

## FY22 BroadbandUSA Federal Funding Site Update

**Department:** Department of Commerce

1	<b>Federal Agency/Bureau</b>	National Telecommunications and Information Administration
2	<b>Program Name</b>	State Digital Equity Planning Grant Program
3	<b>Authorizing Legislation</b>	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
4	<b>Program Overview</b>	<p>The Digital Equity Act, established by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), dedicates \$2.75 billion to establish three grant programs that promote digital inclusion and equity to ensure that all individuals and communities have access to the skills and tools needed to for full participation in the society and economy of the United States. The goal of these programs is to promote digital inclusion and advance equity for all to ensure all communities have affordable access and can use the Internet to improve their lives, including low-income households, aging populations, incarcerated individuals, veterans, individuals with disabilities, individuals with a language barrier, racial and ethnic minorities, and rural inhabitants.</p> <p>State Digital Equity Planning Grant Program: \$60 million formula grant program for states and territories to develop digital equity plans.</p>
5	<b>CFDA</b>	11.032
6	<b>Program Website</b>	<a href="https://www.internetforall.gov/program/digital-equity-act-programs">https://www.internetforall.gov/program/digital-equity-act-programs</a>
7	<b>Type of funding</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary <input type="checkbox"/> Subsidy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Formula <input type="checkbox"/> Loan or loan guarantee <input type="checkbox"/> Other (i.e. loan-grant combo; if there is a set-aside amount for certain recipients please indicate the amount):
8	<b>Link to application site, NOFO, FOA, or Grants.gov (if different from program website above)</b>	<a href="https://grants.ntia.gov/grantsPortal/s/funding-program/a0g3d00000018OIAAI/state-digital-equity-planning-grant-program">https://grants.ntia.gov/grantsPortal/s/funding-program/a0g3d00000018OIAAI/state-digital-equity-planning-grant-program</a>
9	<b>Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) or Federal Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Type</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial <input type="checkbox"/> Modification <input type="checkbox"/> Reissue/Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> Other (i.e. one-time funding):

10	<b>Important Dates (if applicable)</b>	State, DC, and PR application due date July 12, 2022; Other Territory and Tribal Entity Letter of Intent Due date July 12, 2022 and application due date TBD.
12	<b>FY2022 Appropriations Amount</b>	Total Amount: \$60 Million States; District of Columbia and Puerto Rico: \$53.4 Million; Set-Asides: \$3 Million for Territories (other than Puerto Rico); \$15 Million for Indian Tribes, Alaska Native Entities, and Native Hawaiian Organizations  Amount Available Towards Broadband (if specified): \$60 Million
13	<b>Matching Requirement</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other (i.e. if a match is beneficial to an application but not required): If yes, what is the matching requirement:
14	<b>Complementary Federal Funding Option</b>	NTIA strongly encourages states and territories to concurrently participate in the State Digital Equity Planning Grant program and the Broadband Equity, Access & Deployment Program (BEAD). The BEAD program makes a historic \$42.5 billion for grants to states and territories for planning, deployment, mapping, equity, and adoption projects.
15	<b>Broadband-related Program Purpose/Eligible Expenditures (check all that apply)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning (e.g., feasibility, data collection, mapping) <input type="checkbox"/> Broadband Infrastructure Deployment (e.g., construction, equipment, materials) <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Inclusion (e.g. Broadband Adoption, Devices, Public Access, Digital Skills Training, Tech Support) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (e.g. Research and/or Evaluation, Telehealth, etc):
16	<b>Speed/Technical Requirement for Broadband Infrastructure</b>	Not Applicable
17	<b>Eligible Recipients (check all that apply)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Libraries <input type="checkbox"/> K-12 Schools <input type="checkbox"/> Higher Education Institutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Government <input type="checkbox"/> Local Government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Territorial Governments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tribal/Native American Government, Alaska Native Controlled Organizations, and Native Hawaiian Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety Entities <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> For-Profit Organizations (including Internet Service Providers) <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> Electric Utilities/Co-ops <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Institutions <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals/Households <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
18	<b>Criteria for Eligible Recipients</b>	Each state of the United States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico is eligible to apply for grants under this program. Separately, territories or possessions of the United States that are not defined as States for purposes of this program, as well as Indian Tribes, Alaska Native entities, and Native Hawaiian organizations, are eligible to enter

		into grants, cooperative agreements, or contracts with NTIA to carry out the activities contemplated in this program.
19	<b>Grant Beneficiaries (if different from eligible recipients)</b>	<p>Digital Equity Plans will be focused on serving members of the “covered populations” listed in Section 60302(8) of the Infrastructure Act. The term “covered populations” means:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Individuals who live in covered households;</li> <li>2. Aging individuals;</li> <li>3. Incarcerated individuals, other than individuals who are incarcerated in a Federal correctional facility;</li> <li>4. Veterans;</li> <li>5. Individuals with disabilities;</li> <li>6. Individuals with a language barrier, including individuals who—             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Are English learners; and</li> <li>b. Have low levels of literacy;</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. Individuals who are members of a racial or ethnic minority group; and</li> <li>8. Individuals who primarily reside in a rural area.</li> </ol>
20	<b>Publicly-available programmatic data</b>	<p>NTIA and the U.S. Census Bureau have collaborated to create the “Digital Equity Act Population Viewer,” which shows covered population totals calculated by the Census Bureau for each state, alongside the other factors used as inputs into the funding formula. The Digital Equity Act Population Viewer can be accessed at <a href="https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/community-resilience-estimates/partnerships/ntia.html">https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/community-resilience-estimates/partnerships/ntia.html</a></p>
21	<b>Contact information</b>	<a href="mailto:Digitalequity@ntia.gov">Digitalequity@ntia.gov</a>
22	<b>Additional Information</b>	<a href="https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/digital-equity-programs">https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/digital-equity-programs</a>
23	<b>Updated</b>	June 2022