

**Broadband Equity Access and Deployment Program and Digital Equity Plan**

**FY2023 Request: \$6,000,000**  
**Reference No: 64245**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation

**Project Type:** Life / Health / Safety

**Category:** Development

**Location:** Statewide

**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)

**Impact House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)

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**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2022 - 06/30/2027

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**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

The IIJA provides funding for broadband infrastructure in an attempt to connect every American with high quality, affordable broadband to homes and eligible community anchor institutions, prioritizing unserved and underserved areas. The primary program in the bill, the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) program, directs a minimum allocation of \$100 million to each state, and makes 5 percent of that available to administer the funding. The initial 5 percent administrative allocation is the first funding made available to states, providing resources to complete the compliance steps necessary for the State of Alaska to receive the remainder of its expected funding from BEAD.

<b>Funding:</b>	<b>FY2023</b>	<b>FY2024</b>	<b>FY2025</b>	<b>FY2026</b>	<b>FY2027</b>	<b>FY2028</b>	<b>Total</b>
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<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$6,000,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$6,000,000</b>

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

**Operating & Maintenance Costs:**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Prior Funding History / Additional Information:**

BEAD: 60102(E)(1)(C)(i, ii)

DEA: 60304(C)(3)(D)(i)

**Project Description/Justification:**

Tasks include development of a five-year action plan to get every Alaskan connected, holding public and stakeholder engagement meetings, and working with incumbent broadband providers to submit maps of current network infrastructure to the FCC. The completion of these tasks will position the State of Alaska to be eligible to receive its additional expected funding allocation through BEAD, which will ultimately be made available for broadband grants through eligible applications and awards. An estimated \$1 million grant for the development of a Digital Equity Plan is also anticipated to be granted in the upcoming fiscal year.