NEW MEXICO
TRIBAL BROADBAND CONVENING 2

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UPDATES FROM THE NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF BROADBAND ACCESS AND EXPANSION

- Digital Equity planning ahead

- Community Engagement:

  Convenings, Listening Sessions, Working Groups

HISTORY

- Legislation: HB10 and SB93 and SB 377

- Office of Broadband Access and Expansion (OBAE)

- Connect New Mexico Council (CNMC)

PRIORITIES

- One Hundred Percent Connectivity
- Real Affordability
- Resilient and Robust Networks
- Meaningful Consumer Protections

HISTORIC INVESTMENTS TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS

WHAT IS DIGITAL EQUITY?

Digital Equity is the condition in which internet access, affordability, and the ability to use digital technologies to reach important goals is possible for everyone.

This means everyone is equally able to benefit from the educational, economic, employment, and health opportunities that the internet provides.

WHAT LIMITS DIGITAL EQUITY?

Digital Equity is limited by a range of barriers that prevent people from having home internet service, acquiring quality devices, gaining the skills they need, or having access to technical assistance.

These barriers may be related to larger socioeconomic factors or may be a consequence of location, language, and physical abilities.

WHAT ADVANCES DIGITAL EQUITY?

Digital Equity is advanced through the practices, policies, and programs that make it possible for everyone to operate under digitally equitable conditions. Together, these activities are referred to as "Digital Inclusion."

Digital Inclusion activities include providing low-cost device and internet service plans as well as free and locally available training and IT support in accessible and inclusive locations.

NEW MEXICO DIGITAL EQUITY PLAN

To increase Digital Inclusion activities and achieve Digital Equity, New Mexico is creating a state Digital Equity Plan.

The plan will develop and implement the Digital Inclusion actions needed across the state to make Digital Equity for all New Mexicans a reality.

TRIBAL DIGITAL EQUITY PLANNING

NTIA received 470 Letters of Intent from tribes in 29 states

Tribal entities were required to submit letter of intent to NTIA before July 12, 2022.

"Federally recognized tribes who have not signaled their intent to participate in the program directly are still able to provide feedback to state planning efforts."

TRIBAL DIGITAL EQUITY PLANNING

Letters of Intent were submitted to NTIA

by 18 tribes in New Mexico

and 2 Navajo organizations (NM, AZ, UT)

https://www.internetforall.gov/sites/default/files/2022-08/Tribal%20DE%20LOIs%20Web%20Doc%20FINAL.pdf

TRIBES in New Mexico that SUBMITTED Letters of Intent:

Cochiti Pueblo

Mescalero Apache Tribe

(Mescalero Apache Telecom, Inc)

Nambe Pueblo

Ohkay Owingeh

Pueblo of Isleta

Pueblo of Jemez

Pueblo of Laguna

Pueblo of Pojoaque

Pueblo of San Felipe

Pueblo of Sandia

Pueblo of Santa Ana

Pueblo of Santa Clara

Pueblo of Taos

Pueblo of Tesuque

Pueblo of Zuni

San Ildefonso

Santo Domingo Pueblo

The Pueblo of Zia

Navajo Nation

(Arizona, New Mexico & Utah)

Navajo Housing Authority

(Arizona, New Mexico & Utah)

May Not Have Submitted a Letter: Acoma, Ft. Sill Apache, Jicarilla Apache, Picuris, Isleta del Sur

DIGITAL EQUITY PLANNING

All Tribes will be invited and included in the State of NM Digital Equity planning process.

Tribes that submitted a Letter of Intent will have access to their own Digital Equity planning funding which can be used to:

- Participate in the State of NM Digital Equity planning process
- Create their own Digital Equity plan
- Develop a regional coalition with nearby tribes to create a Digital Equity Plan together

NEW MEXICO DIGITAL EQUITY PLANNING

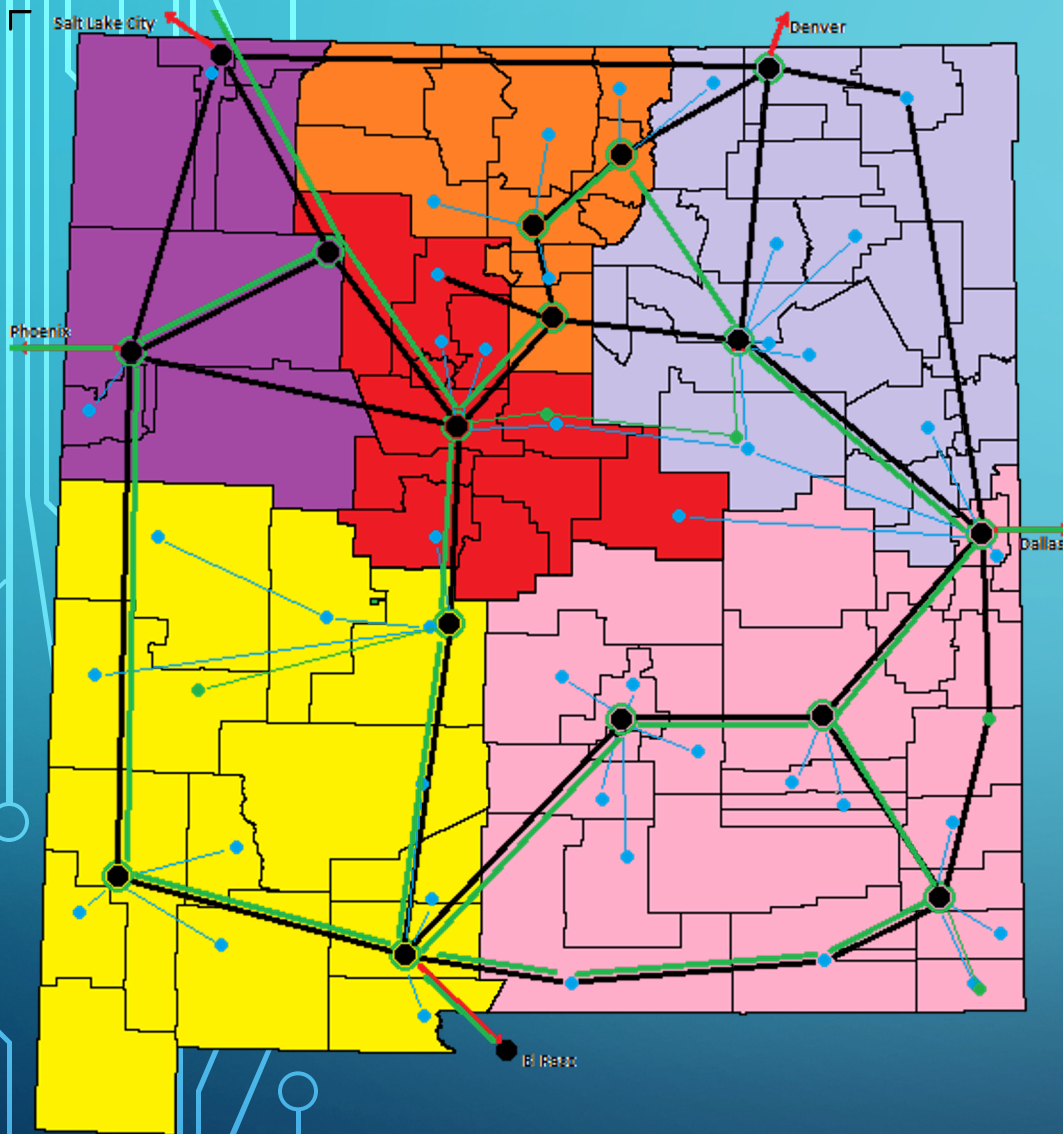| 2022 Q4 Foundations	2023 Q1 & Q2 Objectives & Implementation	2023 Q3 & Q4 Draft & Finalize Plan	2024 Implement
Stakeholders Convenings Resident Survey Asset Inventory	Communities Regional Meetings Workshops DE Planning	DE Plan DE Capacity Grant program design	DE Plan Implementation DE Capacity Grant program launch Report to NTIA

COVERED POPULATIONS

- Low-Income Households

- Aging Populations

- Incarcerated Individuals

- Veterans

- People with Disabilities

- People with Language Barriers

- Racial and Ethnic Minorities

- Rural Inhabitants

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Community and Anchor Institutions
- Libraries and Senior Centers
- County, Municipal, and Tribal Governments
- Local Education Agencies
- State Agencies
- Native. Organizations
- Nonprofits

- Organizations that Represent Covered Populations
- Civil Rights Organizations
- Workforce Development Organizations
- Adult Education and Literacy Providers and Coordinators
- Public Housing Authorities
- And more…

SEN is the foundation for the STATE MIDDLE MILE

▶ Nodes

- Upgrading electrical and cooling systems for HigherEd facilities housing SEN Nodes

▶ Major Routes/Internet

- Adding key "Middle Mile" corridors, closing of rings for resiliency (a "box" around the SEN)

▶ "Meet Me" and aggregation points become launching points for "Last Mile"

AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM (ACP)

- $30 per month for internet service for eligible households

- $75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands

- One-time discount of up to $100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers

https://www.affordableconnectivity.gov

Lifeline

https://www.fcc.gov/general/lifeline-program-low-income-consumers

E-RATE TRIBAL LIBRARIES PILOT PROGRAM - NEW

- Pilot just launched to make it easier for Tribal libraries to apply for broadband funding support through the E-Rate program

- Pilot will provide one-on-one help to Tribal libraries throughout the sign-up and benefit process.

- The pilot will initially target 20 Tribal libraries that are new to the program or have had challenges applying in the past.

- Pilot program applications due on November 18

- Learn more and apply: https://www.fcc.gov/tribal-libraries

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E-RATE TRIBAL LIBRARIES PILOT PROGRAM – WEBINAR

Learn more including:

- How to Designate your library's status as a Tribal library

- What services are eligible for E-Rate discounts?

- How to apply for E-Rate Tribal Libraries Pilot Program

Overview Meeting- Monday, November 7, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. ET.

Register for the meeting:

https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8237261166356904206

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Rural Health Care – Healthcare Connect Fund

https://www.usac.org/rural-health-care/healthcare-connect-fund-program/

Connect New Mexico Pilot Grant: 3 Waves of Application Submissions

September 23, 2022; December 9, 2022; February 27, 2023

https://www.doit.nm.gov/programs/broadband/connect-new-mexico-pilot-program/

NEXT STEPS

- **REGISTER** for New Mexico Broadband Newsletter
  www.broadbandfornewmexico.org

- **WATCH** for and attend upcoming Broadband Events
  www.broadbandfornewmexico.org

- **ATTEND** Connect New Mexico Council (CNMC) Meetings
  3rd Wed every month – 2-3:30 pm - Roundhouse – hybrid
  https://www.doit.nm.gov/programs/broadband/connect-new-mexico-council/

- **JOIN** the CNMC Digital Equity Working Group

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SUPPORT DIGITAL EQUITY

PARTICIPATE in State and Tribal Digital Equity planning efforts

SUPPORT Local/Tribal Digital Equity committee or coalition efforts
- Consider Partnerships
- Create your own committee
- Partner with neighboring tribes or the state

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