Many Americans lack access to affordable, reliable, high-speed Internet

America runs on high-speed internet. A strong internet connection powers our economy and supports education. It fosters better public health. And, it connects loved ones and strengthens social ties. But not everyone is connected. Too many Americans are cut off from the opportunities that high-speed internet makes possible. That’s why we’re working to bring high-speed internet to all Americans.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law includes $65B to connect all Americans to high-speed Internet

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, passed by Congress and signed into law by President Biden on Nov. 15, 2021, provides new funding to connect everyone in America with affordable, reliable, high-speed internet. The Department of Commerce’s National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) will administer $48B to support high-speed internet planning, infrastructure, and adoption and meaningful use.

NTIA will administer ~$48B of funding across four programs

**Bead - $42.45B**  
Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment

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.

**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.

Timeline

- **BEAD**
  - 2022: LOI
  - 2023: 5-year plan
  - 2024: 4-year implementation

- **DE**
  - 2022: Plan app
  - 2023: 1-year state planning
  - 2024: State cap. app
  - 2025: Comp. app
  - 2026+: 4-year competitive implement.

- **Tribal**
  - 2022: Rolling funding
  - 2023: Tribal BIL apps

- **MM**
  - 2022: Apps
  - 2023: Implementation for BIL projects
  - 2024: 5-year implementation

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