

## Broadband Funding Guide

Department: Department of Labor

1	<b>Federal Agency/Bureau</b>	Employment and Training Administration
2	<b>Agency Overview</b>	The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) administers federal government job training and worker dislocation programs, federal grants to states for public employment service programs, and unemployment insurance benefits. These services are primarily provided through state and local workforce development systems.
3	<b>Program Name</b>	Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)
4	<b>Program Website</b>	<a href="https://www.doleta.gov/wioa/">https://www.doleta.gov/wioa/</a>
5	<b>Program Overview</b>	<p>Each year, Congress appropriates dollars under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) for adult, dislocated worker, youth, and basic labor exchange programs. The nation's business-led Workforce Development Boards help set the strategic direction for the programs and services in their respective labor markets.</p> <p>There are approximately 2,400 American Job Centers (One-Stop Centers) that provide a full range of assistance to job seekers. The centers offer training referrals, career counseling, job listings, and similar employment-related services. Patrons can take advantage of the Center's "resource rooms" which provide computers, printers, and Internet connectivity to obtain a perspective on availability of jobs and the availability of training opportunities in various sectors of the economy.</p> <p>The current approved WIOA State Strategic Plans can be found at <a href="https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/rso/wioa/state-plans/index.html">https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/rso/wioa/state-plans/index.html</a></p> <p>States are submitting their Strategic Plans for 2020 – 2023 during March 2020. After review and approval by the Departments of Labor, Education, Agriculture, Housing and Urban Development, and Health and Human Services, these Plans should be available for public access in July – August 2020.</p> <p>The WIOA statute describes allowable activities for programs under its various titles (including those for adult education and vocational rehabilitation). "Digital literacy" is among the list of programs, activities, or services that comprise workforce preparation. The legislation, in turn, references the Museum and Library Services Act of 2010, which defines digital literacy as "the skills associated with using technology to enable users to find, evaluate, organize, create, and communicate information. Many Centers offer courses that are designed to support digital literacy. Out-of-school youth, in particular, can benefit from these training offerings.</p>

6	<b>Program Purpose</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning (e.g., feasibility) <input type="checkbox"/> Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction) <input type="checkbox"/> Broadband Adoption <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Digital Skills Training <input type="checkbox"/> Public Computer Access <input type="checkbox"/> Smart Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Research <input type="checkbox"/> Broadband Financing <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
7	<b>Eligible Recipients</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Libraries <input type="checkbox"/> K-12 Schools <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Higher Education Institutions <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitals <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety Entities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State and Local Governments <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Entities <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial/Internet Service Providers <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> Small Businesses <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Recipients <input type="checkbox"/> Electric Utilities/Co-ops <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Institutions <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
8	<b>Agency Contact</b>	Kevin Thompson <a href="mailto:thompson.kevin@dol.gov">thompson.kevin@dol.gov</a>
9	<b>FY2020 Funding Type and Amount</b>	<a href="#">Employment and Training Administration 2020 Budget Webpage</a>
10	<b>Additional Information</b>	<a href="#">Digital Literacy Website</a> <a href="#">Digital Blindspot: How Digital Literacy Can Create a More Resilient American Workforce</a> <a href="#">Foundational Digital Skills for Career Progress</a> <a href="#">The New Foundational Skills of the Digital Economy</a> <a href="#">SkillsCommons Curricula Related to Digital Literacy</a> <a href="#">Workforce Development Board Contact Database</a>