

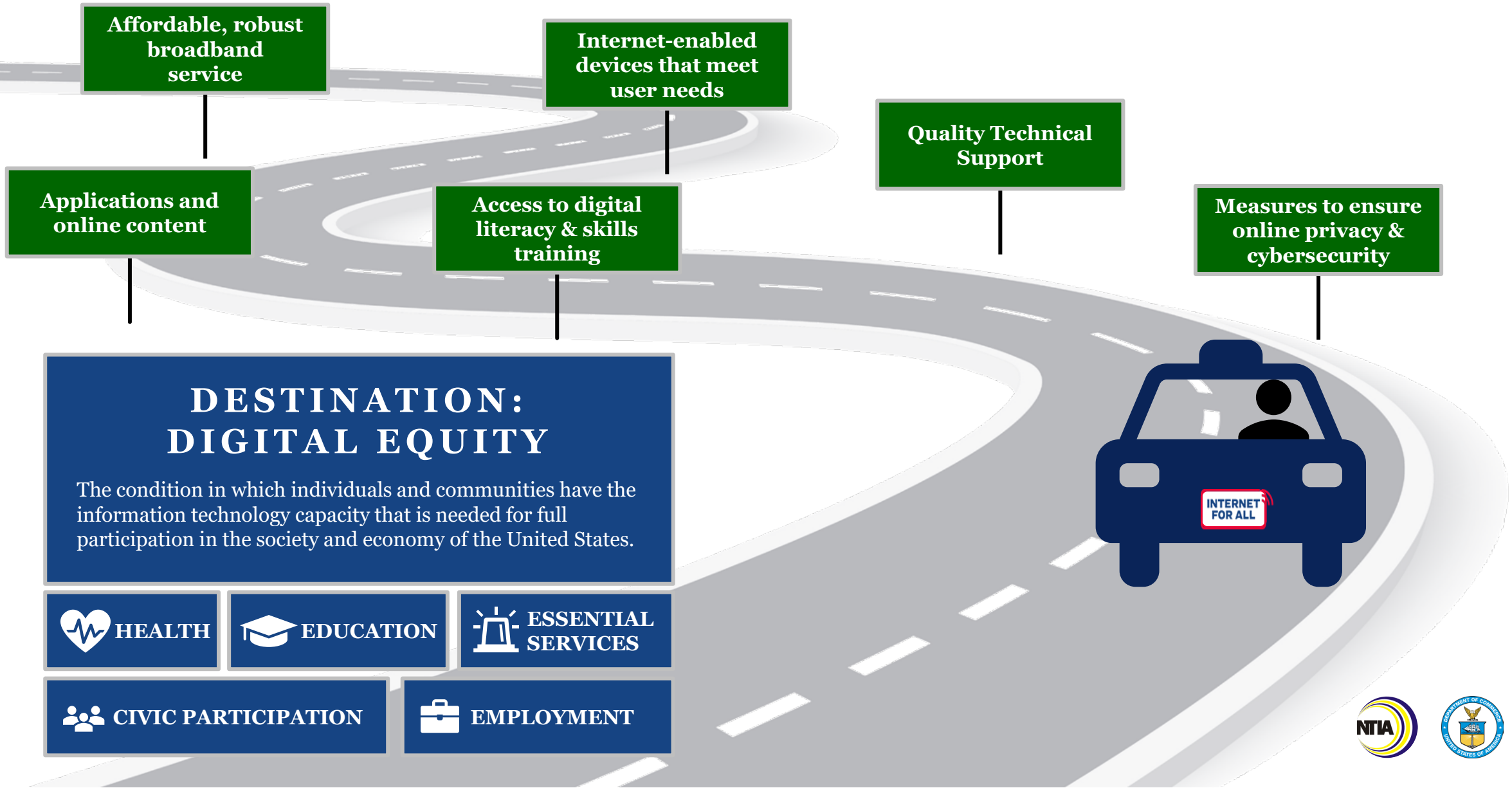


LEVERAGING DIGITAL EQUITY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE RESOURCES

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Digital inclusion activities collectively build to advance and ensure digital equity & improve outcomes for unconnected communities



LEVERAGING NTIA RESOURCES TO DEVELOP STATE DIGITAL EQUITY PLANS

Using Technical Assistance Materials Effectively



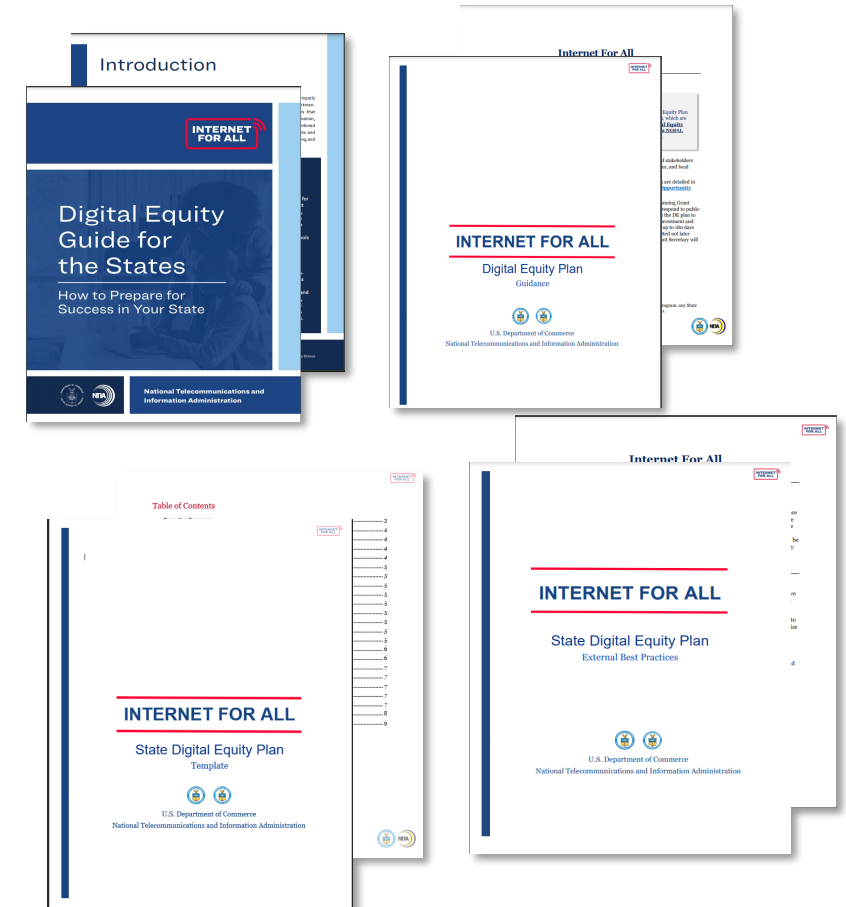
There are multiple guides, templates, and resources available to applicants related to Digital Equity, and it is important to understand how to use them effectively.

Each Resource is Helpful

Although different resources are helpful to specific parts of the Digital Equity Plan requirements, remember that each resource can be utilized for all parts. Using each resource in conjunction with each other will only help.

Everyone Can Use These

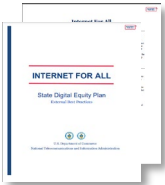
No resource is designed for a specific audience, allowing all applicants and stakeholders to effectively use these resources. Try to use each resource to its full extent, as that will be the best way to ensure a comprehensive and robust application.



Overall Digital Equity Technical Assistance

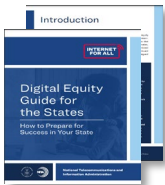


Below are general technical assistance resources that all stakeholders and participants will find helpful. The following slides will provide additional resources that will help with specific parts of Digital Equity plans.



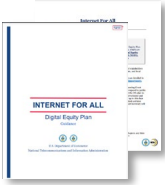
Digital Equity Best Practices

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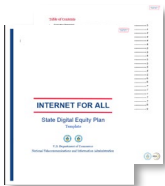
Digital Equity Guide for States

This guide includes the basics of digital equity, an overview of the DEA — recommendations for preparing for the planning requirements, and recommendations for weaving digital equity throughout all State-led broadband activities



Digital Equity Plan Guidance

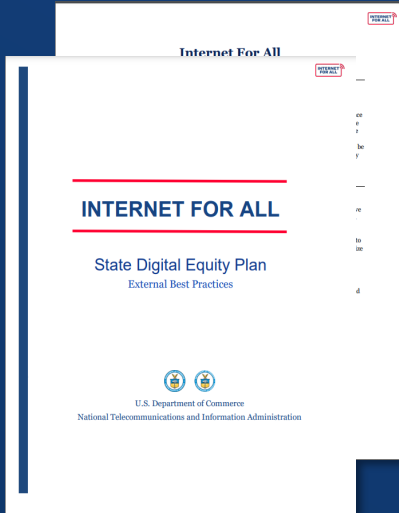
This document takes the reader step-by-step through each Plan requirement, providing expanded detail on how State Broadband Offices can comprehensively meet each requirement



Digital Equity Plan Template

The template is an optional resource that enables State Broadband Offices to use a pre-set format to build out the State Digital Equity Plan





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Examples:







Vision Statement	Reference
“Forsyth County is a thriving, inclusive community where all residents—especially residents of underserved communities— have equal access to learn, participate, and contribute to society through robust and digital information technology.”	Forsyth County, NC - Digital Equity Plan
“Ensure all residents, businesses, and organizations can participate in and benefit from the prosperity and culture of innovation in Silicon Valley.” “Broaden access to basic digital infrastructure to all residents, especially our youth, through enabling free or low cost, high-speed, 1 gigabit or faster broadband service in several low-income communities, and increasing access to hardware, including tablets and laptops, for low-income students.”	San Jose, CA - Digital Equity Plan
“All residents of Portland/Multnomah County will have barrier -free access to high-speed broadband Internet at home and school, and affordable computing device and the training to use them effectively.”	Portland, OR Digital Equity Plan
“We want every Detroiter to have affordable, reliable, and abundant digital access that elevates local communities and accelerates opportunities.”	City of Detroit, MI Digital Access Infrastructure Overview

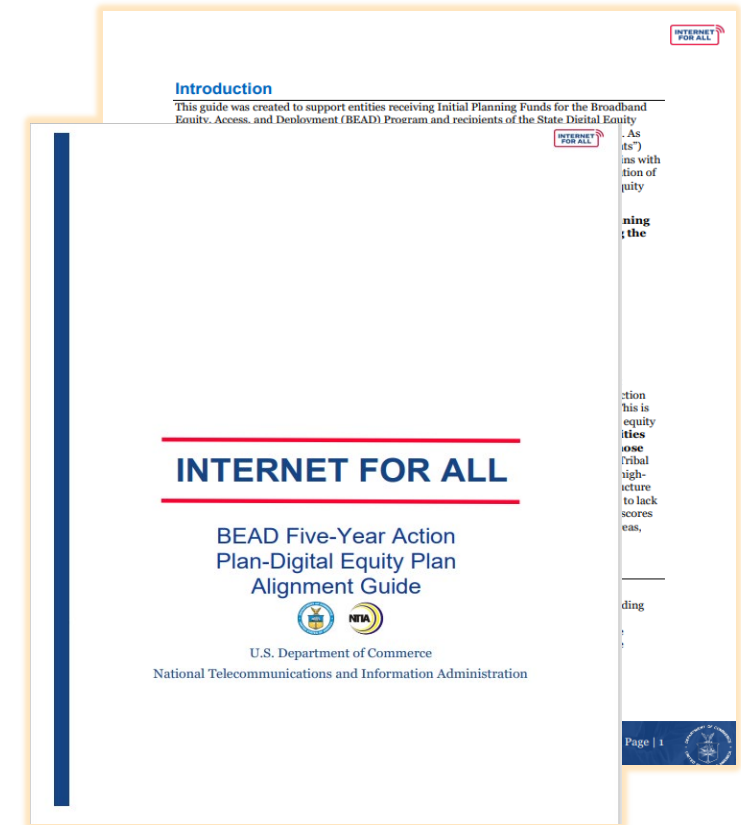
BEAD-DE Alignment Guide



The BEAD-DE Alignment Guide is a robust resource that provides guidance on how to align the requirements and coordinate the activities across the two grant programs.

The guide provides the following purposes and resources:

-  *Supports Eligible Entities in receiving initial planning funds for BEAD and DE*
-  *Provides a review of the requirements for each program and how to create plans that meet both requirements*
-  *Assists Eligible Entities in aligning efforts across programs*
-  *Provides an overview of the programs*
-  *Provides general guidance, requirements, and funding uses*
-  *Explains the importance of digital equity*



Access the guide here:

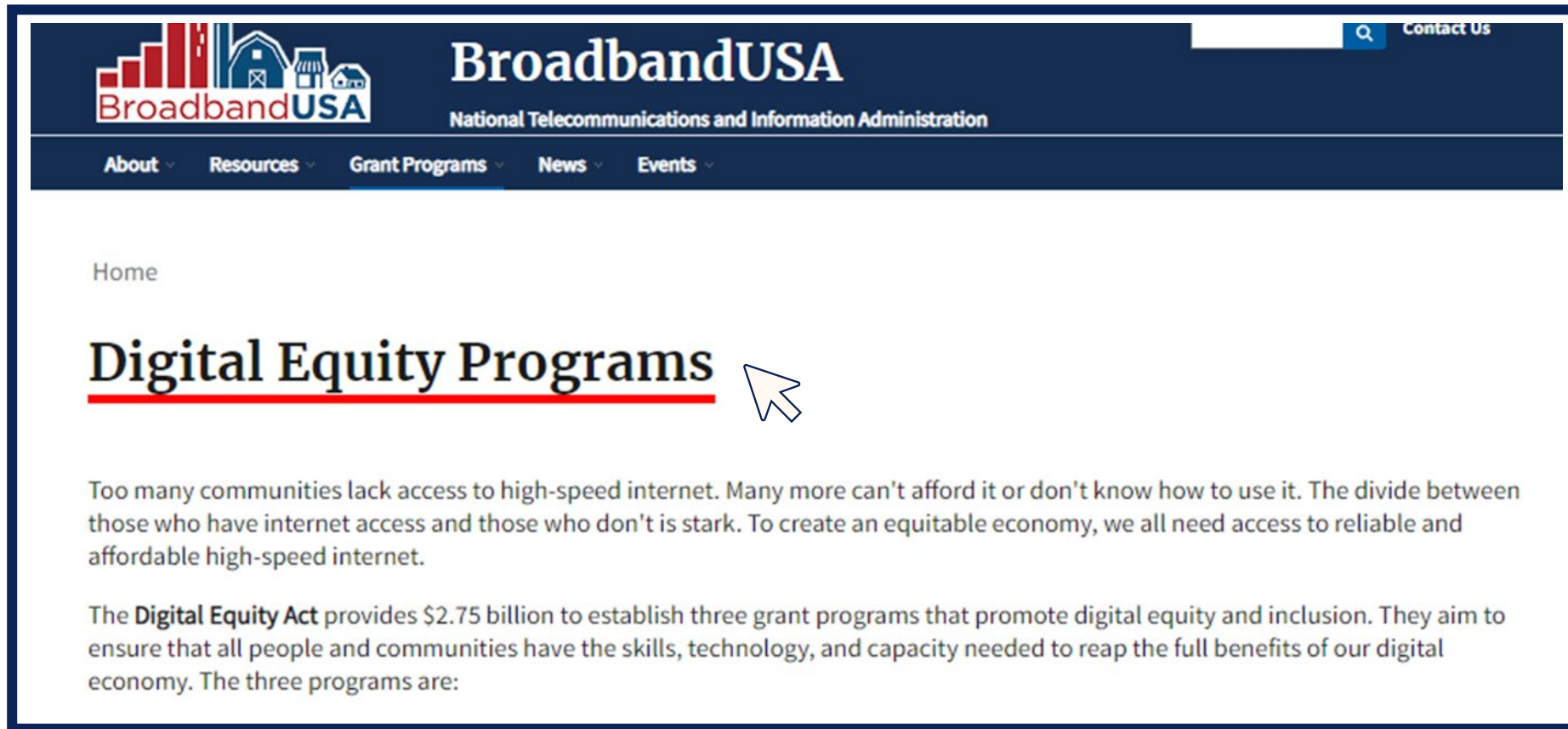
https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/sites/default/files/2022-09/BEAD-Digital_Equity_Alignment_Guide.pdf



How to Find Technical Assistance Materials on BroadbandUSA



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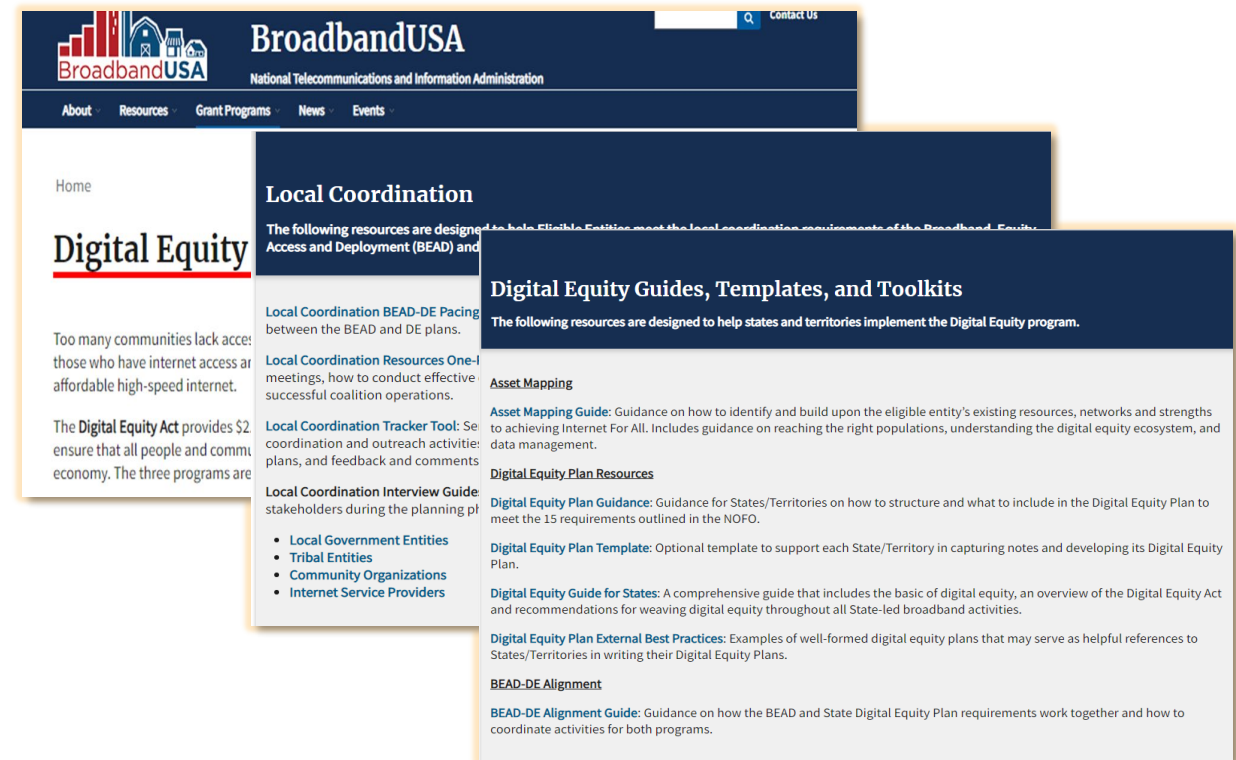


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*Access Digital Equity Technical Assistance Materials using the above link. Items such as **Frequently Asked Questions, Guides, Templates, Toolkits, Local Coordination Resources**, and more **general TA resources** can be accessed through this page. Additionally, this page provides links to the **DE Planning Grant NOFO**, program application guidance, and key dates for applicants.*



How to Find Webinars on BroadbandUSA



Existing and future webinars can be found on the Past Events section of the BroadbandUSA website, at <https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/events/past-events>. Users can filter by topic and engagement.

A screenshot of the "Past Events" page on the BroadbandUSA website. The page has a dark blue header with a "Home" link. On the left is a sidebar with a "Topic" filter and a list of topics with checkboxes: Broadband Adoption / Digital Inclusion, Broadband Infrastructure Deployment, Data / Mapping, Digital Skills Training, Economic and Workforce Development, Education, Funding, Health, Libraries, Other, Planning, Public Safety, Research / Evaluation, and Smart Communities. The main content area is titled "Past Events" and lists several webinars. One webinar, "Internet for All Webinar Series - NOFO Technical Assistance Webinar: Digital Equity Act Programs Application Process", is highlighted with a red border and a mouse cursor pointing to it. The highlighted webinar is dated June 2, 2022, and describes an in-depth look at the Digital Equity Act Programs. Other webinars listed include "Internet for All Webinar Series - Permitting 101" (December 14, 2022), "Internet for All Webinar Series - Introduction to Broadband and High Speed Internet" (November 30, 2022), "Internet for All Webinar Series - Workforce Requirements and Guidance" (October 12, 2022), and "Local Coordination in NOFOs" (September 28, 2022). There are also two more webinars on the right side of the page: "Internet for All Webinar Series - Applicant Portion of the Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program Application" (June 30, 2022) and "Internet for All Webinar Series - Tribal Engagement Webinar" (June 9, 2022).



Internet for All Map



This clickable map provides information for all the States and Territories participating in the Digital Equity and the Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment Grant Programs.

Program Progress by State & Territory

Broadband Equity, Access, and Development (BEAD)

Nebraska

PROGRAM STATUS

Broadband Equity, Access, and Development (BEAD)

STATUS	STATE/ TERRITORY
Planning Application Submitted	56
Planning Grant Awarded	55

Nebraska

Population Metrics

Percentage of State Population Living Where High-Speed Internet is Available	99%
Percentage of State Population Living Where High-Speed Internet is Unavailable	1%
Percentage of State Households without Access to a Device	9%
Percentage of State Population not using the Internet	11%
Percentage of State Households with no Internet Access or a Device	9%
Percentage of State Households using a Device	92%

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