About Pew

Established in 1948, The Pew Charitable Trusts is a global nongovernmental organization that seeks to improve public policy, inform the public, and invigorate civic life.

The Pew Charitable Trusts’ broadband access initiative works with state and federal lawmakers, researchers, and other partners to accelerate the nation’s progress to universal, affordable high-speed internet service.
Increasing evidence of public interventions that corrected market failures, including fiber-based, community-centric solutions, helped ground theory of change in practice, research-based policy.

**American Rescue Plan Act**
- $10B: Capital Projects
- $350B*: State and Local Fiscal Recovery

**Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)**
- $42.5B: for state broadband programs
- $23B: digital equity, affordability

**A new era of policy**
- **Requirements**: universal coverage, affordability, fiber, community engagement, digital literacy
- **Operations**: accountability, state and local leadership, planning

*Broadband is eligible expense
No longer a “nice to have”

- Preference for fiber
- Availability, quality, affordability, use
- Build capacity of state, local, Tribal governments
- Accountability through challenge processes, engagement, planning
Federal, state, and local policymakers, Tribal governments, and partners from research, philanthropy, the private sector, and community-serving organizations coming together to implement a series of historic policy initiatives.

**Where are we now?**

**Capital Projects Fund**
- 8 states have received funds; using 38-100% of allocations
- Supporting fiber deployment, affordable connections in unserved, primarily rural areas
- About 50% of states have slotted CPF for broadband

**NTIA Programs**
- All 50 states submitting letters of intent for BEAD
- Request planning funds by August 15
- Funding amounts announced after Broadband DATA maps are public

**State broadband programs**
- Hiring staff
- Beginning planning processes, including stakeholder engagement, data collection
- Managing state-mandated deadlines

**Key partners**
- Universities, nonprofits, consulting firms preparing to work with state, local, Tribal entities
- Delivery includes research, staff augmentation, program implementation
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