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## Where we are today ...

### Expanding high-speed internet to communities across Georgia



Access to a strong, reliable, and affordable internet connection is important to all Georgians. It drives our economy, underpins educational experiences, supports public health, and enhances our personal lives.

That's why we're working to expand high-speed internet (broadband) throughout the state.

## ... and where we're going

### Georgia's Broadband, Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) Program

Established by the Infrastructure, Investment, and Jobs Act (IIJA), the Broadband, Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) program will fund broadband infrastructure projects and adoption programs.

This program prioritizes unserved locations that either have no internet access or have access to less than 25/3 Mbps service and underserved locations that have access to less than 100/20 Mbps service.



### Georgia's Digital Connectivity Program



Funded by the IIJA, the Digital Equity Act provides funding to establish programs that aim to ensure that people have the skills, technology, and capacity needed to reap the full benefits of our digital economy.

Georgia's Digital Connectivity Program will provide funding to promote affordability, adoption, and accessibility to advance connectivity. We aim to ensure that all communities can access and use affordable, reliable high-speed internet to meet their needs and improve their lives.

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## Program Details

### State Planning

Georgia received $4,999,994.65 to develop a five-year action plan for the Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program and $1,429,212.96 to develop a statewide digital equity plan. During this planning phase, we will establish our statewide goals and conduct a comprehensive needs assessment that will inform our plans.

### Capacity Building

Georgia will receive funding to administer an annual grant program for five years in support of digital connectivity projects and the implementation of digital connectivity plans.

### Competitive Program

Georgia will provide annual grant programs for five years to implement digital connectivity projects.

### Examples of Eligible Uses of BEAD Funds

- Planning for the deployment of high-speed internet
- Deploying internet to unserved locations, upgrading internet to underserved locations, and improving service to community anchor organizations
- Installing internet and Wi-Fi in multi-unit residential buildings
- Adoption and digital equity programs
- Workforce development programs and vocational training

### Examples of Eligible Uses of Digital Connectivity Funds

- Develop, implement, and oversee digital equity plans
- Improve online accessibility and inclusivity of public resources
- Implement digital equity plans and digital inclusion activities
- Provide digital literacy and skills education to covered populations
- Facilitate the adoption of high-speed internet by covered populations

### Ways to Get Involved

Local governments, ISPs, community organizations, and individuals in the state of Georgia can...

- Participate in an in-person or virtual stakeholder meeting
- Complete relevant stakeholder surveys
- Provide feedback via public comment
- Spread the word and help connect the broadband team with your community

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## NATIONAL BROADBAND MAP CHALLENGE

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The FCC has a new map showing internet service availability in Georgia

Internet service is essential for modern life

The map shows where internet service providers report service

## HELP IMPROVE THE MAP!

**Location Challenge**
Submit a location challenge if you think a location is incorrect or needs to be added to the map

**Availability Challenge**
Submit an availability challenge if you think the service information is incorrect for your location

**Mobile Connectivity**
Use the Speed Test app on your mobile phone to contribute to mobile coverage data on the map

## SUBMIT YOUR CHALLENGE

**Broadbandmap.fcc.gov**

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