FY21 BroadbandUSA Federal Funding Site Update
Department: Department of Labor

1	Federal Agency/Bureau	Employment and Training Administration
2	Program Name	Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)
3	Program Overview	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. 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. The current approved WIOA State Strategic Plan for 2020-2023 can be found at www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/wioa. The user can search for various terms and phrases (e.g., rural, broadband, digital literacy, etc.) to identify the States that have included the topic in the narrative. 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. WorkforceGPS (www.workforcegps.org) is the online technical assistance created to help build the capacity of America's public workforce investment system. Sponsored by the Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration the Employment and Training Administration of the U.S. Department of Labor, WorkforceGPS was developed specifically for workforce professionals, educators, and business leaders. The site contains curated communities of interest, useful webinars and other training resources, promising workforce development practices, and relevant evidence-based research – tools needrf to help you create innovative approaches to improve the employment prospects of job seekers.
4	CFDA	258 Adult Program 259 Youth Program 278 Dislocated Worker Progra
5	Program Website	www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/wioa

6	**Type of funding**	☐ Discretionary ☐ Subsidy ☒ Formula ☐ Loan or loan guarantee Other:
7	**Link to application site, NOFO or Grants.gov (if different from program website above)**	Not Applicable
8	**NOFO Type**	☐ Initial ☐ Modification ☐ Reissue/Renewal Other:
9	**Important Dates (if applicable)**	Not Applicable
10	**FY2021 Appropriations Amount**	Total Amount: Amount Available Towards Broadband (if specified): Policy statement: WIOA funds can be used to pay for devices and broadband internet service that will allow a participant to create or maintain a wireless connection for distance learning, searching for jobs, and other employment and training services where such services are already allowable. Grant recipients are expected to use sound fiscal prudence to maximize value for each taxpayer dollar spent by reaching as many participants as possible while also considering the cost and length of time remaining in the period of performance. Please note that ETA grant funds cannot be used to enhance or build the infrastructure needed to support local broadband internet service.

11	**Broadband-related Program Purpose/Eligible Expenditures (check all that apply)**	☒ Planning (e.g., feasibility) ☐ Broadband Infrastructure Deployment (e.g., construction) ☒ Broadband Adoption/Digital Literacy/Tech Support ☒ Digital Skills Training (e.g., STEM/STEAM, Workforce Development) ☒ Devices/equipment (e.g., laptops, hotspots)	☐ Public Connectivity/Computer Access ☐ Research and/or Evaluation ☐ Data and/or Mapping ☐ Smart Communities/Cities/Regions ☐ Telehealth Other:
12	**Eligible Recipients (check all that apply)**	☐ Libraries ☐ K-12 Schools ☐ Higher Education Institutions ☒ State Government ☒ Local Government ☐ Territorial Governments	☐ Healthcare Facilities ☐ For-Profit Organizations (including Internet Service Providers) ☐ Non-Profit Organizations ☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops ☐ Financial Institutions Other:
		☒ Tribal/Native American Government, Alaska Native Controlled Organizations, and Native Hawaiian Organizations ☐ Public Safety Entities	
13	**Publicly-available programmatic data**	ETA does not require WIOA grantees to report on broadband expenditures that may be made during a quarter or year.	
14	**Contact information**	Thompson.kevin@dol.gov	
15	**Additional Information**	Searches for "broadband" references, resources, and webinars can be made at https://www.workforcegps.org/search	