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# ADVANCE COLORADO BROADBAND

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# State of Colorado Broadband

The OIT is developing a statewide Digital Government and Broadband Strategic plan.

Participation included 1,921 residents, 163 local governments/special districts, and 59 community organizations serving historically marginalized populations.

## Preliminary Results:

- 86% of residents have access to high-speed internet and 14% report lack of access to broadband services.
- Affordability is the number one reason why residents lack access to high-speed internet.
- Availability of service is the second reason why residents lack access to the internet.

# American Rescue Plan Act Monies (ARPA)

Direct to Agency Funding

\$75M

State and Local Fiscal Recovery  
HB21-1289, ARPA, Sec 602

\$171M

Capital Project Funds  
ARPA, Sec 604

# Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)

Direct to Agency Funding

\$100-\$700M

Broadband Equity, Access and  
Deployment (BEAD)

\$21M

State Digital Equity Grant Program

\$5M - \$100M

Middle Mile Grant Program

State of Colorado will have grants for funding using all these federal funding sources

# What's Next

CBO will perfect our mapping capabilities in preparation for BEAD.

Innovate the Broadband Deployment Board grant process through software.

Planning and capacity building for Capital Projects Fund and BEAD.

Applications for funding will open in early 2023 for Capital Projects Funds and Digital Equity to receive funding.

Based on the federal schedule, 2024 is when BEAD funding is available.

Community outreach, town halls, road shows across Colorado.

# Thank You



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