Housekeeping

Questions

• Type questions in the Q&A box on the right-hand side of the screen.

Presentation

• The presentation along with a recording of the webinar will be provided.
This document is intended solely to assist recipients in better understanding the Capacity Grant Program and the requirements set forth in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Capacity Grant Program. This document does not and is not intended to supersede, modify, or otherwise alter applicable statutory or regulatory requirements, or the specific application requirements set forth in the NOFO. In all cases, statutory and regulatory mandates, and the requirements set forth in the NOFO, shall prevail over any inconsistencies contained in this document.

This document pertains to SDECGP requirements for States and Territories. While the NOFO contains information about the Capacity Grant Program for Native Entities, the requirements and details of that program and timelines will be covered at a later date.
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Introduction to the State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program
Three Programs to Promote Digital Inclusion & Advance Equity

Completed Phase
State Planning Grant
$60 million

Current Phase
State Capacity Grant
$1.44 billion

Coming Soon
Competitive Grant
$1.25 billion

Who
Open to U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico

Who
Open to U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, that participated the State Planning Program

Who
Open to certain entities, such as political subdivisions, Tribal entities, nonprofits, community anchor institutions, local educational agencies, and workforce development orgs

What
Grants will be used to develop a State Digital Equity Plan

What
Grants will be used to put State Digital Equity Plans into action

What
Grants will be used to develop and carry out digital inclusion activities

This chart does not summarize the programs as they relate to other U.S. territories, Indian Tribes, Alaska Native entities, and Native Hawaiian organizations.
Application Submission Details
Key Dates to Remember

Application submission and grant award dates for the Capacity Grant Program are described in the NOFO.

**Period of Performance**
States and US Territories will be able to spend down grant funds during the **5-year period of performance** beginning on the date when the State is awarded grant funds.

**Application Due Date**

*Applications are due by the following dates for...:*
- States, D.C. and Puerto Rico: 60 days after the NOFO is released, **May 28, 2024**
- U.S. Territories: The due date for US Territories’ Capacity Grant Applications is **July 31, 2024**
- Native Entities: The Native Entity application window opens **September 25, 2024** and **closes February 7, 2025**

**Issuing Awards**
NTIA expects to begin issuing awards to Eligible States on a rolling basis **no later than August 28, 2024**.
Submission Method

States and Territories must submit their applications through the NTIA Grants Portal.

**SUBMISSION METHODS**

Applications must be submitted electronically through the **NTIA Grants Portal**, which can be accessed at [grants.ntia.gov](http://grants.ntia.gov).

Applicants can access the application package on the **Project Profiles pages in the Portal and on the Digital Equity Act Programs page** under Programs. This can be accessed at [www.InternetForAll.gov](http://www.InternetForAll.gov).

Applications submitted by postal mail, courier, email, facsimile, or other means will not be accepted.
Available Templates and Guidance Documents

There are multiple forms, templates, and documents available for grantees to download when submitting their applications.

- **Available at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)**
  - Download these forms at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).
  - CD-511
  - SF-LLL

- **Available on the [NTIA Grants Portal](https://grants.ntia.gov)**
  - Download these forms at [https://grants.ntia.gov](https://grants.ntia.gov).
  - Specific Projects Form
  - Consolidated Budget Form

- **Filled out via text boxes in the NTIA Grants Portal**
  - SF-424 Project Narrative

- **Reference Materials to Assist with the Application**
  - Download these forms at the [DE Capacity Program Page on the NTIA Grants Portal](https://grants.ntia.gov).
  - Application Guidance
  - Application Checklist
Accessing the Application
How to Apply for the Grant

The Capacity Grant Program has forms and requirements that are unique to the programs and require special attention.

The NTIA Grants Portal can be accessed at https://grants.ntia.gov/grantsPortal/s/.

From the Grant Programs page, click the Learn More button under “State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program (2024)” to reach the home page. Log in with your account or create an account if you don’t have one. Additional instructions can be found in the Application Guidance.

1. SDECGP NOFO Section II.C.1
Completing the Application
The Capacity Application has 9 parts.

1. General Applicant Information
2. Digital Equity Plan
3. Project Narrative
4. Other Funding Sources
5. Budget
6. SF-424
7. Standard Forms
8. Certifications and Assurances
9. Attestations and Application Submission
Completing the Application | *Capacity-Specific Items*

The State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program has application requirements that are specific to this program compared to other Internet for All (IFA) grant programs.

**DE CAPACITY-SPECIFIC ITEMS**

- Description of Administering Entity/Administering Organization
- Digital Equity Plan*
- Project Narrative
- Special Project Forms*
- Description of Other Funding*
- Consolidated Budget Form*
- Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement* (as applicable)

**Standard Forms:** Sam.gov Registration*, SF424, CD511*, SFLLL* (as applicable)

*Items that require upload into NGP*
General Applicant Information
General Applicant Information | Overview

Section 1 of the application is for all General Applicant Information. The section is divided into 2 parts and includes inputting required applicant registration information into the System for Award Management (SAM.gov).
General Applicant Information | Requirements

Grantees should reference the application guidance when completing their general applicant form.

**General Applicant Information**

*General information about who is applying for the program*

**Requirements**

- Applicants must provide **evidence of the applicant’s registration on SAM.gov**
- Applicants need to **upload an exported PDF of the SAM.gov profile** of the identified applicant.
- Applicants must ensure that the documentation includes the following:
  - Legal Name;
  - Unique Entity ID (UEI); and
  - Expiration date of the registration
- Applicants will also **identify the Administering Entity** selected by the Governor

Additional information on this section can be found in the Application Guidance.
Digital Equity Plan
Section 2 of the application is for applicants to upload their accepted Digital Equity Plan and identify if they are amending the plan.
Digital Equity Plan | Requirements

All States and Territories must upload their Digital Equity Plan that was accepted by NTIA.

Digital Equity Plan

Submitting the accepted DE Plan

Requirements

PDF Submission of the DE Plan

Applicants must upload a PDF of the state’s DE Plan that was reviewed, cured, and accepted by NTIA as part of the State DE Planning Grant Program.

Updating the DE Plan

If the State or Territory’s Digital Equity Plan has been updated since it was previously submitted to and accepted by NTIA, applicants are required to upload the Digital Equity Plan, as well as a redline version of the Plan indicating the specific changes that have been made.

Additional information on this section can be found in the Application Guidance.
Project Narrative
Project Narrative | Introduction

All States and Territories must complete a Project Narrative form for their application.

Project Narrative

Information on the overall implementation strategy

Additional training will be provided on the Project Narrative.

The Project Narrative should provide an overall implementation strategy that is consistent with the Digital Equity Plan and implements the purposes of the Digital Equity Act and the NOFO. The Project Narrative must describe the details of each specific project and activity to be funded by the SDECGP that has been identified at the time of application submission.
NTIA recognizes that DE Plans will contain a wide variety of potential programs, activities, and interventions. These programs should focus on creating the necessary conditions to empower individuals and communities with the technological capacity to fully participate in society and the economy.

Criteria and Focal Points:

Proposed project(s) should further the goals of the Capacity Program and your State or Territory’s DE Plan through the incorporation of the following criteria and focal points:

- Focus on Covered Populations
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Long-lasting and Meaningful Change
- Measurable Implementation Strategies
All States and Territories must complete a Project Narrative form for their application.

**Project Narrative**

*Information on the overall implementation strategy*

**REQUIREMENTS**

**General Project Information**

*This portion of the Project Narrative asks about the treatment of the overall grant award. This information refers to the whole effort funded by the award, rather than any singular project or activity.*

**Specific Project Information**

*This portion of the Project Narrative asks to articulate detailed information of the specific projects and activities proposed to be funded by the grant award. The number of projects is to be determined by the State or Territory.*

? Additional trainings will be provided on the Project Narrative.
Section 3 of the application is for all Project Narrative details. The section is divided into four parts.

3.1 General Project Information | Executive Summary, DE Plan Elements, Project Plan, Updates to DE Plan

3.2 General Project Information | Ongoing Collaborations, Benefit to Covered Populations, Measuring Success Across Digital Equity Outcomes

3.3 General Project Information | Evaluation Plan, Preventing Waste, Fraud, and Abuse, Subgrantee Selection Process

3.4 Specific Projects
Section 3.1 of the application covers the Executive Summary, DE Plan Elements, Project Plan and Updates to the DE plan.

3.1 General Project Information

3.1.1 Executive Summary
Provide an executive summary of the project(s) and associated activities, the main purpose, and the intended outcomes, using approximately 300 words. Applicants are advised not to incorporate information that concerns business trade secrets or other confidential commercial or financial information as part of the Executive Summary. See 15 C.F.R. §4.8(i) concerning the designation of business information by the applicant. (2500 character limit)

*Response*

3.1.2 Digital Equity Plan Elements to be Implemented
Identify the elements of the Digital Equity Plan to be implemented for this fiscal year’s allocation of Capacity funding and whether specific elements of the Plan or specific Covered Populations are being prioritized and the rationale for prioritizing those elements or Covered Populations consistent with the needs assessment within the Digital Equity Plan. (2500 character limit)

*Response*

3.1.3 Project Plan
Provide an overall Project Plan that includes:
1) A description of all major project activities and timelines, including key milestones and when each major project activity will start and end. (2500 character limit)
2) A description of how progress on measurable objectives will be tracked and recorded alongside key milestones.

*Response*

Executive Summary
Applicants will provide an executive summary of the project and associated activities, the main purpose, and the intended outcomes of the overall DE Plan implementation strategy (character limit: 2,500, approximately 500 words).

Digital Equity Plan Elements to be Implemented
Applicants will identify the elements of the DE plan to be implemented for this fiscal year’s allocation and the rationale if there is prioritization (character limit: 2,500).

Project Plan
Applicants will provide an overall project plan with description of all major projects activities and timeline, and how progress of measurable objectives will be tracked (prioritization (character limit: 2,500).
Section 3.1.4 of the application covers Updates to the DE Plan.

**Updates to DE Plan**
Applicants will mark if they intend to use a portion of their allocation (no more than 20%) to update their DE Plan.

**Indicate Activities to Update the Plan**
If Yes, indicate the activities intends to conduct to update the Plan, and a timeline for updates. For any aspects of the DE Plan that are forthcoming, specify how and when those updates will be made (character limit: 2,500).

When finished, be sure to always click “Save and Next” to save your work.
Section 3.2 of the application covers the Ongoing Collaboration Efforts, Benefits to Covered Populations and Measuring Outcomes.

**Ongoing Collaboration Efforts**
Applicants will describe the ongoing collaboration efforts being conducted with key stakeholders (character limit: 2,500).

**Description of Benefit to Covered Populations**
Applicants will describe how the implementation plan will benefit each of the Covered Population (character limit: 2,500).

**Measuring Success Across Digital Equity Outcomes**
Applicants will describe how they plan to collect data in alignment with the measurable objectives to measure project's success (character limit: 2,500).
Section 3.2.4 of the application covers Measuring Benefits to Covered Populations.

Measuring Benefits to Covered Populations

The Applicant should explain how the benefits delivered to the Covered Populations will be measured to the extent not addressed in 3.2.3 and describe any other proposed research activities (character limit: 2,500).

When finished, be sure to always click “Save and Next” to save your work.
Section 3.3 of the application is about the Evaluation Plan, Preventing Waste, Fraud and Abuse, and the Subgrantee Selection Process.

**Evaluation Plan**
Describe the overall plan to evaluate how the proposed projects and activities will achieve the goals of the Digital Equity Plan (character limit: 2,500).

**Preventing Waste, Fraud, and Abuse**
Describe the safeguards the applicant will put in place to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse in the implementation of the program (character limit: 2,500).
Section 3.3.3 of the application is about the Subgrantee Selection Process.

**Subgrantee Selection Process**

Select whether subgrantees will be used to implement grant project and activities.

**If Yes**, describe the process by which subgrantees will be selected and the safeguards in place to ensure the selection process fosters a sense of fairness and accountability by being open, transparent, and equitable (character limit: 2,500).

To the extent the applicant intends to use subgrantees to implement grant projects and activities, describe the process by which subgrantees will be selected and the safeguards in place to ensure the selection process fosters a sense of fairness and accountability by being open, transparent, and equitable and is in compliance with 2 C.F.R. part 200. (2500 character limit)

When finished, be sure to always click “Save and Next” to save your work.
Specific Projects Form
Section 3.4 of the application is for Specific Projects Information.

**3.4 Specific Projects**

**3.4.1 Description of Projects and Activities**
Describe the specific projects and activities proposed to be funded by the State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program.

UPLOAD: The Specific Projects Form

*No later than nine months from the award date.* Applicants will describe the specific projects and activities proposed to be funded by the Capacity Grant Program.
Section 3.4 of the application is for Specific Projects Information.

**Details to Include**

The Specific Projects form asks for the following details:
- Project, Project ID, Primary and Secondary DE Outcomes,
- Executive Summary, Project Activities, Environmental and Historic Preservation (EHP), Build America Buy America (BABA) Act, Barriers to be Addressed, Measurable Objectives, Covered Populations Served, Geographies, Alignment to DE Plan, Anticipated Outputs, Start and End Date, and Information on the Subgrantee.

**Key Takeaways for Submission**

All Specific Project forms must be submitted and finalized within 9 months of the award date. For projects for which information is available at the time of application, submit the form with the application. For projects for which information is NOT available at the time of application, submit the form after the application, within 9 months of the award date.
Section 3.4.2 of the application is about Environmental and Historical Preservation, if applicable to the project.

**UPLOAD: Environmental and Historical Preservation**

*For buildings 50 years or older, upload photographs of proposed installation locations.*

**UPLOAD: Environmental and Historical Preservation**

*If applicable, upload correspondence with the relevant State Historic Preservation Office or Tribal Historic Preservation Office regarding the potential impacts of the project on historic properties.*
Section 3.4.3 of the application is about Intent to Submit Additional Project/ Project Details.

**Intention to Submit Additional Projects and/or Project Details**

Applicant must respond to “Do you plan to submit additional projects and/or project details via an updated Specific Projects Form within 9 months from the award start date?”

**If Yes**, submit a Specific Projects Form with the amount of information they deem appropriate at the time and a finalized form within 9 months of the award date.

**If No**, Applicant shall submit a fully completed Specific Projects Form that details how the full allocation will be expended and that corresponds to the total project costs of the Consolidated Budget Form.

When finished, be sure to always click “Save and Next” to save your work.
Other Funding Sources
Other Funding Sources

Applicants must disclose whether they intend to use other funding sources to implement their DE Plan.

**Other Funding Sources**

*Intent to use other funding sources for implementation*

**Requirements**

*The applicant must disclose whether the State or Territory intends to use other funding sources to implement its Digital Equity Plan besides DE Capacity funding. This should include funding the State or Territory has applied for. If the applicant is utilizing additional funds:*

The applicant must submit an Excel file that lists:

- All other funding sources the State or Territory intends to use to implement their Digital Equity Plan (including funding applied for) (this includes funding from other Federal programs, State or local government programs, and any private for-profit or not-for-profit funding);
- Description of the funding;
- Amount allocated;
- Specific DE Plan elements they will fund; and
- Explanation as to how this alternative funding is being used in a way that does not supplant, conflict with, or duplicate the activities for which the Capacity Grant funds will be used.

Additional information on this section can be found in the Application Guidance.
Section 4 of the application is for a Description of Other Funding.

### Other Funding Sources

- **1. General Applicant Information**
  - SECTION STATUS: Completed

- **2. Digital Equity Plan**
  - SECTION STATUS: Completed

- **3. Project Narrative**
  - SECTION STATUS: Completed

- **4. Other Funding Sources**
  - SECTION STATUS: Not Started

**4.1 Other Funding Sources | Description of Other Funding**
Section 4.1 of the application is for a Description of Other Funding.

**Other Funding Sources**

*If No, click Save and End.*

*Upload*

*Upload Files* or *Drop Files*

**If Yes,** submit an Excel file that lists all other funding sources the State or Territory intends to use to implement their Digital Equity Plan.

Describe all other funding sources (including funding applied for) the State or Territory intends to use to implement its Digital Equity Plan, the amount allocated, and the specific DE Plan elements they will fund. Applicants should include in this funding description other Federal programs, State or local government programs, and any private for-profit or not-for-profit funding. This description should also include an explanation as to how this alternative funding is being used in a way that does not supplant, conflict with, or duplicate the activities for which the Capacity Grant funds will be used. If no other funds are anticipated to implement the Digital Equity Plan, indicate as such with "N/A."

When finished, be sure to always click “Save and End” to save your work.
Section 5 of the application is for Budget. The section is divided into two parts.

5.1 Consolidated Budget Form | Upload the Consolidated Budget Form

5.2 Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement | Enter Information on the NICRA
Applicants must upload a Consolidated Budget Form to the NTIA Grants Portal. Use of the form is required.

The Consolidated Budget Form must support the dollar amounts identified in the SF-424 and demonstrate that the project or activity meets the eligible use requirements in the Digital Equity Act and this NOFO. It will provide a detailed project costs/summary across 9 cost categories.
Applicants must upload a Consolidated Budget Form to the NTIA Grants Portal. Use of the form is required.

**Consolidated Budget Form**

*Should include information on all dollar amounts for specific projects and other implementation activities*

**REQUIREMENTS**

The Consolidated Budget Form is an Excel spreadsheet that consists of 8 main fillable tabs:

- **A** Personnel
- **B** Travel
- **C** Equipment
- **D** Supplies
- **E** Contractual-Subawards
- **F** Construction
- **G** Other
- **H** Indirect

Additional training will be provided on the Consolidated Budget Form.
Consolidated Budget Form | Walkthrough

All States and Territories must complete a Consolidated Budget Form.

Requirements | All of the tabs/sections discussed on the previous slide can be found at the bottom of the Excel template.

Cost Categories
All of the different cost categories will show up on the left side of the Excel sheet, along with at the tabs on the bottom.

Budget Caps
The budget caps will show up on the Budget Form in this section. It will total the expenses you are putting in that budget category and then produce the percent of expenses related to that budget.

- To update or maintain the State Digital Equity Plan, no more than 20%
- To evaluate the efficacy of the efforts funded by grants made to subgrantees, no more than 5%
- For administrative costs, no more than 3%
Section 5.1 of the application covers the Consolidated Budget Form.

**5.1 Consolidated Budget Form**

**5.1.1 Consolidated Budget Form**

Upload the Consolidated Budget Form. All budget amounts must exactly match or reflect across all budget documentation. For example, do not provide estimates or approximate amounts in the Consolidated Budget Form that do not exactly match amounts in the SF-424 and all relevant sections in the application.

**UPLOAD:** Consolidated Budget Form

*As an Excel file, to the NTIA Grants Portal. The form will serve as a tool to capture budget information required for the Capacity Grant Program application.*

**Steps**

- **5.1 Consolidated Budget Form**
- **5.2 Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA)**

When finished, be sure to always click “Save and Next” to save your work.
Section 5.2 of the application covers NICRA.

Respond if indirect costs are included in the proposed budget (Per Statute - no more than 3%)

If No, click Save and End.

If Yes, UPLOAD: Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement

If indirect costs are included in the proposed budget upload a copy of the approved negotiated agreement if this rate was negotiated with a cognizant federal audit agency.

Or Provide a Response to if the rate was not established by a cognizant agency

Applicant will fill out a response if the rate was not established by a cognizant agency (character limit: 2500).

Note: An applicant may charge the de minimis rate (10% of Modified Total Direct Costs) to the award without a NICRA (subject to the 3% administrative cost cap).
SF-424
Each State and Territory is required to fill out the SF-424 in the NTIA Grants Portal.

**Standard Form 424: Application for Federal Assistance**

- Applicants are required to fill out, directly in the NTIA Grants Portal, an SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance.

- Applicants are encouraged to fill out the SF-424 template available on the NTIA Grants Portal and on the DE Capacity Program webpage on www.InternetForAll.gov prior to filling out the form on the NTIA Grants Portal.

- Instructions on how to complete the SF-424 can be found on the grants.gov website, or at this link: https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/forms/sf-424-family.html
Section 6 of the application is for the SF-424. We will have a separate training on how to complete the SF-424 for the Capacity Program.
Standard Forms
Standard Forms

States and Territories have additional standard forms that they must submit.

Aside from the specific forms required for the grant application, there are also numerous standard forms that must be submitted. These are all accessible online on the DE Capacity Program Page on the NTIA Grants Portal. Reference the Application Checklist to ensure you have completed all of the required forms.

- **Form CD-511**: Certification regarding lobbying
- **Standard Form LLL**: Disclosure of lobbying activities

**Note:** All additional documents should be signed by the AOR identified in the SF-424. Ensure that the name listed and the signature match.
Section 7 of the application is for the SF-424. The section is divided into 1 part.

7.1 Standard Forms | CD-511, SF-LLL
Section 7 is for the Standard Forms.

**CD-511: Certification Regarding Lobbying**

The applicant must upload a completed Form CD-511 Certification Regarding Lobbying that certifies that Federal funds have not been used and will not be used for lobbying in connection with this request for Federal financial assistance.

**SF-LLL: Disclosure of Lobbying Activities**

Must be completed and submitted for those applicants that need to disclose lobbying activities that have been secured to influence the outcome of a Federal action.

When finished, be sure to always click “Save and End” to save your work.
Certifications and Assurances
Certifications and Assurances

The DE Program has specific certifications and assurances that all applicants must abide to. These certifications and assurances assure that all applicants will comply with NTIA rules and regulations and are aware of the consequences for not following the appropriate guidelines.

Required Certifications for Digital Equity Applications

All States and Territories must acknowledge the following certifications to ensure they will abide by NTIA guidelines and give permission to NTIA to take action if the following certifications are not followed. Applicants must certify the following:

- Digital Equity Plan Implementation
- Supplemental Funds Certification
- Build America Buy America (BABA) Act

Required Assurances for Digital Equity Applications

All States and Territories must acknowledge the following assurances to ensure they will abide by NTIA guidelines and are properly executing the grant program. Applicants must assure the following:

- Assurance that the entity is using grant funds according to applicable statues, is administering it correctly, and cooperates in evaluation
- Assurance that the entity will use fiscal control and sound accounting procedures, submit any necessary reports to the A/S, maintain appropriate records, and make appropriate changes if needed
- Assurance that the entity has complied with the requirements of the Program
Section 8 of the application is for the Certifications and Assurances. The section is divided into 2 parts.

### 8.1 Certifications
- DE Plan Implementation Certification
- Supplemental Funds Certification
- BABA

### 8.2 Assurances
Section 8 is for the DE Plan Implementation Certification, Supplemental Funds Certification, BABA.

### 8.1 Certifications

#### 8.1.1 Digital Equity Plan Implementation Certification
Certification that the State or Territory, acting through the administering entity/organization for the State or Territory, shall not later than five (5) years after the date on which the Assistant Secretary awards the Capacity Grant to the State or Territory implement the Digital Equity Plan of the State or Territory and make subgrants in a manner that is consistent with the aims of such Digital Equity Plan.

![Please certify: Yes](Yes)

#### 8.1.2 Supplemental Funds Certification
Certification that Capacity Grant funds will be used to supplement, not supplant, other Federal or State funds that have been made available to carry out the activities in Digital Equity Plan and the NOFO.

![Please certify: Yes](Yes)

#### 8.1.3 Build America Buy America (BABA) Act Certification
Certification that the State or Territory, if using Capacity Grant funds for an “infrastructure project” (as defined in 2 C.F.R. 184.3), will abide by the requirements of the Build America Buy America Act (Pub. L. No. 117-58, §§ 70901-52) and by the regulations promulgated thereunder at 2 C.F.R. part 184).

![Please certify: Yes](Yes)

### Instructions
When finished, be sure to always click "Save and Next" to save your work.
Section 8 is for the **DE Plan Implementation Certification, Supplemental Funds Certification, BABA**.

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**8.2 Assurances**

8.2.1 Assurances

Do you attest to the following assurance? Note that "AE/O" refers to "Administering Entity / Administering Organization," with "Administering Entity" being applicable for States and "Administering Organization" being applicable for U.S. Territories.

I hereby provide the following assurances required under 47 U.S.C. §1723(b):

1. If an entity described in 47 U.S.C. §1724(b) is awarded grant funds under this section (referred to in this subsection as a "covered recipient"), provide that:
   - A. the covered recipient shall use the grant funds in accordance with any applicable statute, regulation, and application procedure;
   - B. the AE/O for that State shall adopt and use proper methods of administering any grant that the covered recipient is awarded, including by:
     1. enforcing any obligation imposed under law on any agency, institution, organization, or other entity that is responsible for carrying out the program to which the grant relates;
     2. correcting any deficiency in the operation of a program to which the grant relates, as identified through an audit or another monitoring or evaluation process; and
     3. adopting written procedures for the receipt and resolution of complaints alleging a violation of law with respect to a program to which the grant relates; and
   - C. the AE/O for that State shall cooperate in carrying out any evaluation—
     1. of any program that relates to a grant awarded to the covered recipient; and
     2. that is carried out by or for the Assistant Secretary or another Federal official.

2. The AE/O for that State shall:
   - A. use fiscal control and fund accounting procedures that ensure the proper disbursement of, and accounting for, any Federal funds that the State is awarded under this section;
   - B. submit to the Assistant Secretary any reports that may be necessary to enable the Assistant Secretary to perform the duties of the Assistant Secretary under this section;
   - C. maintain any records and provide any information to the Assistant Secretary, including those records that the Assistant Secretary determines is necessary to enable the Assistant Secretary to perform the duties of the Assistant Secretary under this section; and
   - D. with respect to any significant proposed change or amendment to the State Digital Equity Plan for the State, make the change or amendment available for public comment in accordance with subsection (d)(2) and

3. The State, before submitting to the Assistant Secretary the State Digital Equity Plan of the State, has complied with the requirements of subsection (b).

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**Please Attest to the Assurance**

- [ ] Yes

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When finished, be sure to always click “Save and Finish” to save your work.
Attestation
Attestation | Getting Started

This Section is for Attestation.

### Attestation and Application Submission

- **1. General Applicant Information**
  - **SECTION STATUS**: Completed
  - **Review/Update**

- **2. Digital Equity Plan**
  - **SECTION STATUS**: Completed
  - **Review/Update**

- **3. Project Narrative**
  - **SECTION STATUS**: Completed
  - **Review/Update**

- **4. Other Funding Sources**
  - **SECTION STATUS**: Completed
  - **Review/Update**

- **5. Budget**
  - **SECTION STATUS**: Completed
  - **Review/Update**

- **6. SF-424**
  - **SECTION STATUS**: Completed
  - **Review/Update**

- **7. Standard Forms**
  - **SECTION STATUS**: Completed
  - **Review/Update**

- **8. Certifications and Assurances**
  - **SECTION STATUS**: Completed
  - **Review/Update**

- **Attestation and Application Submission**
  - **SECTION STATUS**: Not Started
  - **Get Started**
Attestation | Overview

Applicants must attest that the applications they are submitting are completed honestly and accurately to the best of their knowledge and that they will comply with any resulting terms of award acceptance.

Attestation

Upon reviewing the application for final submission, complete the Attestation by clicking the required checkbox next to “I AGREE.” Then click the Submit button.

When finished, be sure to always click “Submit” to submit your work.
Confirmation

This Section is to confirm your submission.

The Applicant will receive a Confirmation message that the application was submitted. The Applicant may use the Download Link to download a summary PDF of the application responses.

When finished, be sure to click “End” to end your work.
Additional Resources
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NTIA will provide guidance, resources, and assistance regarding the DE Capacity Application.

**Application Guidance**
*Guidance*
Provided guidance on how to fill out the State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program application, including screenshots and step-by-step instructions.

**State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program Webinar**
*Provides an overview of the application requirements and discusses the NOFO requirements.*

**Application Checklist**
*Guidance*
Provided checklist on all of the application requirements to complete the State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program application.

**Digital Equity FAQs Reference Document**
*Collection of Frequently Asked Questions that provide insight and additional context into the State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program.*

**Office Hours Additional Assistance**
*Sessions hosted by the Technical Assistance team to answer questions and address concerns about the State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program.*

**State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program NOFO Reference Document**
*Description of the State Digital Equity Capacity Program and all of its requirements.*
THANK YOU