

Greater Arizona Educational Leadership
AZBSN Arizona Broadband
Stakeholder Network
Arizona Telecommunications and Information Council
DIGITAL ACCESS TASK FORCE

AZBSN Meeting Chat – January 23, 2025

07:59:27 From Michelle Simon to Everyone: Is it just my sound? Everyone is kind of echoing...

07:59:57 From Kristi King to Everyone: Not having an echo

08:00:36 From Michelle Simon to Everyone: Thanks! It seems that I had two meetings opened!

08:00:46 From Erin Lorandos | Digital Equity Program Manager, ACA (she, her) to Everyone:
Reacted to "Thanks! It seems tha..." with ❤️

08:01:02 From Manny Villa to Everyone: Reacted to "Thanks! It seems tha..." with 👍

08:01:24 From Kristi King to Everyone: Reacted to "Thanks! It seems tha..." with 👍

08:06:13 From Erin Lorandos | Digital Equity Program Manager, ACA (she, her) to Everyone:
<https://www.azcommerce.com/broadband>

08:07:36 From Erin Lorandos | Digital Equity Program Manager, ACA (she, her) to Everyone:
<https://www.azcommerce.com/broadband/initiatives/digital-equity-program>

08:09:44 From Erin Lorandos | Digital Equity Program Manager, ACA (she, her) to Everyone:
broadband@azcommerce.com (BEAD stuff)

ErinL@azcommerce.com for DE stuff :)

08:10:16 From Shereka Jackson to Everyone: Erin, has there been any conversations or threats of the funding being pulled by the federal government? With all that happen yesterday.

08:10:44 From Mala Muralidharan to Everyone: WELCOME Michael!!!!

08:10:54 From Manny Villa to Everyone: Reacted to "https://www.azcommer..." with 👍

08:11:30 From Erin Lorandos | Digital Equity Program Manager, ACA (she, her) to Everyone:
Replying to "Erin, has there been..."

So far, from everything we've seen IJJA has been excluded from the rescinding... We are operating with optimistic caution at this time. And of course - as with EVERY grant/program - everything is always going to finally be subject to availability of funds. But, we want to be ready!

08:11:32 From Mala Muralidharan to Everyone: You mean you don't want to do E-rate Beth?

08:11:45 From Erin Lorandos | Digital Equity Program Manager, ACA (she, her) to Everyone:
Reacted to "You mean you don't w..." with 🤔

08:11:50 From Manny Villa to Everyone: Welcome, Michael! Looking forward to working with you!

08:12:12 From Ilana Lowery to Everyone: Replying to "Erin, has there been..."

BEAD dollars look to be safe ... for now.

08:12:27 From Ilana Lowery to Everyone: Welcome to the group, Michael!

08:12:32 From Erin Lorandos | Digital Equity Program Manager, ACA (she, her) to Everyone:
@Michael Kendall, are you already in chats with the State Broadband Office, if not - please email me (ErinL@azcommerce.com) and I'll connect you to our team!

08:12:40 From Manny Villa to Everyone: Reacted to "BEAD dollars look to..." with 🙌

08:12:45 From Beth Neeley to Everyone: http

08:12:54 From Shereka Jackson to Everyone: Reacted to "So far, from everyth..." with 👍

08:13:08 From Beth Neeley to Everyone: <https://www.azed.gov/information-technology/arizona-broadband-expansion-fund>

08:13:29 From Erin Lorandos | Digital Equity Program Manager, ACA (she, her) to Everyone:
Replying to "Erin, has there been..."

And, yeah - sorry - typing too fast - the BEAD part of IJJA isn't one that's affected so far.

08:14:26 From Michael Kendall to Everyone: Reacted to "WELCOME Michael!!!" with 👍

08:15:04 From Shereka Jackson to Everyone: Replying to "Erin, has there been..."

My question was around the digital equity funds. Thanks

08:15:33 From Erin Lorandos | Digital Equity Program Manager, ACA (she, her) to Everyone:
Replying to "Erin, has there been..."

Also - just to say - nothing is impossible (of course) but at this point, we have signed awards for both BEAD and DE, and funds have been allocated. It's *more difficult* to claw back funds that are already allocated.

On the Competitive Grant side, those awards are "recommended" not yet with signed CD450's (the "agreement" that we get) but hopefully everything keeps chugging along.

08:15:52 From Michael Kendall to Everyone: Replying to "@Michael Kendall, ..."

will do. thank you

08:15:59 From Erin Lorandos | Digital Equity Program Manager, ACA (she, her) to Everyone:
Reacted to "will do. thank you" with 👍

08:17:39 From David Krassa to Everyone: Is this funding only for fiber projects?

08:18:09 From Kelley Boan to Everyone: Category One funding is supposed to be media-agnostic.

08:18:11 From Erin Lorandos | Digital Equity Program Manager, ACA (she, her) to Everyone:
Reacted to "My question was arou..." with 👍

08:19:17 From Erin Lorandos | Digital Equity Program Manager, ACA (she, her) to Everyone:
Replying to "Erin, has there been..."

@Shereka Jackson - the word "equity" is of course, a hot button right now. We're watching everything closely.

08:20:39 From Ilana Lowery to Everyone: Replying to "Erin, has there been..."

As you should. 😏

08:20:42 From Mark Goldstein to Everyone: Reacted to "So far, from everyth..." with 👍

08:23:04 From Kelley Boan to Everyone: If you want to watch USAC webinars offering E-Rate training go to: <https://www.usac.org/e-rate/learn/webinars/>

08:24:01 From Erin Lorandos | Digital Equity Program Manager, ACA (she, her) to Everyone:
Reacted to "As you should. 😏" with ❤️

08:26:04 From Kelly Mukherjee to Everyone: Reacted to "@Michael Kendall, ar..." with ❤️

08:26:24 From Ilana Lowery to Steve Peters(direct message): Feel free to let others know about my new role.

08:28:24 From Ji Soo Song to Everyone: https://setda.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SO-mvLgLQNYma1OzXLsMLA#/registration

08:41:16 From Ji Soo Song to Everyone: <https://fas.org/publication/reimagining-the-enhancing-education-through-technology-program-for-the-modern-era/>

08:43:27 From Ji Soo Song to Everyone: Direct link to UCI report: https://www.setda.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/SETDA_UCI-Report-2025_Official.pdf

08:43:59 From Kelly Mukherjee to Everyone: Reacted to "https://fas.org/publ..." with 👍

08:44:03 From Kelly Mukherjee to Everyone: Reacted to "Direct link to UCI r..." with 👍

08:47:28 From Manny Villa to Everyone: Reacted to "https://setda.zoom.u..." with 👍

08:47:32 From Manny Villa to Everyone: Reacted to "https://fas.org/publ..." with 👍

08:47:38 From Manny Villa to Everyone: Reacted to "Direct link to UCI r..." with 👍

08:54:14 From Mala Muralidharan to Everyone: Carr's statement announced that the agency will be ending the promotion of DEI. This included eliminating the promotion of DEI from the FCC's Strategic Plan, the FCC's budget, along with ending the commission's DEI Advisory Group and Task Force.

08:55:51 From Ji Soo Song to Everyone: <https://fas.org/publication/reimagining-the-enhancing-education-through-technology-program-for-the-modern-era/>

08:56:32 From Mala Muralidharan to Everyone: Tech Plan was a requirement for E-rate but it no longer is... although we suggest that a Library Strategic Plan includes Tech plan as well

08:56:44 From Ji Soo Song to Everyone: https://setda.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SO-mvLgLQNYma1OzXLsMLA#/registration

08:57:22 From Ji Soo Song to Everyone: info@setda.org

08:58:01 From Mala Muralidharan to Everyone: Commissioner Carr's views DOC-409054A1.pdf

08:58:55 From Ji Soo Song to Everyone: Thank you all again for letting me have some time with this community! Looking forward to seeing you all again at the webinar next week.

08:59:05 From Manny Villa to Everyone: Reacted to "Thank you all again ..." with 🙌

08:59:26 From Michelle Simon to Everyone: Reacted to "Thank you all again ..." with 👍

08:59:45 From Michelle Simon to Everyone: Please mark your calendar for our first Community Service Provider Forum in Pima County. More details about the schedule are forthcoming, but we will meet from 8am-12noon to discuss/exchange ideas, best practices, what's working, and what's not working when it comes to helping community members gain access (internet and devices/tools) and important digital skills. See the attached Save the Date flyer. This is an in-person meeting, and we will have breakfast and snacks available. Please share this with your colleagues at other organizations!

09:00:22 From Kelly Mukherjee to Everyone: Reacted to "Thank you all again ..." with 🙌

09:00:23 From Erin Lorandos | Digital Equity Program Manager, ACA (she, her) to Everyone: Reacted to "Please mark your cal..." with 👍

09:00:38 From Kelly Mukherjee to Everyone: Reacted to "Please mark your cal..." with 👍

09:01:40 From Maria Garcia to Everyone: Reacted to "Please mark your cal..." with 👍

09:02:25 From Matthew Suchodolski to Everyone: Matthew Suchodolski
General Field Representative (Telecom) Arizona
Rural Development
United States Department of Agriculture
(520) 528-7533
MATTHEW.SUCHODOLSKI@USDA.GOV
www.rd.usda.gov

09:03:59 From Matthew Suchodolski to Everyone: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-programs/distance-learning-telemedicine-grants#overview>

09:04:32 From Matthew Suchodolski to Everyone: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-programs/distance-learning-telemedicine-grants#events>

09:06:57 From Erin Lorandos | Digital Equity Program Manager, ACA (she, her) to Everyone: 🎉

09:07:29 From Kelly Mukherjee to Everyone: Congratulations, Pima County!

09:07:38 From Kelly Mukherjee to Everyone: Reacted to "🎉" with ❤️

09:07:56 From Michelle Simon to Everyone: Reacted to "Congratulations, Pim..." with 👍

09:08:01 From Michelle Simon to Everyone: Reacted to "🎉" with ❤️

09:08:18 From Mala Muralidharan to Everyone: Is there a virtual link for the event, Michelle

09:08:19 From Michelle Simon to Everyone: Reacted to "Is there a virtual l..." with 👍

09:08:43 From Erin Lorandos | Digital Equity Program Manager, ACA (she, her) to Everyone: 🎉

09:08:55 From Michelle Simon to Everyone: Replying to "Is there a virtual l..."

sorry! The event is in-person only this time. We will be looking at virtual options for other events in the future.

09:09:14 From Manny Villa to Everyone: Reacted to "sorry! The event is ..." with 👍

09:09:16 From Mala Muralidharan to Everyone: WOW!!!!

09:09:34 From Mala Muralidharan to Everyone: CONGRATS - How lovely!!!!

09:09:43 From Manny Villa to Everyone: Congrats Ilana! 🍷

09:09:43 From Michelle Simon to Everyone: Yay to Ilana!!

09:09:48 From Kelly Mukherjee to Everyone: Reacted to "Yay to Ilana!!" with 🌟

09:10:02 From Kristi King to Everyone: Congrats Ilana!!!!

09:10:07 From Maria Garcia to Everyone: Reacted to "🍷" with 🎉

09:10:11 From Ilana Lowery to Everyone: Reacted to "Congrats Ilana! 🍷" with ❤️

09:10:15 From Ilana Lowery to Everyone: Reacted to "CONGRATS - How level..." with ❤️

09:10:22 From Ilana Lowery to Everyone: Reacted to "Yay to Ilana!!" with ❤️

09:10:26 From Ilana Lowery to Everyone: Reacted to "Congrats Ilana!!!!!" with ❤️

09:11:07 From Phillip Way to Everyone: AI event! Could we make the topic of AI in Govt a future discussion. As Ilana, I am deeply involved in the AI environment and part of the Global Blockchain Association for the UN and a member of AI engagements as well.

09:11:28 From Mallory DeVol to Everyone: Congrats, Ilana!

09:11:31 From Ilana Lowery to Everyone: Let's connect Philip

09:11:55 From Phillip Way to Everyone: Reacted to "Let's connect Philip" with