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Utah Broadband Center Update

June 7, 2023





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Local Broadband Planning Grant



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21 AWARDS



\$680,000 AWARDED



15 RECIPIENTS



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Utah Digital Connectivity Plan



Digital Connectivity Plan Summary

Vision

To guide the State in facilitating increased availability, accessibility, and affordability of high-speed internet for the benefit of all Utahns.

Goals and Objectives

1

Expand broadband

4

Maximize funding

2

Identify and mitigate obstacles

5

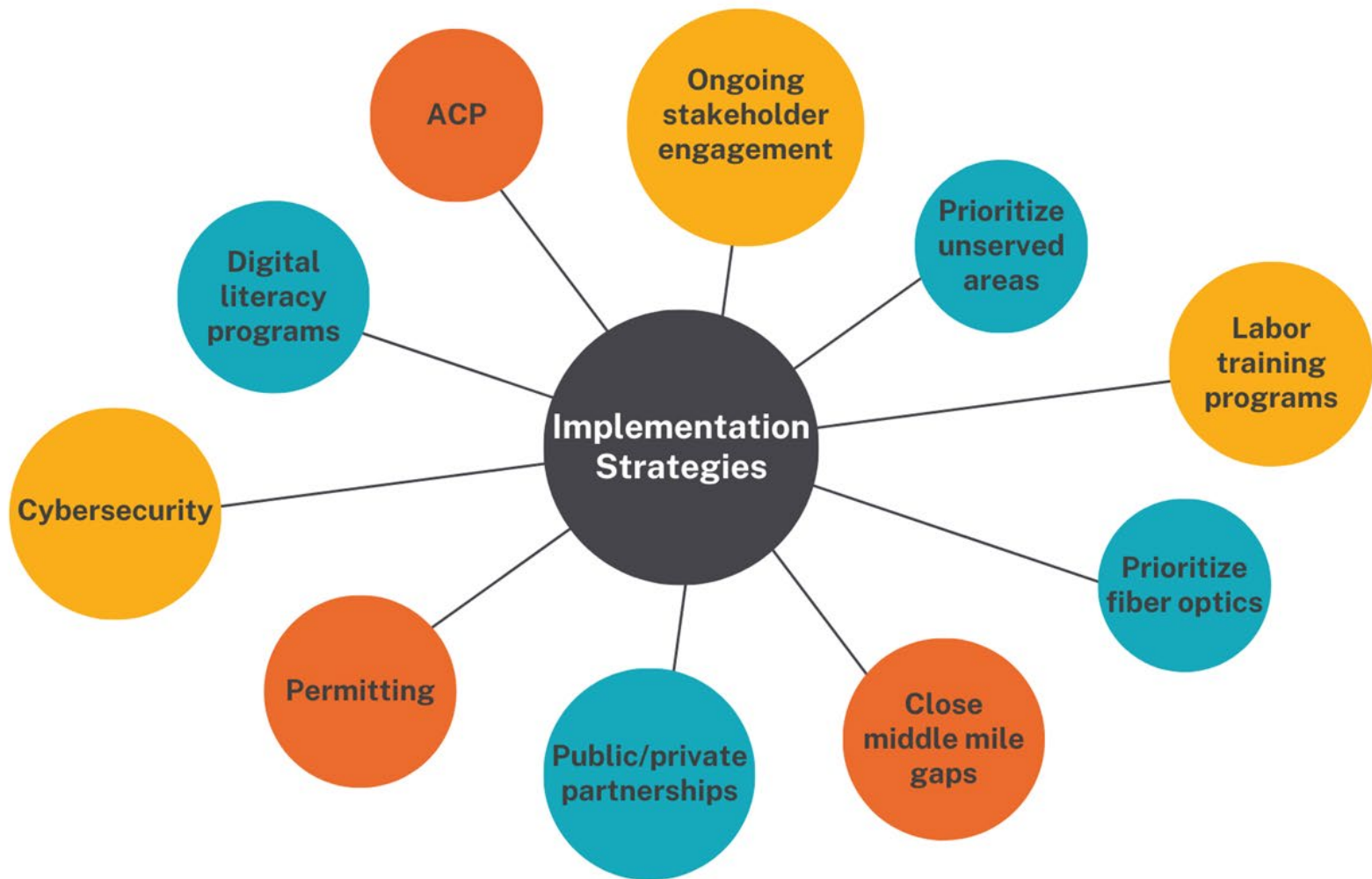
Deploy broadband to Community Anchor Institutions

3

Support ISPs in navigating funding requirements

6

Strengthen Utah's economy



Timeline



Share Your Feedback

Please share your thoughts on these topics:

- Current state of broadband and digital access
- Obstacles or barriers to broadband deployment
- Implementation plan

Public comment period: June 7–July 6, 2023

Online feedback form:

<https://www.connectingutah.com/digital-connectivity-plan>





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Digital Equity Plan

A component of the State Digital Connectivity Plan



ACP Act Now Campaign Launch Today!

Partnership with EducationSuperHighway

EducationSuperHighway MISSION

Close the digital divide for the **18 million households** that have access to the Internet but can't afford to connect.

We focus on America's most unconnected communities, where more than 25% of people don't have Internet.



AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

To close the digital divide in Utah, we must find ways to **increase awareness and drive broadband adoption.**

ACP in Utah

1,023,855

Total households

348,596

Households eligible for the ACP

160,138

Total **unconnected** households

~16%

of eligible households have claimed support
(as of May 2023)

How you can get involved

1. Join the Statewide Affordable Connectivity Program Awareness Effort
1. Use and promote EducationSuperHighway materials for pre-enrollment tool, social media content, email and marketing templates
3. Visit the GetACP.org/Utah pre-enrollment tool



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ACP Act Now





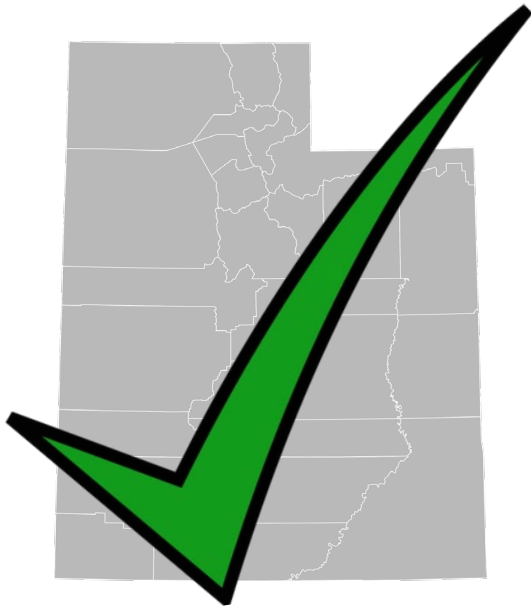
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Digital Access Planning Grants



Digital Access Planning Grant

Grant Program Overview



- 13 awards
- \$292,556 awarded
- Grantees represent...
 - 8 of the 9 covered populations
 - 5 non-profit organizations
 - 3 education organizations
 - 2 Tribal nations
 - 3 other government entities

Digital Equity Plan Summary

To realize a Utah where all are invited to fully participate in modern society through access to affordable high-speed internet, safe and reliable devices, and training to achieve digital independence.

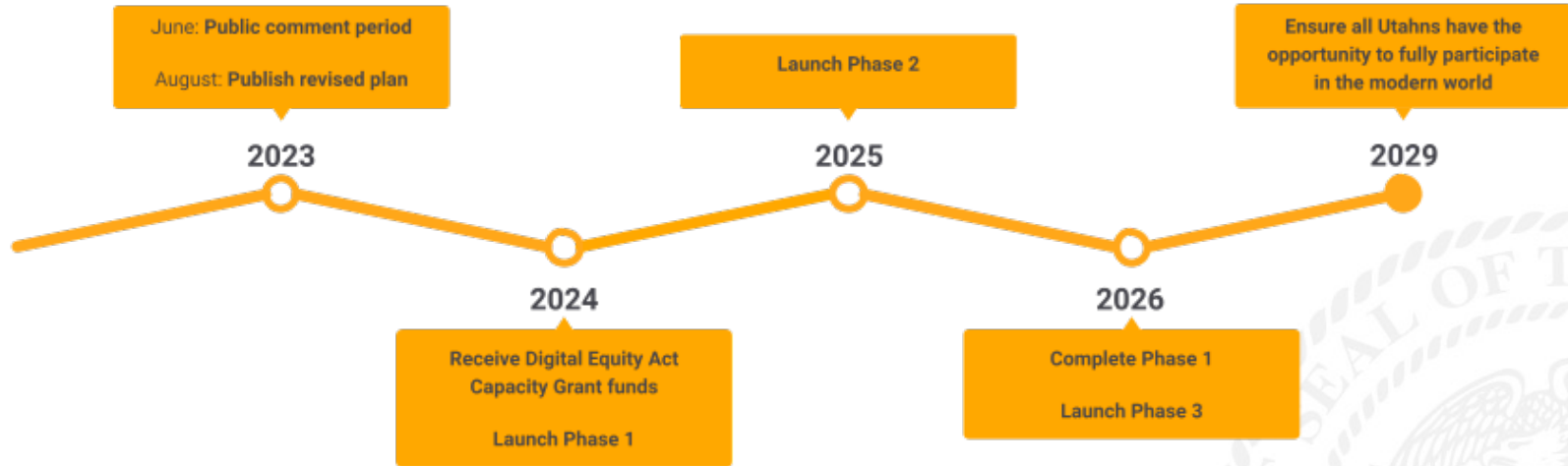


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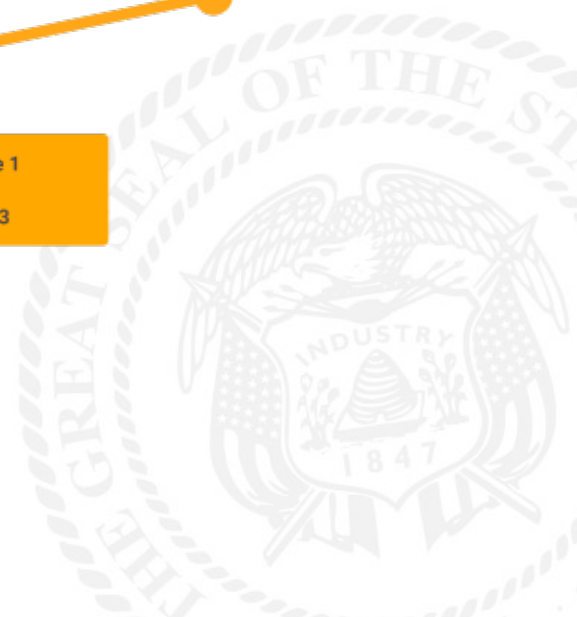
Activities & Implementation

- Coordinate people
- Build independence
- Sustain programs
- Expand devices
- Increase opportunity

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