THE ENABLING MIDDLE MILE BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE (MM) PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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Where we are today… → … and where we're going

Many Americans lack access to affordable, reliable, high - speed Internet

America runs on high-speed internet. A strong internet connection powers our economy and supports education. It fosters better public health. And, it connects loved ones and strengthens social ties. But not everyone is connected. Too many Americans are cut off from the opportunities that high-speed internet makes possible. That's why we're working to bring high-speed internet to all Americans.

The Middle Mile (MM) Program includes $1B for high - speed Internet access

Funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the MM Program is a program to expand middle mile infrastructure, to reduce the cost of connecting unserved and underserved areas. Middle mile infrastructure broadly refers to the mid-section of Internet infrastructure that carries large amounts of data at high speeds over long distances. This program will also increase the resilience of Internet infrastructure.

Select MM program details

Eligible entities

1. Government: States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, other territories, Tribal government, local government
2. Industry: Tech company, electric utility, utility cooperative, public utility district, telecom company/cooperative
3. Non-profits and other associations: Non-profits, regional planning council, Native entity, or economic development authority
4. Partnerships: A partnership of two or more entities described above

Example eligible uses of funds

Grants can be used for the construction, improvement, or acquisition of middle mile infrastructure, including:

1. Construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment
2. Engineering design, permitting and work related to project reviews
3. Personnel costs, incl. salaries and benefits for staff and consultants
4. Other costs necessary to programmatic activities

Timeline

Timeline approximate unless exact date specified

MM

2022 — NOFO live 5/13 — Due 9/30 — 2023 — Award start date no earlier than 3/1 — 2024 — 2025 — 2026+

Apps

5-year implementation