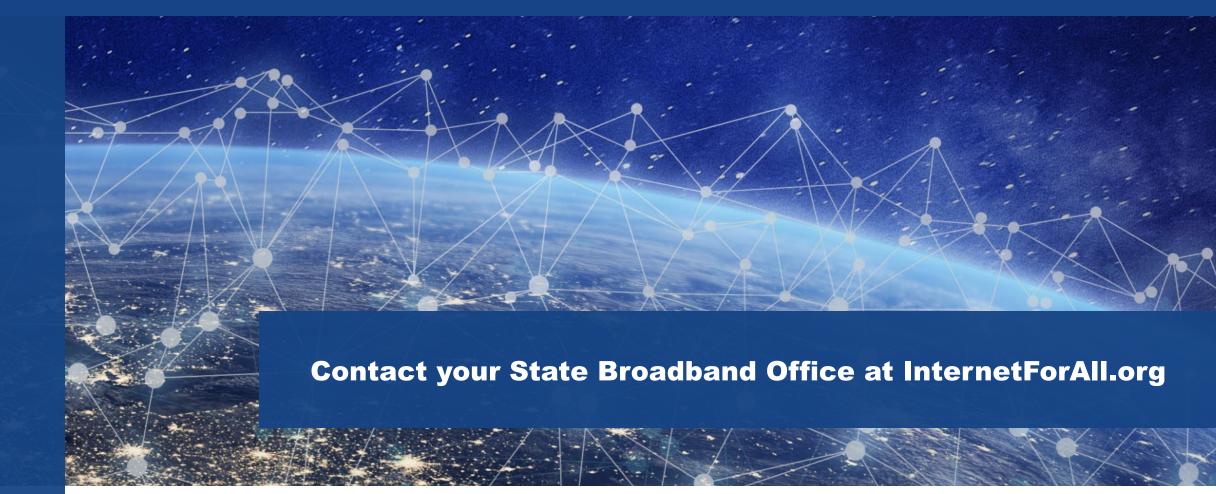






Digital Equity Act Grant Programs



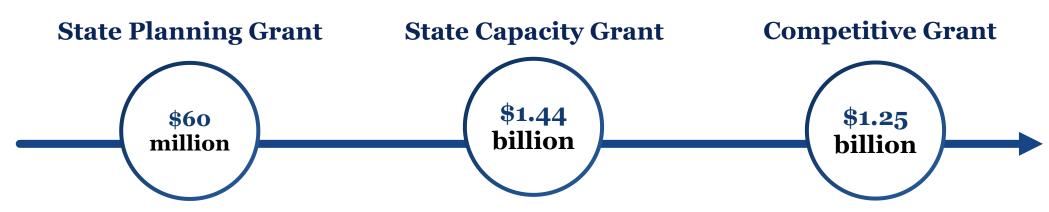
\$2.75B Digital Equity Act

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.

Note: Funding amounts inclusive of all administrative set-asides

The Digital Equity Act focuses on addressing the needs of "Covered Populations," identity groups and communities disproportionally impacted by digital inequity:

- **a** Low-income households
- Aging populations
- (a) Incarcerated individuals
- (x) Veterans
- People with disabilities
- People with language barriers
- Racial and ethnic minorities
- Rural inhabitants



Who Open to U.S. States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico (States)

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

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 Program
 institutions, local educational agencies, and workforce development orgs
 Grants will be used to implement
 Grants will be used to develop

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

State Digital Equity Plan

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

Grants will be used to **develop**and implement digital
inclusion activities

Open to **certain entities**, such as

political subdivisions, Tribal entities,

Planning funds will be used to develop State Digital Equity Plans, which must contain several components:



Vision

Stated vision for digital equity



Objectives

- Measurable objectives
 Assessment of how those objectives will impact the State's plans and
- outcomes

Barriers to Digital Equity

- **Identify barriers** to digital equity
- Include a digital needs assessment



Outreach and Engagement

- **Description of plan to collaborate** with key stakeholders to achieve its digital equity goals
- **List of organizations** that collaborated on and contributed to digital equity plans
- Coordination and outreach **strategy**



Integration

- **Asset inventory** of current strategies
- Description of incorporation of local plans
- Description of coordination of use of capacity grant funds with BEAD funds



Implementation

- Implementation **strategy**
- Timeline

