

State Comparison of Broadband Grants

State	Grant Program	Scope/Slogan	Created	Funding Appropriated	Funding Awarded	Eligibility	Website	CAF	Notes
Colorado	Two grant programs: (1) regional/county plans; (2) middle-mile infrastructure plans	Promotes inter-jurisdictional communication; supports distance learning opportunities and telemedicine; provides planning and middle-mile infrastructure grants	2014	\$20 million set aside by executive action	\$15.5 million	Regional/county grant applicants: must collaborate w/regional planning org.; min. 25% local match; private sector must be invited to participate. Eligible projects must include needs assessment; identified network gaps. Middle-mile infrastructure grants: must conform to regional or sub-plan. Administering body must consider equitable geographic distribution of grant awards.	https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dola/node/112956	"Minimiz[e] conflicts with, or duplication of, federal sources of high cost support or federal broadband grants so as to maximize the total available state and federal support for rural broadband development"	Source of funding: Energy & Mineral Impact Assistance Fund (proceeds of severance taxes paid to the State by the mining industry for the extraction of minerals).
Illinois	None								
Iowa	None. Grant program created but never funded.							"[The administering agency] shall use monies in the [grant] fund to leverage available federal moneys if possible"	
Michigan	None								
Minnesota	Border-to-Border Broadband Development Grant	Funds the expansion of broadband service to areas of Minnesota that are unserved or underserved.	2014	\$20 million (2014) \$10.5 million (2015) \$35 million (2016)	\$18.8 million (2014) \$11 million (2015) in progress (2016)	Projects must: be in an unserved, underserved or low-income area; capable of being scaled to 100/100 Mbps; max grant amount \$5M; cannot request more than 50%; can be business, political subdivision, nonprofit; cooperative, LLC or Indian tribe; encourages "dig once" with DOT	https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/broadband/grant-program/	50% match by applicant can include CAF dollars	
Maine	Maine Infrastructure Grants	Expands affordable broadband to the unserved areas of Maine and promotes state broadband policies	2007	\$11.3 million	\$11.3 million over the last eight years on 137 projects	Unserved community; must have provider partner; prioritize projects requesting less than 50% funding; community support encouraged (point-scoring process)	http://maine.gov/connect/me/grants/infrastructure/index.shtml	CAF II funding not considered because state does not have information on where price cap carrier will build	Funded from retail communications surcharge on phone, broadband, cable, satellite, etc.
Maine	Maine Community Broadband Planning Grants	Awarded to municipalities or regional community orgs to develop plans to expand the availability of broadband services in unserved and underserved areas	2015	\$212,000	\$212,000 (first year of awards)	To apply: (1) create a community broadband team; (2) hold at least one community meeting; (3) identify existing efforts; (4) identify potential anchor institutions; (5) create a vision statement	http://maine.gov/connect/me/grants/community-planning/index.shtml	CAF II funding not considered because state does not have information on where price cap carrier will build	Funded from retail communications surcharge on phone, broadband, cable, satellite, etc.

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