

New Hampshire Broadband Matching Grant Initiative

Overview

New Hampshire's Broadband Matching Grant Initiative (BMGI) makes \$25 million available to provide matching grants to **internet service providers (ISPs)** and **municipalities** to improve broadband availability across New Hampshire. BMGI is designed to fund broadband infrastructure projects to bring high-speed internet to areas currently lacking service of 100/20 Mbps.

BMGI is funded through the Department of Business and Economic Affairs (BEA) using the state's allocation of **Capital Projects Fund (CPF)**. Projects must be completed by Dec. 31, 2026.

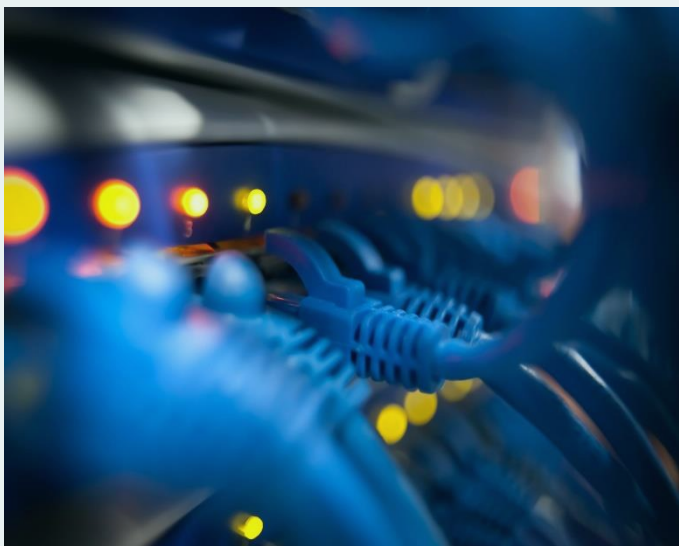
BMGI Goals



Provide internet service with speeds of 100/100 Mbps symmetrical to households and businesses upon project completion.



Provide a state match of up to 75% of project costs to alleviate the fiscal impact of community-driven broadband investment and reduce reliance on bonding.



To be eligible, ISP/Municipality applicants must:

Provide a minimum match of at least 25% of eligible project costs

Target unserved locations

Offer at least one low-cost option at speeds that are sufficient for a household with multiple users (100/20 Mbps)

Participate in the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)

Provide speeds of 100/20 Mbps, scalable to 100/100 Mbps

Ineligible projects include:

Projects implementing middle mile connections

Grants will be awarded through application rounds, the first with \$25 million in CPF funds:

Capital Projects Fund (CPF): Provides \$10 billion to fund critical capital projects that enable work, education, and health monitoring in response to the public health emergency. NH is investing \$122 million in Broadband Infrastructure programs to provide high-speed internet to locations that lack access to adequate service. To-date, NH has committed \$90 million through the Broadband Contract Program to connect 48,016 homes and businesses to high-speed internet.

Application Process

- 1 Applications available to ISPs/Municipalities **September 5, 2023**
- 2 Prospective grantees will be required to complete and return an application package detailing scope and timeline
- 3 Application due on **October 20, 2023**. BEA will review and score all applications
- 4 Preliminary acceptances issued, challenge process opens
- 5 Challenge process closes, grants awarded



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