

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 provided funding to bring broadband service to underserved locations (<25 Mbps/ 3 Mbps) and underserved locations (< 100 Mbps/ 20 Mbps). Any remaining funds may be used to support access, adoption, projects that close the digital divide, and enhance economic growth and job creation, such as bringing gigabit connections to community anchor institutions.</p>	<p>Information regarding eligible applicants for the non-deployment phase of this grant is forthcoming.</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 Eduroam 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 (C31) <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 provided funding for broadband infrastructure projects that can deliver service at speeds of at least 100 Mbps/ 100 Mbps, focusing on low-income and multi-family curb-to-home and business broadband infrastructure development in underserved areas.</p>	<p>Eligible applicants included government, private-for-profit and nonprofit entities, as well as co-operatives, mutual organizations, and utilities.</p>	<p>\$34.1 Million Awarded</p>
<p>Laptop ConneCT <i>Department of Energy & Environmental Protection</i></p> <p>The program establishes a long-term laptop loan initiative through Connecticut's public libraries in partnership with the Connecticut State Library.</p>	<p>Eligible participants include CT public libraries. Residents must qualify based on need. See website for more details.</p>	<p>\$6.7 Million</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>