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# Introduction to the State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program for States and Territories

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## Presentation

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*This document pertains to SDECGP requirements as they pertain to 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 Digital Equity

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# Defining Equity



According to the White House Executive Order on Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government, ‘Equity’ is defined as:

“ Sec. 2. Definitions. For purposes of this order: (a) The term “equity” means the **consistent and systematic fair, just, and impartial treatment of all individuals**, including individuals who belong to underserved communities that have been denied such treatment, such as Black, Latino, and Indigenous and Native American persons, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and other persons of color; members of religious minorities; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) persons; persons with disabilities; persons who live in rural areas; and persons otherwise adversely affected by persistent poverty or inequality. <sup>1</sup>

(b) The term “underserved communities” refers to populations sharing a particular characteristic, as well as geographic communities, that have been **systematically denied a full opportunity to participate in aspects of economic, social, and civic life**, as exemplified by the list in the preceding definition of “equity.” <sup>2</sup> ”

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/20/executive-order-advancing-racial-equity-and-support-for-underserved-communities-through-the-federal-government/>

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.



# Defining Other Key Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI) Terms



Diversity  
.....  
**REPRESENTATION**

Inclusion  
.....  
**BEHAVIOR**

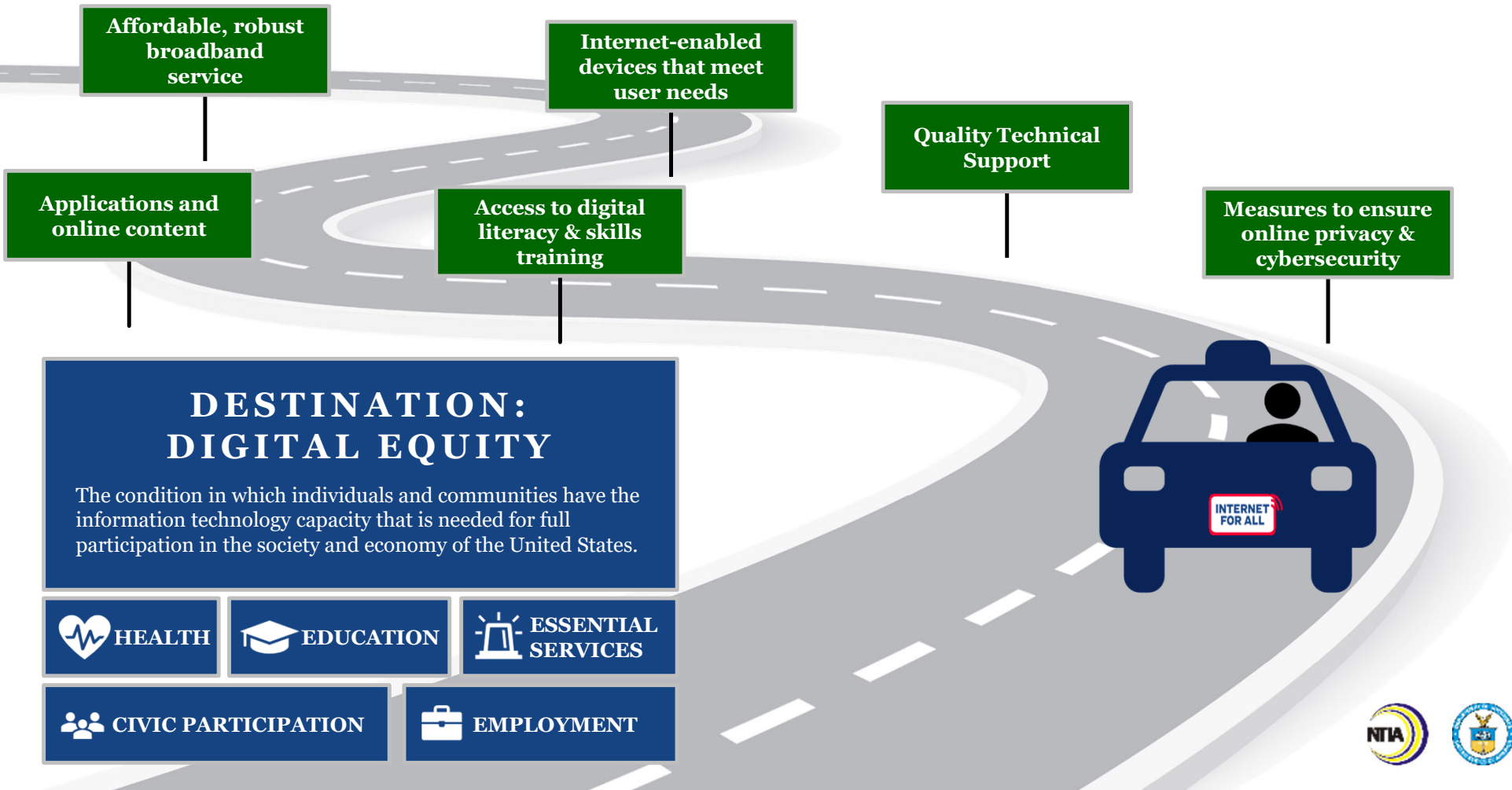
Belonging  
.....  
**FEELING**

Equity  
.....  
**SYSTEMS**

Justice  
.....  
**RESULTS**



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





# Update on the Digital Equity Act Programs

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# Focus on the Digital Equity Act



## BEAD

**\$42.45B**

### Broadband Equity, Access & Deployment Program

A program to get all Americans online by funding partnerships between states or territories, communities, and stakeholders to build infrastructure where we need it to and increase adoption of high-speed Internet.

*Presentation focus*

## DIGITAL EQUITY

**\$2.75B**

### Digital Equity Act

Three programs that provide funding to **promote digital inclusion and advance equity for all**. They aim to ensure that all communities can access and use affordable, reliable high-speed Internet to meet their needs and improve their lives.

## TRIBAL

**\$2.00B**

### Tribal Connectivity Technical Amendments

A program to help tribal communities expand high-speed Internet access and adoption on tribal lands.

## MIDDLE MILE

**\$1.00B**

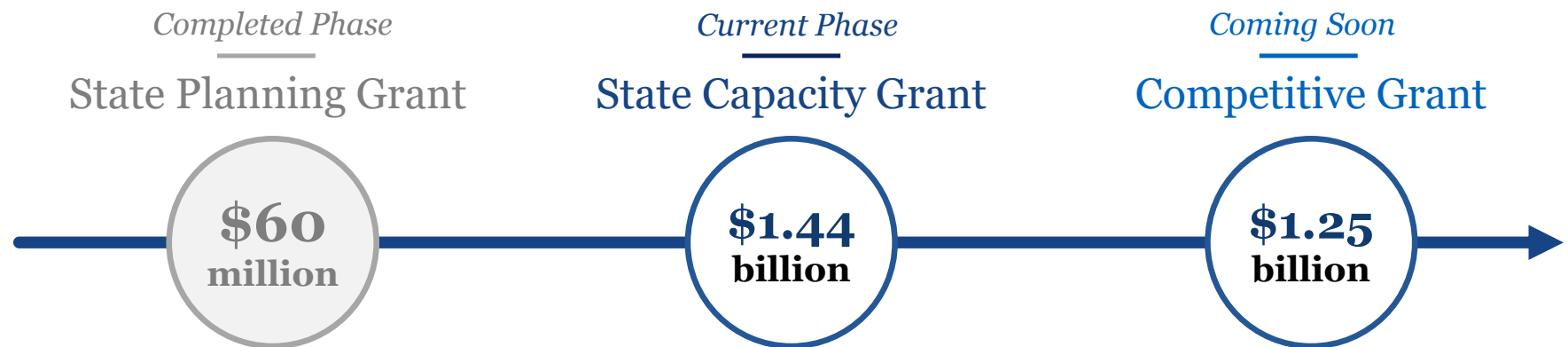
### Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure

A program to expand middle mile infrastructure, to reduce the cost of connecting unserved and underserved areas.

Note: Funding amounts inclusive of all administrative set-asides



# Three Programs to Promote Digital Inclusion & Advance Equity



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

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

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**

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

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

Other U.S. territories, Indian Tribes, Alaska Native entities, and Native Hawaiian orgs have a statutory set-aside and separate program requirements under the State Planning and Capacity Programs



# State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program

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# Purpose of the State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program



The purpose of the State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program is to **create the conditions where individuals and communities have the information technology capacity** that is needed **for full participation** in the society and economy of the United States<sup>1</sup>.

This Program will **make funds available** for States and Territories **to begin implementing their *accepted* State and U.S. Territory Digital Equity Plans** (and related purposes as detailed in the NOFO).

## COVERED POPULATIONS <sup>2</sup>

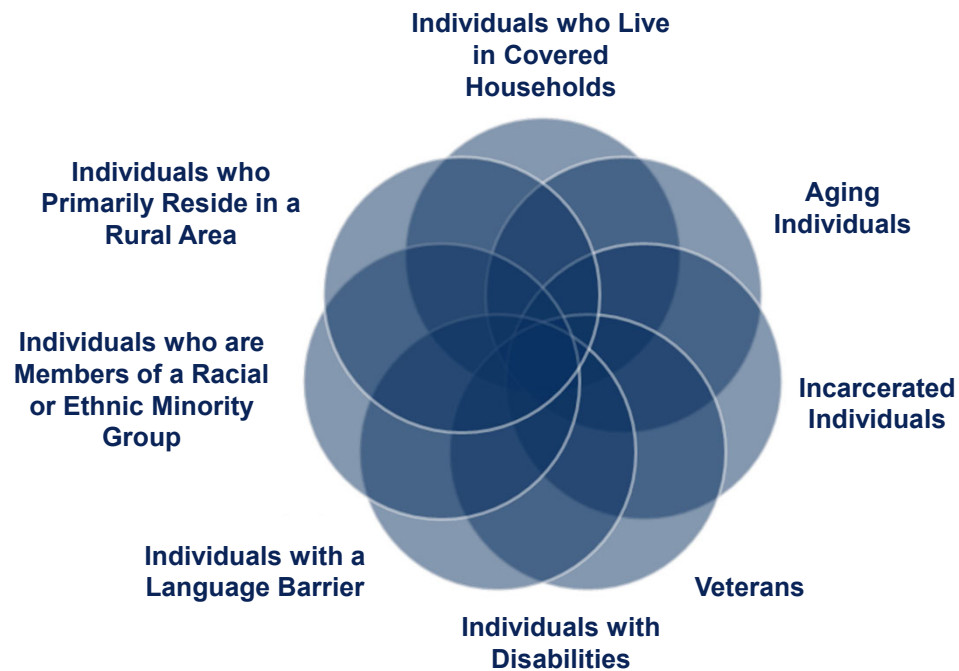
-  Individuals who live in **covered households** (defined as households with **income of not more than 150% of the poverty level**)
-  **Aging** individuals aged 60 and older
-  **Incarcerated individuals** (as defined by the State or Territory), other than individuals who are incarcerated in a Federal correctional facility
-  **Veterans**
-  Individuals with **disabilities**
-  Individuals with a **language barrier**, including individuals who are English learners and have low levels of literacy
-  Individuals who are members of a **racial or ethnic minority group**; and
-  Individuals who primarily reside in a **rural area**



# Intersectionality of Covered Populations



Individuals can embody multiple identities. The Capacity Grant Program is intended to support States and Territories as they serve Covered Populations, many of which may have overlapping identities and needs.



# Serving Covered Populations



Achieving digital equity is vital to promoting personal welfare and civic engagement of the Covered Populations, focusing on issues like lack of telehealth services, online jobs, etc.

## IMPACTS OF DIGITAL EQUITY:



### **Economic and Workforce Growth**

*Through increased job opportunities and business growth*



### **Educational Expansion**

*By tailoring accessible learning and upskilling opportunities to individual needs and preferences*



### **More Individual Control of Health**

*From improved access to telehealth and increased health literacy*



### **Improved Civic/Social Engagement & Delivery of Essential Services**

*Through increased participation in community events and access to services to improve their quality of life.*



## **COMMITMENT TO AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE, HIGH-SPEED INTERNET**

Recognizing the devastating impact of digital exclusion, President Biden made a **commitment that everyone in America will have access to affordable, reliable, high-speed Internet service.**



# Making These Funds Available



The Digital Equity Act creates a carefully structured process to address the core concerns of achieving digital equity and supporting digital inclusion activities for the members of the Covered Populations<sup>1</sup>.



**NTIA Awarded ~\$60 Million to Create Digital Equity Plans**

NTIA launched the State Digital Equity Planning Grant Program on May 13, 2022



**All States and Territories Developed Their Digital Equity Plans**

With this funding, for the first time in America's history, all 56 States and Territories now **have a State Digital Equity Plan**



**NTIA will Make Funds Available to Implement these Plans**

The **Capacity Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)** will make **funds available to begin implementation** of accepted State and U.S. Territory Digital Equity Plans.





# Capacity Grant Program Funding Determinations



Funding amounts for Eligible States will be based on the statutory formula set forth at 47 U.S.C. §1723(d)(3)(A)(i) (Digital Equity Act) and the Capacity Grant Program NOFO. The set aside for Territories will be divided equally among the four territories<sup>1</sup>.

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## STATUTORY FORMULA<sup>1</sup> IN A GIVEN FISCAL YEAR:



### 50% Based on Total Population

*Fifty percent is based on the population of the Eligible State in proportion to the total population of all Eligible State*



### 25% Based on Covered Populations

*Twenty five percent is based on the number of individuals in the Eligible State who are members of a covered population in proportion to the total number of individuals in Covered Populations in all Eligible State*



### 25% Based on Broadband Availability and Adoption

*Twenty five percent is based on the comparative lack of availability and adoption of broadband in the Eligible State relative to all Eligible States*

1. SDECGP NOFO Section II.A.4: Funding amounts for Eligible States will be determined pursuant to the statutory formula set forth at 47 U.S.C. §1723(d)(3)(A)(i) and this NOFO. U.S. Territories will receive equal shares of the Capacity Grant Program funding set aside for U.S. Territories consistent with 47 U.S.C. §1723(i)(3)



# Tentative Funding Allocations for the Capacity Grant



Below is a list of tentative allocations for each State and Territory.\*

STATE/TERRITORY	TENTATIVE ALLOCATED AMOUNT	STATE/TERRITORY	TENTATIVE ALLOCATED AMOUNT
Alabama	\$13,702,566.00	Minnesota	\$12,033,288.01
Alaska	\$5,631,769.64	Mississippi	\$10,752,090.73
Arizona	\$16,170,760.44	Missouri	\$14,237,940.09
Arkansas	\$10,161,429.01	Montana	\$6,938,534.64
California	\$70,226,453.82	Nebraska	\$6,500,627.76
Colorado	\$12,368,261.03	Nevada	\$9,200,546.13
Connecticut	\$9,183,114.07	New Hampshire	\$4,942,018.62
Delaware	\$4,816,482.10	New Jersey	\$18,094,857.62
District of Columbia	\$3,804,000.00	New Mexico	\$8,673,975.84
Florida	\$41,748,794.74	New York	\$36,984,641.81
Georgia	\$22,455,639.68	North Carolina	\$22,456,097.01
Hawaii	\$6,017,160.03	North Dakota	\$4,549,772.25
Idaho	\$6,305,226.45	Ohio	\$23,291,991.74
Illinois	\$23,732,912.78	Oklahoma	\$11,233,311.64
Indiana	\$15,096,770.19	Oregon	\$9,947,586.17
Iowa	\$8,442,129.37	Pennsylvania	\$25,508,473.61
Kansas	\$8,229,246.17	Puerto Rico	\$9,807,187.39
Kentucky	\$12,123,531.39	Rhode Island	\$4,540,059.53
Louisiana	\$12,727,887.98	South Carolina	\$12,846,583.30
Maine	\$5,784,349.60	South Dakota	\$5,010,234.08
Maryland	\$13,427,134.17	Tennessee	\$15,814,288.00
Massachusetts	\$14,133,924.00	Texas	\$55,641,147.86
Michigan	\$20,585,775.60	Utah	\$7,795,149.91

\* NTIA emphasizes that these allocations are tentative, and that a State's final allocation could be higher or lower than the amount listed here, depending on factors including the number of States that elect to participate in the program and the results of any challenges to this allocation



# Tentative Funding Allocations for the Capacity Grant, Cont.



Below is a list of tentative allocations for each State and Territory.\*

STATE/TERRITORY	TENTATIVE ALLOCATED AMOUNT	STATE/TERRITORY	TENTATIVE ALLOCATED AMOUNT
Vermont	\$5,299,150.18		
Virginia	\$18,330,732.47		
Washington	\$15,983,291.58		
West Virginia	\$9,011,588.00		
Wisconsin	\$13,248,029.83		
Wyoming	\$5,251,485.99		

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# Who Should Apply



Each State and Territory of the United States that has **developed an accepted Digital Equity Plan** is eligible to apply for grants under the Capacity Grant Program.

## Eligible States & Territories

Grantees that have completed a Digital Equity Plan that meets the requirements of 47 U.S.C. §1723(c) can apply for grants under this Program<sub>1</sub>.



### Eligible States

- All 50 states and Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico<sub>1</sub>



### One Percent (1%) Territory Set-Aside

- United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands<sub>2</sub>



# Purpose of Capacity Grant Program Funds



Capacity Grant Program funds must support the adoption of sustainable, long-term programs that address digital equity through defined projects and activities<sup>1</sup>.



## States and Territories will Use Capacity Funds to Implement their Digital Equity Plans

States and U.S. Territories will receive funding to **invest in strategic and sustainable interventions** aimed at achieving digital equity (and related purposes as detailed in the NOFO).



## Monitoring Progress and Adjusting for Success

The success of the States and Territories in meeting these goals will be **tracked through the reporting requirements on the applicable performance metrics**.



**Integration with BEAD  
(Broadband Equity, Access, and  
Deployment)**

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# Integration with the BEAD Program



The Digital Equity Act is closely tied to the broader infrastructure deployment goals of the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program<sup>1</sup>.



## What is BEAD?

*The BEAD program is a historic, last mile investment for:*

-  **Broadband Planning,**
-  **Deployment,**
-  **Mapping,**
-  **Equity,**
-  **Adoption, and**
-  **Meaningful use projects.**

## How do they Relate?

*The two programs complement each other and require high levels of coordination to make sure **resources are working in a non-duplicative manner**. States, Territories, and Native Entities should do the following to reinforce coordination:*

-  Establish **formal and direct communications** and **collaboration pathways**
-  Ensure projects are **coordinated with other broadband-related projects**

This is important to **reduce the burden and confusion on community stakeholders** when fulfilling the local coordination, outreach, and stakeholder engagement requirements of both programs.

1. SDECGP NOFO Section I.B



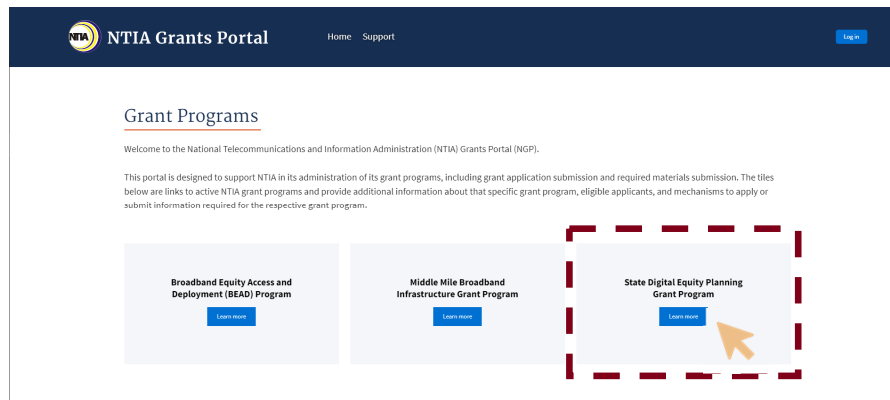
# How to Apply



# How to Apply for the Grant



The DE Grant programs have specific forms and requirements that are unique to the programs and require special attention<sup>1</sup>.



Application forms and instructions are available on the NTIA Grants Portal at <https://grants.ntia.gov> and on its BroadbandUSA website <https://broadbandusa.ntia.gov>. Applicants should follow instructions carefully and are encouraged to submit their applications early.

1. SDECGP NOFO Section II.C.1



# Submission Requirements



The NOFO provides States and U.S. Territories with instructions on how to complete and apply for Capacity Grants under the State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program. Applicants are strongly encouraged to review the full list of requirements in the NOFO.

## SAMPLE APPLICATION SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS<sup>1</sup>:

-  *Description of the Administering Entity*
-  *NTIA Accepted Digital Equity Plan*
-  *Certification of Implementing the Plan and making subgrants that is consistent with the Digital Equity Plan*
-  *Assurances required under 47 U.S.C. §1723(e) and set forth in the NOFO*
-  ***Project Narrative***
-  *Description of how the State or Territory's implementation will benefit each of the Covered Populations in the State or Territory*
-  *Certification that the funds will be used to supplement, not supplant, other Federal or State funds*
-  *Description of all other funding sources to implement the Digital Equity Plan*
-  ***Consolidated Budget Form***

### NOTE

**Bolded** items will have additional Technical Assistance and trainings provided.



# Challenging Allocations

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# Challenge Process for Allocations



NTIA emphasizes that these allocations are *tentative*. A State or Territory's final allocation could be higher or lower than the amount listed in the NOFO.

## How to Challenge Allocations<sup>1</sup>

A State or Territory must **submit a letter to the Assistant Secretary signed by its governor or equivalent official. The letter shall describe**, in as much detail as practicable, **the error or other defect that the State believes to have occurred in NTIA's application of the formula or statutory requirements.**

## WHEN TO CHALLENGE AWARDS:

**1** Within 14 days of NOFO publication\* or  
*(Preferred method)*

**2** After receiving awards

### **\*Note for the Challenge Award Option of Within 14 Days of NOFO Publication:**

The **Assistant Secretary** will **determine the validity of the challenge** and **respond** to the State. If the Assistant Secretary determines that a recalculation of formula amounts is appropriate, the **Assistant Secretary** will promptly **notify the other States of this occurrence and of the results of any amendment to award amounts for all States<sup>1</sup> within twenty-one (21) calendar days.**

1. SDECGP NOFO Section II.A.4.c



# **Appropriate Use of Funds**

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# Use of Digital Equity Funds



Eligible States and Territories must use their State Digital Equity Capacity Grant funds for specific purposes that are outlined in the NOFO. **Those with a \* indicate additional guidance will be provided.**

## ELIGIBLE USES OF FUNDS<sub>1</sub>:



**Updating or  
Maintaining Plans**



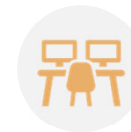
**Making  
Subgrants\***



**Implementing  
Plans**



**Evaluation\***



**Administrative  
Costs\***



# Subgrantee Selection Process (Continued on Next Slide)



Eligible States and Territories may choose to subgrant some or all of their awards to carry out their digital equity projects. Note that eligible subrecipients are limited by statute/in the NOFO and applicants should look to the NOFO for more explicit instructions.

## Subgrantee Selection Process

Each State or U.S. Territory applying for Capacity Grant funds must **establish a fair, transparent, equitable, and inclusive process** for selecting subgrantees<sup>1</sup>.

### **SUBGRANTS MUST:**

- 1 It will carry out the activities required under items (a), (b), and (c) of the Subgrantee subsection of the NOFO; these items include:
  - a. *Assist in the implementation of the Digital Equity Plan and/or digital equity programs and activities identified;*
  - b. *Pursue digital inclusion activities consistent with the Digital Equity Plan and/or digital equity programs and activities identified;*
  - c. *Report to the State/Territory regarding the digital inclusion activities of the entity.*



# Subgrantee Selection Process, Continued



Eligible States and Territories may choose to subgrant some or all of their awards to carry out their digital equity projects. Note that eligible subrecipients are limited by statute/in the NOFO and applicants should look to the NOFO for more explicit instructions.

## ***ADDITIONALLY, SUBGRANTS MUST:***

- 2** Not result in unjust enrichment of the entity.
- 3** Cooperate with any evaluation of the program as it relates to a grant awarded to the entity.

NTIA strongly encourages States and Territories to take deliberate steps to **ensure that subgrant opportunities are accessible to a diverse range of organizations, particularly those owned, led and/or managed by members of the Covered Populations.**

**! Projects and activities, even if being conducted by subgrantees, must serve Covered Populations.**





# Capacity Grant Program Permitted Activities



In examining whether a proposed strategy or intervention furthers the goals of the State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program and the State or Territory's Digital Equity Plan, grant recipients must consider the criteria and focal points outlined in the NOFO.

## **Permitted Activities<sub>1</sub>:**

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*Grant recipients should think through the following criteria below:*



**Focus on Covered Populations**



**Stakeholder Engagement**



**Long-lasting and Meaningful Change**



**Measurable Implementation Strategies**



# Examples of Capacity Grant Program Allowable Uses



Digital Equity grantees can use their funds in multiple ways to achieve the equitable adoption of high-speed internet and empower their communities to learn and the services they provide to grow<sup>1</sup>.



**Digital Literacy and Skills Training** | *Encourage digital literacy and skills programs that provide training and education to members of the Covered Populations*



**E-Government and Civic Engagement** | *Develop digital tools that enable online community engagement and that empower individuals to participate in the democratic process*



**Device Deployment Programs** | *Coordinate deployment of accessible devices such as laptops, smartphones, tablets, or other internet-enabled devices for those that need it most*



**Economic Development** | *Support digital entrepreneurship, online job training, and remote work opportunities to foster economic empowerment and reduce disparities*



**Online Access to Health and Mental Wellness Services** | *Build or strengthen tools that directly help patients and end users within the Covered Populations to access healthcare services online*



**Online Accessibility** | *Coach programs to ensure that websites and applications are designed with accessibility in mind*



**Access to Affordable Broadband Service** | *Promote programs to provide low-cost services*



# Ensuring All Covered Populations are Reached

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# Alternative Funding



NTIA encourages States and Territories to use the Capacity Grant and other available funding sources, as applicable, to carry out their Digital Equity Plans and serve all Covered Populations.



## Leverage Multiple Funding Sources

In many cases, State Digital Equity Plans are designed to **leverage multiple funding sources** and partnerships to achieve their objectives



## Submitting Other Funding Sources

If using multiple funding sources, **one must submit a description of all other funding sources the State or Territory intends to use**



## Examples of Alternative Sources

States and Territories can **utilize other federal grants** (such as the **Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment program**)

## NO MATCH REQUIREMENT<sup>1</sup>

The Digital Equity Act authorizing the establishment of this program **does not contain a statutory non-federal cost sharing or matching funds requirement.**



# Measuring Success

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# Measuring Success and Program Evaluation



Capacity Grant recipients and subrecipients are required to incorporate **program evaluation activities** to understand **population level outcomes**. More content is continued on the next slide.

## Evaluation Criteria<sub>1</sub>



Number of **Covered Population(s)** served



Number of **people served within each Covered Population**



**Total number of people** served



**Number of programs** implemented by type



**Anecdotal/personal testimony** demonstrating the positive impact of the Program



**Quantifiable evidence of progress toward the measurable objectives** identified in the Digital Equity Plan



# Measuring Success and Program Evaluation, Continued



Capacity Grant recipients and subrecipients are required to **incorporate program evaluation** activities **that focus on the impact** on the State or Territory's goals, such as:

## Evaluation Criteria that Focuses on Impact on the State or Territory's goals regarding<sub>1</sub>:



**Economic and workforce development** outcomes



**Educational** outcomes



**Health** outcomes



**Civic and social engagement**



Delivery of **essential services**



# **Key Dates and Deadlines**

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# Key Dates to Remember

Application submission and grant award dates for the Capacity Grant Program are described in the NOFO<sub>1</sub>.



## 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: 315 days after the NOFO is released; 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.**

# Reviewing and Approving Applications

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# Reviewing Applications



During the application review process, NTIA can negotiate with the applicant around specific changes to the application.



## Initial Eligibility and Administrative Review *Review Phase 1*

**What:** Initial eligibility and administrative screening

**Why:** **Confirm the applicant has completed the application AND is eligible to receive funding**



## Merit Review *Review Phase 2*

**What:** Merit review of eligible applications

**Why:** **Confirm proposed activities align with program objectives, eligible activities, and related costs/budget as provided in the Digital Equity Act and in the NOFO.**



**The Assistant Secretary or his designee will recommend applications for funding based on the results of the review phases. Final approval of applications and distribution of awards will be made by the NIST Grants Officer, who serves as the Grants Officer for the State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program. Award decisions of the NIST Grants Officer are final.**



# **A Closer Look at the Native Entities Section of the NOFO**

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# Native Entities



Native Entities will have a competitive process for obtaining Digital Equity Capacity Grants. This information includes award amounts, eligibility, the application and submission process, and review criteria. Please be sure to note that more information and guidance will be released at a later date.

## KEY NOTES FOR NATIVE ENTITIES:


### Application Window

Applications for Native Entities are due **315 days after the NOFO** is released.

- The Application window opens September 25, 2024.
- The Application window closes February 7, 2025.

### Eligibility

**Indian Tribes, Alaska Native entities, and Native Hawaiian organizations** (collectively, “Native Entities”) are eligible to apply for grants with NTIA to carry out activities contemplated in this program.

 **Additional guidance and information will be released at a later date. This webinar only touches on States and Territories, so expect more information and technical assistance related to Native and Tribal Entities soon.**



# Action Items and Ways to Get Involved

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# Ways to Get Involved



There are plenty of ways for stakeholders to get involved in the DE Program, even if they are not an Administering Entity. Stakeholders should be thinking hard about what they want their involvement to look like.



## **Engage with your State Broadband Office (SBO)**

Reach out to your SBO to learn additional ways stakeholders can get involved, whether it be helping with plan development or with carrying out the plans. SBOs are looking for stakeholder feedback!



## **Get Familiar with your State/Territory's Subawarding Process**

Stakeholders should prioritize getting familiar with their State/Territory's subgrantee selection/subawarding process and learn if they are eligible to apply. Stakeholders can contact their SBO for additional information on the subgrantee selection/subawarding process.



## **Keep an Eye out for the Competitive Program**

Remember, the next round of funding that will be coming from NTIA for Digital Equity will be under a Competitive Grant Program.



# What's Next?



As we move forward with Digital Equity, make sure all Plan requirements are complete and that you are closely reading all application/Technical Assistance materials.



## Use all Available Technical Assistance

We recommend everyone attend all future **webinars**, **office hours**, **trainings**, and properly **review all Technical Assistance material** published by NTIA.



## Utilize your FPO

FPOs serve as an easy-to-access knowledge base on all things Digital Equity, so be sure to ask any related questions to your FPO.



## Complete your Applications

Make sure that you are tracking all program requirements, timelines, and deadlines.







**THANK YOU**

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