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Broadband Office

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Advance Colorado Broadband Updates

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Broadband Acronyms Defined

CPF - <i>Capital Projects Fund</i>	BEAD - <i>Broadband, Equity, Access, Deployment</i>
CBO - <i>Colorado Broadband Office</i>	FCC - <i>Federal Communications Commission</i>
NTIA - <i>National Telecommunications and Information Administration</i>	BDB - <i>Broadband Deployment Board</i>
ISP - <i>Internet Service Provider</i>	SLFRF - <i>State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund</i>
ACP - <i>Affordable Connectivity Program</i>	USDA - <i>U.S. Department of Agriculture</i>
HCSM - <i>High Cost Support Mechanism</i>	Mbps - <i>Megabytes Per Second</i>



CBO Funding Highlights

- **Capital Projects Fund** - awarded \$170.8M for Broadband Infrastructure serving 18,000 locations which represents 15% of locations still lacking high-speed internet.
- **Broadband, Equity, Access and Deployment** - awarded \$4.9M for planning funds to support the development of the 5-year action plan, staffing, technical assistance, and public outreach.
- **State Digital Equity** - awarded \$897K in planning funds to create a digital equity plan, support capacity for public outreach, and data collection.
- **Broadband Deployment Fund** - to-date the Broadband Deployment Board has allocated \$51M in grants totally 63 projects that will connect 29,024 rural households.



Statewide Funding Highlights

- **Ute Mountain Ute Tribe** - awarded \$22.7M from the Tribal Broadband Connectivity program of the NTIA to connect 817 households, 7 Tribal businesses and 36 community anchor institutions.
- **Southern Ute Indian Tribe** - awarded \$44M from the Tribal Broadband Connectivity program of the NTIA to connect 1,800 households, 16 community anchor institutions and 14 Tribal businesses.
- **Affordable Connective Program** - 172,597 households participate totaling approximately \$31.7M in subsidies.
- **Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF)** - awarded \$24.9M to 8 companies to connect 76,216 locations.



Statewide Funding Highlights

- **USDA ReConnect** - awarded \$34.57M in broadband infrastructure for the following communities:
 - **San Luis Valley Electric Cooperative** - awarded \$1.99M to connect 129 people, 8 businesses, public schools and 20 farms.
 - **Delta-Montrose Electric Association** - awarded \$13.88M to connect 3,577 people, 148 businesses, 1 school, and 765 farms.
 - **Eastern Slope Rural Telephone Association, Inc.** - awarded \$18.7M to connect 2,284, 898 farms, 110 businesses, and 14 schools.



Current CBO Projects

- **FCC Mapping Challenge Process** - launched a statewide crowdsourcing data campaign to encourage residents to assist in challenging their broadband availability for the FCC maps - the process closes January 13, 2023.
- **Broadband Ready Program and Certification** - launching program in January to assist communities in preparing to deploy broadband efficiently and effectively.
- **Community Engagement:**
 - January 17, 2023: Advance Industry Roundtable - 9:30am - 10:30am
 - January 18, 2023: Advance Community Leaders Roundtable - 9:30am - 10:30am



Legislative Agenda

- **Addressing SB05-152**
 - Prohibits local governments from providing internet services both directly and indirectly - those who have not opted out
 - Two-thirds of colorado local governments have not opted out
 - A local government that has not opted out is restricted from receiving federal funding for broadband
- Engaging in meaningful dialogue - taking a bottom-up approach to changes
 - Hosting Weekly Stakeholder Meetings with Local Governments and Industry
- Working with CDOT on ideas and possible changes to pursue to improve rural broadband activities and deployment



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Questions?