

Infrastructure and Investment Jobs Act (IIJA) for Broadband

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) provides the largest investment for broadband deployment in history. Billions of dollars are now available across multiple programs, including funds for broadband and bridging the digital divide.

IIJA's broadband allocations will primarily be disbursed by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and individual states. Below are summaries of the main funding opportunities for broadband service providers.

\$42.5 billion

Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD)

This broadband program is the centerpiece of the IIJA. The \$42.5 billion initiative provides investments to states, territories, and the District of Columbia to expand high-speed internet access and use. BEAD focuses on unserved and underserved communities across the U.S.

State Broadband Deployment Program

\$4.5 billion

- Provides **\$4.45 billion** with no end date.
- Each state receives at least **\$100 million**, and will develop specific rules and timeframes

for its programs. Final funding allotment is based on the number of unserved locations each state has, as determined by the broadband maps the FCC will release in early 2023.

Digital Equity Grant Program

\$2.75 billion

- Includes **\$2.75 billion** distributed over five years.
- Each state develops and implements a digital equity plan to improve broadband

access, affordability, and adoption among underserved "covered populations," including rural area residents.

Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)

\$14.2 billion

- **\$14.2 billion** available with no end date.
- The ACP will replace the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program (EBBP) established

by the FCC last year. EBBP provides discounted broadband services and connective devices to qualifying low-income households (for example, those who participate in Lifeline, Medicaid, and other specified government assistance programs).

Rural Broadband Program

\$74 million

- **\$74 million** is available and will be administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).
- Loans will be made to help

construct, improve, or acquire facilities and equipment needed to provide broadband access to rural areas (for example, areas where at least 50 percent of households lack access to 25/3 Mbps broadband service).



Learn more:

- The complete [Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act](#)
- [Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program](#) (BEAD)
- [White House Fact Sheet on IIJA](#)