

CONNECTICUT'S BROADBAND PROGRAMS

Working Together To Close The Digital Divide

FUNDING PROGRAM	ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS	TOTAL FUNDING
<p>Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program <i>Department of Energy & Environmental Protection</i></p> <p>This competitive grant program provides funding to bring broadband service to unserved locations (<25 Mbps/3 Mbps) and underserved locations (<100 Mbps/20 Mbps). Any remaining funds may be used to support access, adoption, and equity-related projects, such as bringing gigabit connections to community anchor institutions.</p>	<p>Applicants must have the technical, managerial, and financial expertise to design, build, and operate high-speed broadband service infrastructure.</p>	<p>\$144,180,792</p>
<p>CEN ConneCT - Community WiFi <i>Connecticut Education Network (Department of Administrative Services)</i></p> <p>This competitive grant program provides funding to expand WiFi-based internet access in public spaces for communities in need. Anchor institutions are eligible for Eduroom setup and fiber build back to CEN.</p>	<p>This program is open to community anchor institutions.</p>	<p>\$10,719,936</p>
<p>CEN ConneCT - Connecting Connecticut's Communities Initiative (C3I) <i>Connecticut Education Network (Department of Administrative Services)</i></p> <p>This program provides grant funding for fiber builds that deliver enterprise grade, secure, dedicated bandwidth for primary or resilient (backup) internet service.</p>	<p>Eligible applicants include municipalities, COGs, libraries, and charter schools not already directly connected to CEN.</p>	<p>\$22,136,669</p>
<p>CEN ConneCT - Next Generation Infrastructure (NGI) <i>Connecticut Education Network (Department of Administrative Services)</i></p> <p>This program provides funding for a comprehensive update of the CEN network, improving reliability and increasing handoff capacity by four to 10 times, at no additional cost, to over 670 member organizations.</p>	<p>There is no need to apply. All existing CEN members benefit.</p>	<p>\$41,109,884</p>
<p>ConneCTed Communities Grant Program <i>Department of Energy & Environmental Protection</i></p> <p>This competitive grant program provides funding for broadband infrastructure projects that can deliver service at speeds of at least 100 Mbps/100 Mbps, focusing on low-income and multifamily curb-to-home and business broadband infrastructure development in underserved areas.</p>	<p>Eligible applicants include government, private for-profit and nonprofit entities, as well as co-operatives, mutual organizations, and utilities.</p>	<p>\$42,966,125</p>
<p>Digital Equity Capacity Grant <i>The Commission for Educational Technology (Department of Administrative Services)</i></p> <p>This grant program provides funding to carry out digital equity and inclusion activities in alignment with the Digital Equity Act.</p>	<p>To be announced in 2025.</p>	<p>\$9,183,114 (Tentative)</p>
<p>State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) Program <i>The State of Connecticut & Municipalities</i></p> <p>This program provides funding to support the local response to and recovery from the COVID-19 public health emergency. A portion of these funds is allocated to local broadband goals.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>To view the list of funding portions, please visit Local Fiscal Recovery Fund PDF</p>