

IIJA – Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

\$65 billion - Overall \$65 billion to states, community organizations and other entities for a range of broadband deployment and digital inclusion activities.

\$42.45 billion

Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment program (BEAD)

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- Administered by the NTIA
 - 180 days from signing to establish the grant program
- \$100 million (minimum) distributed to each state in formula-based grants to competitively award grants for qualifying broadband infrastructure, mapping and adoption projects.
- Requires states to submit a "5-year-action plan" as part of its proposal, which "shall be informed by collaboration with local and regional entities."

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<p>Cont'd</p> <p>\$42.45 billion</p> <p>Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment program (BEAD)</p> <p>Administered by the NTIA</p>	<p>Cont'd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Funds may be used for:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Broadband deployment to unserved and underserved areas<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Unserved service projects = lacks access to 25/3 mbps- Underserved service projects = lacks access to 100/20 mbps▪ Connecting eligible community anchor institutions;▪ Data collection, broadband mapping and planning;▪ Broadband adoption projects such as including providing affordable internet-capable devices○ States may use no more than five percent of funding for planning and pre-deployment activities and no more than two percent can go to administration.
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<p>\$14.2 billion</p> <p>Broadband Affordability</p>	<p>\$14.2 billion - Broadband Affordability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Modifies Emergency Broadband Benefit to Affordable Connectivity Program<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Reduces subsidy from \$50 to \$30 per month, leaves existing tribal benefit amount in place, expands eligibility slightly, provides longer term but not permanent funding.▪ Requires display of consumer labels on broadband service plans.▪ Requires the FCC to adopt rules, "model policies and best practices" to address digital discrimination (redlining).
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<p>\$2.75 billion</p> <p>Digital Equity Act</p>	<p>\$2.75 billion - Digital Equity Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ \$60 million in planning grants to fund state digital equity plans (required to receive federal funding)▪ \$240 million for 2022 and \$300 million for each year 2023-2026.○ Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ \$1.25 billion over five years for grants to eligible entities, including but not limited to local governments, nonprofits, and community anchor institutions▪ Funds will not come through the states but directly from Commerce.
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Digital Equity Act

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- Funds can be used for eligible populations to:
 - Facilitate broadband adoption to provide educational and employment opportunities
 - Implement training programs
 - Make broadband equipment and software available at little or no cost
 - Construct or upgrade public access computing centers for eligible populations through community anchor institutions
- Commerce will award funding based on whether applicants will increase internet access and adoption among eligible populations, geographic diversity of application in comparison with other eligible applications and the extent to which an application may duplicate or conflict with another program.
- No more than 90% of the project cost can come through the grant.

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\$2 billion RUS ReConnect	\$2 billion for Rural Utilities Service ReConnect Program under the USDA.
\$2 billion Tribal Broadband Connectivity	\$2 billion to enhance the existing Tribal Broadband Connectivity Grant Program.
\$1 billion New Middle-Mile Projects	\$1 billion for new Middle-Mile Projects under then NTIA <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Competitive grants○ No more than \$20 million may be used by NTIA to administer the program
\$0.6 billion PABs for broadband	\$0.6 billion for Private Activity Bonds (PABs) for broadband deployments.