** Government, ISP's, electric utility, utility co-op, public utility district, NP's, RPC's, Native entity or Economic Dev Authority

- **Eligible Uses:**
    - Construction or improvement, acquisition of facilities & equipment
    - Engineering, design, permitting and work related to project reviews
    - Personnel costs, consultant fees
    - Other costs necessary to programmatic activities

    - Apps Due 9/30   Awards – Spring 2023
    - Internetforall.ntia.gov

Broadband Investment

$584 million
In total investment for NLC Rounds 1-3

$268 million
In funding for NLC Rounds 1-3

83
counties served through NLC Rounds 1-3

74.8k
homes and commercial locations provided with broadband access through NLC Rounds 1-3

$654k
In funding for ICP Round 1

$2.2 million
In total investment for ICP

Broadband Ready Communities

- The Broadband Ready Community certification sends a signal to the telecommunication industry that a community has taken steps to reduce barriers to broadband infrastructure investment. While investment in broadband infrastructure is not guaranteed to follow once a community obtains the certification, reducing the regulatory hurdles that deter investment is a key step towards creating an environment ripe for broadband investment.

- Currently there are over 60 Communities that have been designated as Broadband Ready. These consist of counties, cities and towns.

- Previously the program was administered by IEDC. As of July 1, 2020 legislation shifted the administration of the program to OCRA and the IBO has been tasked with the day-to-day facilitation and advancement.

THE **WiFi** PROJECT

The WiFi Project is an initiative of the state of Indiana with the goal of helping find residents and business owners who need internet access and connecting them to providers and resources that may have a part in making it happen!

How is your connectivity? Do you need to level up your speed?
Level up your e-learning. Level up your business. Level up your entertainment. Level up your at-home doctor visits. Level up your ecommerce. Level up your degree.

Level up your **CONNECTION**!

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AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

WHAT IS IT?

The Affordable Connectivity Program is an FCC program that helps connect families and households struggling to afford internet service.

The benefit provides:

- Up to $30/month discount for internet service;
- Up to $75/month discount for households on qualifying Tribal lands; and
- A one-time discount of up to $100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

A household is eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Program if the household income is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, or if a member of the household meets at least one of the criteria below:

- Participates in any of the following assistance programs: SNAP, Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, Veterans Pension or Survivor Benefits, SSI, WIC, or Lifeline;
- Participates in any of the following Tribal specific programs: Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, Tribal TANF, Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations, or Tribal Head Start (income based);
- Participates in the Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch Program or the School Breakfast Program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision;
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year; or
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating broadband provider's existing low-income internet program.

TWO STEPS TO ENROLL

1

Go to **AffordableConnectivity.gov** to submit an application or print a mail-in application

2

Contact your preferred participating provider to select an eligible plan and have the discount applied to your bill.

Some providers may have an alternative application that they will ask you to complete.

Eligible households must both apply for the program and contact a participating provider to select a service plan.

LEARN MORE

📞 Call **877-384-2575**, or

🌐 Visit **fcc.gov/acp**

11.5+ MILLION HOUSEHOLDS CONNECTED

10 WAYS TO SPREAD THE WORD

01 HELP YOUR COMMUNITY ENROLL

Sign up as an enrollment partner today at fcc.gov/ACP.

02 SPREAD THE WORD

Are you organizing school packet pick-ups or a local food drive? Download and print ACP flyers to include in pick-up materials: fcc.gov/acp-toolkit

03 REQUEST PRINTED MATERIALS

Printed versions of FCC ACP Outreach Toolkit materials are available. Send an email to ACPInfo@fcc.gov and provide details on what you need.

04 CONNECT WITH LOCAL INSTITUTIONS

Ensure schools, libraries, health clinics, and community centers know about the ACP and have info to help eligible students and patrons enroll.

05 INVOLVE YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

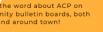Does your local employment assistance or social services office have ACP information? Put Outreach Toolkit materials in helping hands.

06 SHARE ACP INFO ON YOUR WEBSITES AND SOCIAL MEDIA

The FCC has ready-to-post graphics, videos, and PSAs available for you to share with your network in the ACP Outreach Toolkit.

07 REQUEST A SPEAKER FOR AN EVENT

Have a local event coming up? Want to train your members to serve as ACP ambassadors? Send a speaker request to ACPSpeakers@fcc.gov.

08 HELP CONNECT THE UNCONNECTED

Download and print application forms, worksheets and instructions in English or Spanish at AffordableConnectivity.gov

09 FIND LOCAL PROVIDERS

Browse listings by state or territory at fcc.gov/acp-providers-by-state.

10 LET EVERYONE KNOW

Spread the word about ACP on community bulletin boards, both online and around town!

AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM
AffordableConnectivity.gov

Indiana Speed Test

- Indiana Broadband Strategic Partnership (IBSP): IN Farm Bureau, Cook Medical Group, Duke Energy Foundation, Indiana Association of Realtors, Radius Indiana and the Regional Opportunity Initiative.

This partnership will promote the *Indiana Speed Test*, a crowd-sourced internet speed test.

https://www.infarmbureau.org/resources/broadband-speed-test

- Enable the ability to collect data about broadband speeds to truly identify the most unserved and underserved areas.

Other Topics

- CPF

- FCC Maps

- Local Engagement

- Questions

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