CONNECTICUT's
BROADBAND PROGRAMS
Working Together To Close The Digital Divide

FUNDING PROGRAM	ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS	TOTAL FUNDING
Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program *Department of Energy & Environmental Protection* 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.	Applicants must have the technical, managerial, and financial expertise to design, build, and operate high-speed broadband service infrastructure.	**$144,180,792**
CEN ConneCT - Community WiFi *Connecticut Education Network (Department of Administrative Services)* 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.	This program is open to community anchor institutions.	**$10,719,936**
CEN ConneCT - Connecting Connecticut's Communities Initiative (C3I) *Connecticut Education Network (Department of Administrative Services)* This program provides grant funding for fiber builds that deliver enterprise grade, secure, dedicated bandwidth for primary or resilient (backup) internet service.	Eligible applicants include municipalities, COGs, libraries, and charter schools not already directly connected to CEN.	**$22,136,669**
CEN ConneCT - Next Generation Infrastructure (NGI) *Connecticut Education Network (Department of Administrative Services)* 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.	There is no need to apply. All existing CEN members benefit.	**$41,109,884**
ConneCTed Communities Grant Program *Department of Energy & Environmental Protection* 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.	Eligible applicants include government, private for-profit and nonprofit entities, as well as co-operatives, mutual organizations, and utilities.	**$42,966,125**
Digital Equity Capacity Grant *The Commission for Educational Technology (Department of Administrative Services)* This grant program was terminated in May 2025 and would have provided funding to carry out digital equity and inclusion activities in alignment with the Digital Equity Act.	Eligible applicants included state, local, and community-based organizations.	**$9,183,114** **(Terminated May 2025)**
State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) Program *The State of Connecticut & Municipalities* 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.	**N/A**	To view the list of funding portions, please visit **Local Fiscal Recovery Fund PDF**

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