

NATIONAL DIGITAL INCLUSION ALLIANCE

2022 Federal Digital Inclusion Policy Cheat Sheet

FCC: Federal Communications Commission

*USAC: <u>Universal Service Administrative Company</u> administers FCC's Universal Service Funds and programs:

- Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)
- Lifeline



NTIA: National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Administers IIJA programs:

- Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program (PDF p. 756)
- Digital Equity Act (DEA) (PDF p. 781)
- <u>Tribal Connectivity Program</u> (PDF p. 780)

Administers other broadband programs:

- <u>Connecting Minority Communities</u> (CMC) Pilot Program (est. through CAA)
- Broadband Infrastructure Program (est. through CAA)

ACTS

IIJA: Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	\$1.2 trillion infrastructure act Also known as BIL: Bipartisan Infrastructure Law	Date Passed: 11/15/21
ARPA: American Rescue Plan Act	\$1.9 trillion economic stimulus to help the US during the pandemic	Date Passed: 3/11/21
CAA: Consolidated Appropriations Act	\$2.3 trillion spending act that combines \$900 billion in stimulus relief for the COVID-19 pandemic in the US with a \$1.4 trillion omnibus spending bill for the 2021 federal fiscal year	Date Passed: 12/27/20





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PROGRAMS

Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)	Established by: IIJA	FCC broadband discount program (continued version of the EBB starting in 2022) \$30 benefit for non-Tribal households \$75 for Tribal households
Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program (PDF pg. 756)	Established by: IIJA	\$42.45 billion to states for broadband deployment in unserved and underserved areas, broadband adoption, connecting anchor institutions, etc.
Capital Projects Fund (CPF)	Established by: ARPA	\$10 billion for states to carry out projects that directly enable work, education, and health moni- toring, including remote options, in response to the public health emergency
Connecting Minority Communities (CMC) Pilot Program	Established by: CAA	\$268 million in grants to eligible HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs in anchor communities for the purchase of broadband internet access service or any eligible equipment, or to hire and train information technology personnel
<u>Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal</u> <u>Recovery Funds (SLFRF)</u>	Established by: ARPA	\$350 billion to state, local, and Tribal governments to support recovery from COVID-19
Digital Equity Act (DEA) Grant Programs	Established by: IIJA	State Digital Equity Planning Grant Program (PDF p. 788) - \$60 million to states for developing State Digital Equity Plans State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program (PDF p. 784) - \$1.44 billion to states for implementing State Digital Equity Plans Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program (PDF p. 794) - \$1.25 billion to grantees for digital inclusion activities
Emergency Broadband Benefit Program (EBB)	Established by: CAA	FCC broadband discount program (\$50 benefit for non-Tribal households). Transitioned into the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) on December 31, 2021.
Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF)	Established by: ARPA	Program to help libraries and schools purchase devices and broadband equipment

