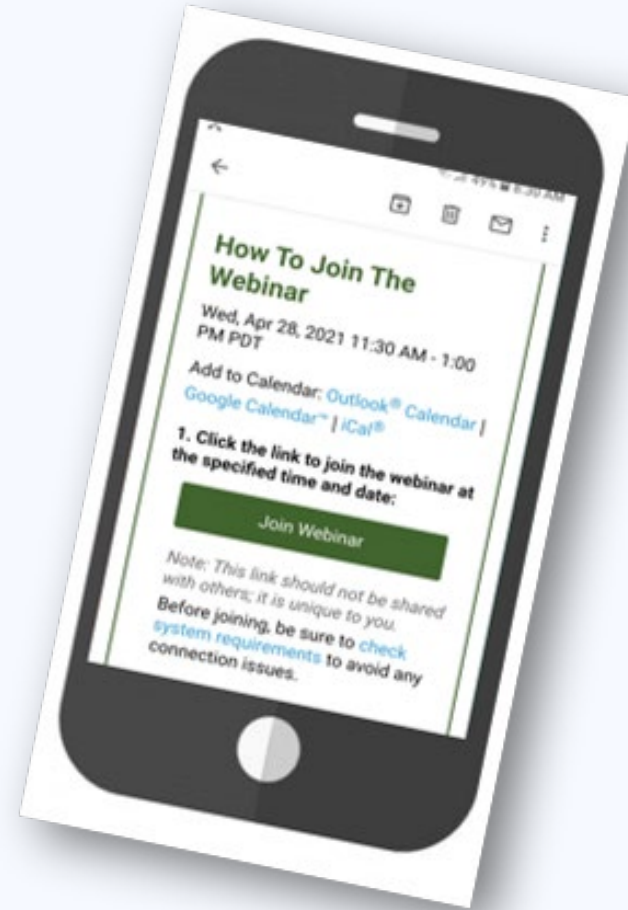


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INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND
JOBS ACT
NEW FUNDING INITIATIVE
SESSION #2

NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION



AGENDA

1. White House Welcome

- Lisa Hone, Senior Adviser for Broadband and Technology Policy, National Economic Council

2. NTIA Welcome & RFC Review

- Doug Kinkoph, Associate Administrator, Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth, NTIA

3. Listening Session Questions Review

- Amanda Martin, Telecommunications Policy Analyst, Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth, NTIA

4. Moderated Stakeholder Discussion

- Adam Geisler, Division Chief, Tribal Connectivity and Nation to Nation Coordination, Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth, NTIA

WHITE HOUSE WELCOME

LISA HONE

SENIOR ADVISER FOR BROADBAND AND
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NTIA WELCOME & RFC REVIEW

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REQUEST FOR COMMENT (RFC)

NTIA is requesting public comment on a wide range of policy and program considerations associated with the new grant programs authorized and funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Commenters are encouraged to address any or all the questions enumerated in the RFC.

Comments Due: February 4, 2022 by 5:00pm ET

Please Submit Comments through [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov)

LISTENING SESSION QUESTIONS REVIEW

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

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

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

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

Furtheres 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.

* Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Division F, Pub. L. 117-58 (Nov. 15, 2021) (the Act)

Note: funding amounts inclusive of all administrative set-asides.



Question 1: Beyond the five specific uses listed in the law, what other uses of BEAD funds are necessary to facilitate the goals of the program and therefore should be added to the eligible uses included in the NOFO?

Statutory Reference:

Sec. 60102(f)(1-6) of the Act

(f) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity may use grant funds received under this section to competitively award subgrants for—

- (1) unserved service projects and underserved service projects;
- (2) connecting eligible community anchor institutions;
- (3) data collection, broadband mapping, and planning;
- (4) installing internet and Wi-Fi infrastructure or providing reduced-cost broadband within a multi-family residential building, with priority given to a residential building that—
 - (A) has a substantial share of unserved households;
 - or
 - (B) is in a location in which the percentage of individuals with a household income that is at or below 150 percent of the poverty line applicable to a family of the size involved (as determined under section 673(2) of the Community Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)) is higher than the national percentage of such individuals;
- (5) broadband adoption, including programs to provide affordable internet-capable devices; and
- (6) any use determined necessary by the Assistant Secretary to facilitate the goals of the Program.

Question 2: How can NTIA promote affordability through the four IJA broadband programs?

Statutory Reference:

Sec. 60101(1) of the Act

DIVISION F—BROADBAND

TITLE I—BROADBAND GRANTS FOR STATES, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, PUERTO RICO, AND TERRITORIES

SEC. 60101. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) Access to affordable, reliable, high-speed broadband is essential to full participation in modern life in the United States.

Question 3: How should NTIA target its middle mile investments to promote last mile affordability and resiliency?

Statutory Reference:

Sec. 60401(b)(1) of the Act

(b) PURPOSE; SENSE OF CONGRESS.—

(1) PURPOSE.—The purposes of this section are—

(A) to encourage the expansion and extension of middle mile infrastructure to reduce the cost of connecting unserved and underserved areas to the backbone of the internet (commonly referred to as the “last mile”); and

(B) to promote broadband connection resiliency through the creation of alternative network connection paths that can be designed to prevent single points of failure on a broadband network.

Question 4: How should NTIA ensure that States/territories consult with Tribal entities within their boundaries to coordinate on ensuring service to unserved and underserved areas, as well as digital equity in Tribal areas?

Statutory Reference:

Sec. 60304(c)(1)(D)(iv) of the Act

(D) in order to achieve the objectives described in subparagraph (B), a description of how the State plans to collaborate with key stakeholders in the State, which may include—

- (i) community anchor institutions;
- (ii) county and municipal governments;
- (iii) local educational agencies;
- (iv) where applicable, Indian Tribes, Alaska Native entities, or Native Hawaiian organizations;

MODERATED STAKEHOLDER DISCUSSION

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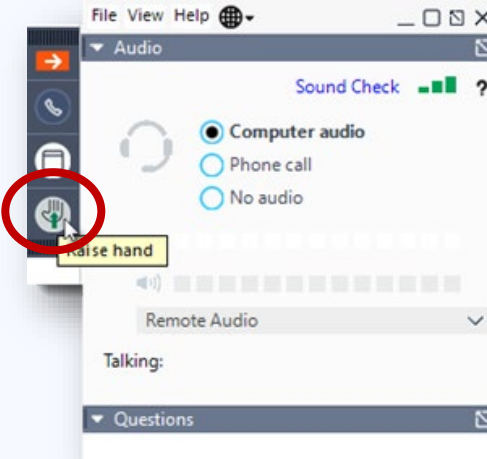
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LISTENING SESSION DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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To ask questions about IJA broadband programs or provide additional feedback:

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