# Accessing Federal Broadband Funds

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# TIMELINE FUNDING SOURCES HOW TO FIT FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

#### **Hire Staff**

(fall 21-spring 22)

# Scaling Up for Federal Investment

#### **Secure Funding**

(winter 21-fall 23)

**Develop Rules & Grant** 

Plans (spring-summer 22)

Launch Dec. 22



(summer 22- summer 23)



## **Funding Sources**

#### Near term

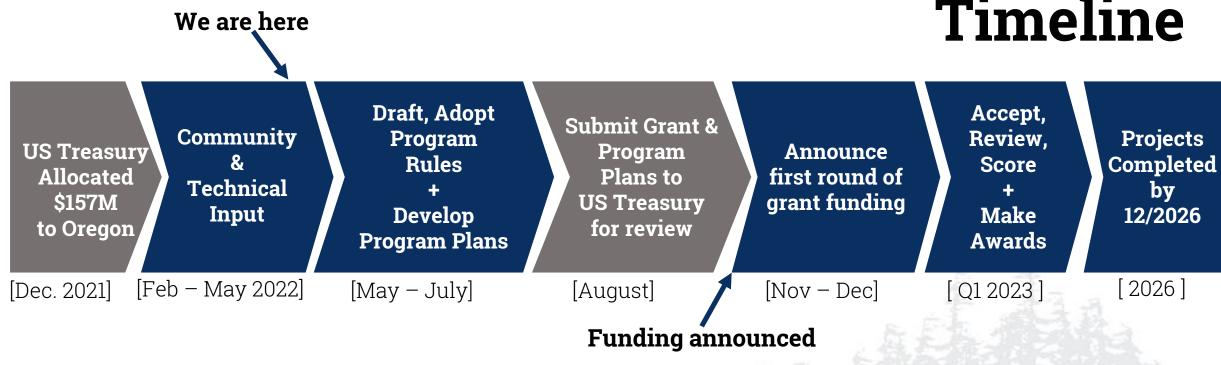
- -\$500K, EDA Grant for Broadband Mapping
- -\$1.5M, Oregon Broadband Fund (Universal Service Fund)
- -\$157M, ARPA Capital Projects

#### Long term

- -\$100M+Formula, IIJA Broadband Equity, Access & Deployment
- -\$Formula, IIJA Digital Equity



### ARPA Capital Projects: Timeline





# Federal Guidance - ARPA Broadband Infrastructure Projects

- Must reliably meet or exceed 100 Mbps download / 100 Mbps upload (aka "100/100")
  - -100/20 Mbps for exceptions, but must be scalable to 100/100
- "Last Mile" focus. Middle mile projects must incorporate a lastmile deployment.
- Serve locations lacking 25/3 Mbps service
- Goal: Offer 100/100 at an affordable price



## How can you be ready?

- Visit Oregon Broadband Office webpage & check out our resources
  - ARPA Capital Projects Fund Guidance
  - Oregon Senate Bill 1603

- Submit comments to <u>broadband.Oregon@biz.Oregon.gov</u>
  - -Tell us what you want to see in a State broadband grant program
  - -Deadline: May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5pm PST



# Get a project "shovel ready"

#### Talk with any potential partners:

- neighboring cities
- -ISP's
- pole-owning utilities or co-ops
- Economic Development Districts

#### Put together a plan or study

- What do we have?
- Who doesn't have it?
- What would it cost to serve unserved/underserved areas?



## Other things we can fund

#### Broadband Planning

- -Rules & procedures currently under development
- -Please submit any suggestions/comments by May 2 @ 5pm

Device lending (ARPA funds, Winter '22/'23)



# INFRASTRUCTURE ACT\* CREATES ~\$65B IN BROADBAND FUNDING

NTIA will administer ~\$48B of this new funding

**BEAD** 

DIGITAL EQUITY

TRIBAL

MIDDLE MILE

\$42.45B

\$2.75B

\$2.00B

\$1.00B

Title I - Broadband Equity, Access & Deployment Program

Formula-based grant program for U.S. states and territories. BEAD aims to close the access gap for unserved & underserved areas of the country.

Title III - Digital Equity Act

Three programs, established for planning & implementation of programs that promote digital equity, support digital inclusion activities, and build capacity related to the adoption of broadband.

Title II - Tribal
Connectivity Technical
Amendments

Furthers current Tribal
Broadband
Connectivity Program
by investing an
additional \$2B to fund
broadband adoption
and infrastructure
projects.

Title IV - Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure

Provides funding to extend middle mile capacity to reduce cost of serving unserved and underserved areas and enhance network resilience.

FCC to administer ~\$14B

\$14.2B

For Affordable Connectivity Program, which will replace the EBB program

**USDA** to administer \$2B

\$2.0B

Via the Rural Utilities Service

Private Activity Bonds \$600M

\$600M

Authorizes State/local gov'ts to use private activity bonds for rural broadband



<sup>\*</sup> Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Division F, Pub. L. 117-58 (Nov. 15, 2021) Note: funding amounts inclusive of all administrative set-asides

#### Not sure where to start?

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