



Connecticut Commission for Educational Technology June 2022 Executive Director's Report

Federal Broadband Programs

- Oversight by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA): <https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/resources/grant-programs>.
- Connecticut well-positioned to leverage funding, developing integrated five-year plan across agencies (DEEP, Commission, OPM, OCC, OTG).
- [Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment \(BEAD\) Program](#): Connecticut award of at least \$100M for broadband deployment, mapping, and adoption; support for state broadband office; and development of five-year action plan (up-front allocation of up to \$5M). Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) serves as lead agency.
- [Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program](#): Connecticut award \$5M – \$100M, awarded through a competitive grant to expand middle mile fiber over five years to reduce the cost of connecting unserved and underserved areas; Connecticut lead is DEEP.
- [Digital Equity Act](#): Three waves of funding in the form of Planning (\$736K), Capacity (~\$3M), and Competitive (national total \$1,25B) funds. Goal of equipping covered populations with the skills and technology to appreciate the economic, civic, wellness, and other benefits of digital access.

Everybody Learns Home Connectivity Transition

- Funding from Governor Lamont's Everybody Learns initiative provided for 14,000+ wireless access points and 40,000+ home connections.
- Program extension in 2021 – 22 to connect students outside of school.
- Direction to districts to encourage use of federal programs — Affordable Connectivity Program and Emergency Connectivity Fund — as Everybody Learns home connectivity support ends June 30, 2022.

Go Open CT

- Continued outreach and support to schools and universities to develop courses and other curriculum materials through www.GoOpenCT.org.
- Launch of statewide curriculum via Go Open CT from Connecticut State Department of Education April 20.
- Materials and collections continue to expand, with 9,000+ resources as well as new curated collections and hubs for model curriculum and higher education.