Accessing Federal Broadband Funds

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TIMELINE
FUNDING SOURCES
HOW TO FIT FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

Scaling Up for Federal Investment

Hire Staff
(fall 21-spring 22)

Secure Funding
(winter 21-fall 23)

Develop Rules & Grant
Plans (spring-summer 22)

Develop Map & IIJA Plans
(summer 22- summer 23)

Launch
Dec. 22

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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

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ARPA Capital Projects: Timeline

We are here

| US Treasury Allocated $157M to Oregon | Community & Technical Input | Draft, Adopt Program Rules + Develop Program Plans | Submit Grant & Program Plans to US Treasury for review | Announce first round of grant funding | Accept, Review, Score + Make Awards | Projects Completed by 12/2026 |

[Dec. 2021] [Feb – May 2022] [May – July] [August] [Nov – Dec] [Q1 2023] [2026]

Funding announced

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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 last-mile deployment.**

- **Serve locations lacking 25/3 Mbps service**

- **Goal: Offer 100/100 at an affordable price**

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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 broadband.Oregon@biz.Oregon.gov**
  - Tell us what you want to see in a State broadband grant program
  - Deadline: May 2nd, 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?

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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)**

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INFRASTRUCTURE ACT* CREATES ~$65B IN BROADBAND FUNDING

NTIA will administer ~$48B of this new funding

BEAD

$42.45B

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.

DIGITAL EQUITY

$2.75B

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.

TRIBAL

$2.00B

Title II - Tribal Connectivity Technical Amendments

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

MIDDLE MILE

$1.00B

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't to use private activity bonds for rural broadband

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

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Not sure where to start?

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