



# **An Overview of BroadbandUSA's Technical Assistance Program and Federal Funding Resources**

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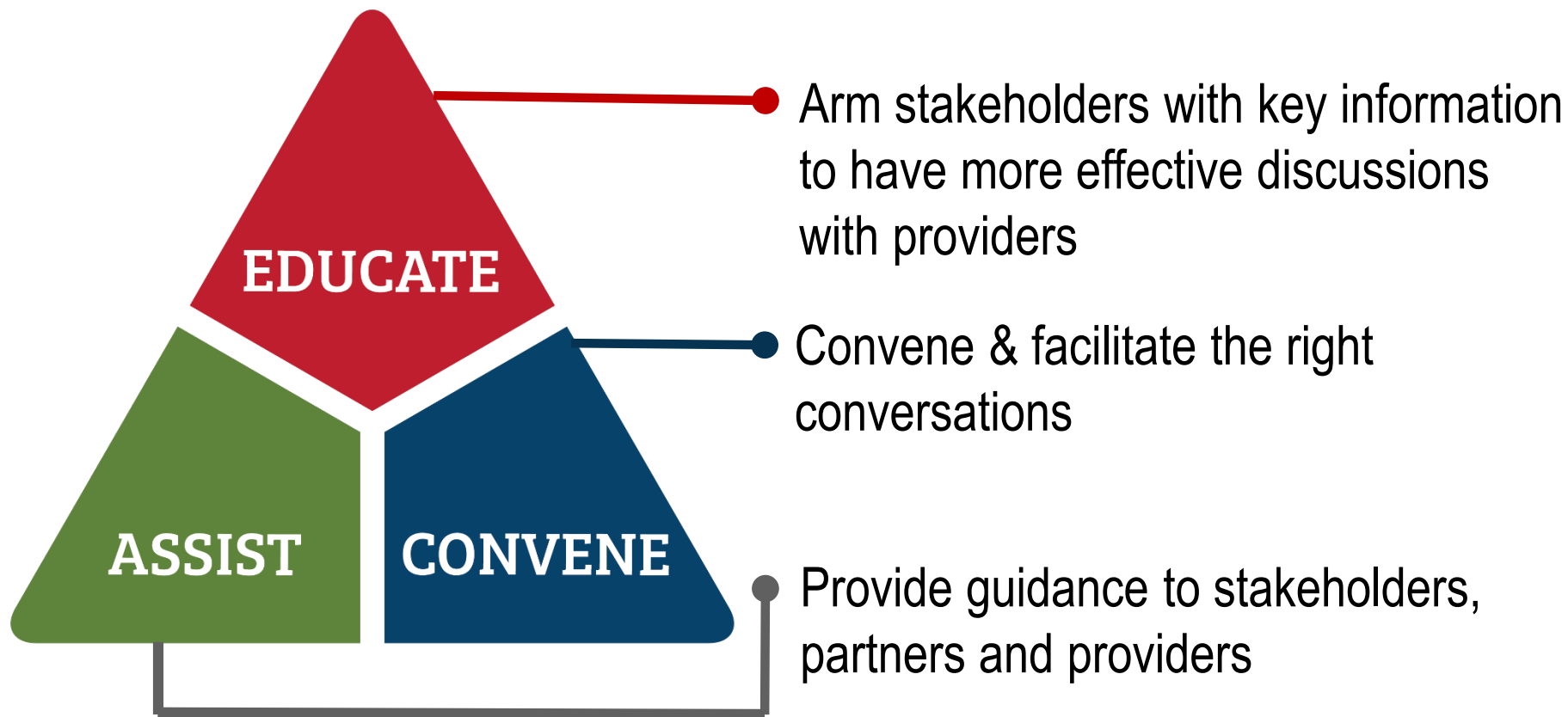
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# The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) advises on telecom policy issues

- Expanding broadband access and adoption
- Expanding the use of federal spectrum by all users
- Ensuring that the Internet remains an engine for continued innovation and economic growth
- Supporting public safety communications



# NTIA's BroadbandUSA program educates stakeholders, facilitates relationships, and provides helpful resources



# BroadbandUSA Focuses on Community Outcomes:



## Products & Events

- Publish Guidance & Tools
- Share Best Practices
- Convene Stakeholders
- Establish Open Dialogue



## Partnerships

- Clarify Policy
- Advise States & Feds
- Recommend Best Practices
- Improve Coordination



## Technical Assistance

- Advise Communities
- Support Regional Teams
- Infrastructure
- Digital Inclusion

# BroadbandUSA: Technical Assistance



## Planning

(e.g., RFP Development/Review, Preliminary Network Design, Asset Inventory)



## Funding

(e.g., Partnership Facilitation, Funding Option Assessments)

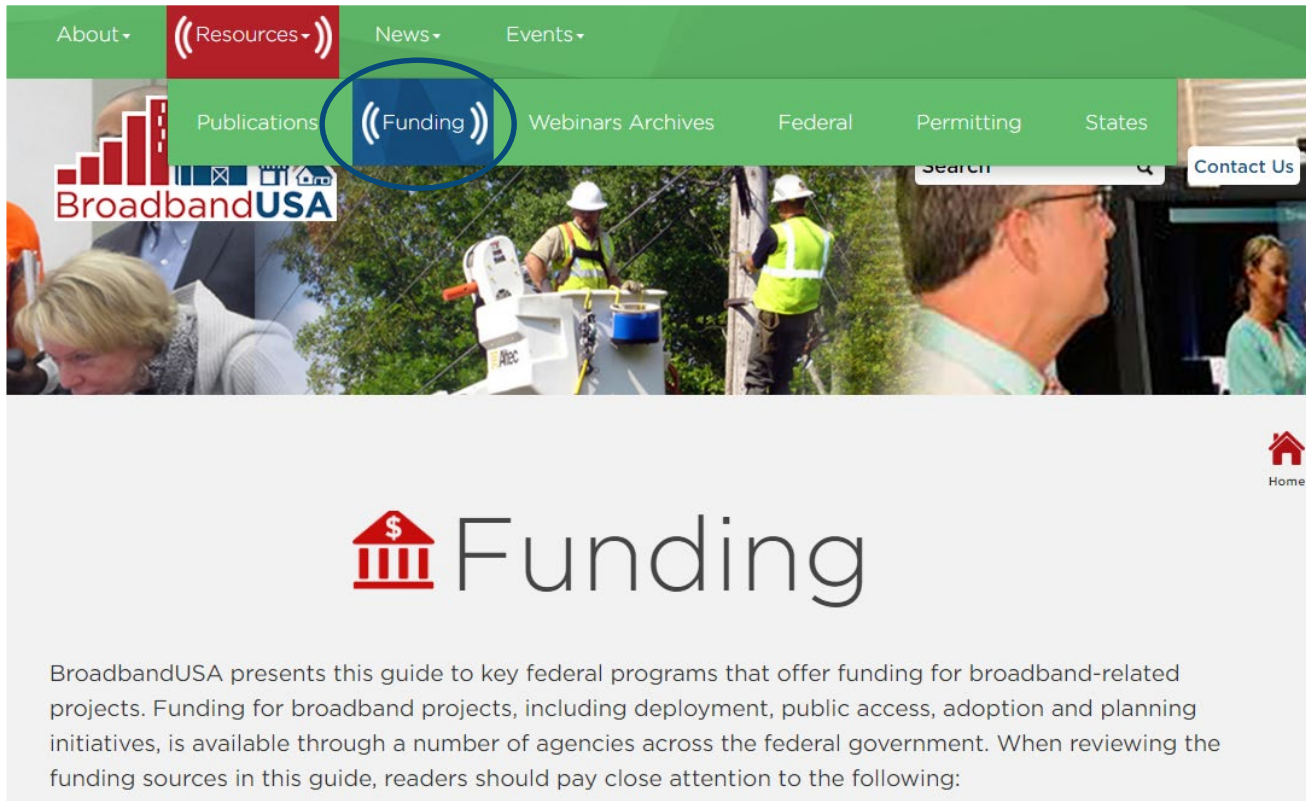


## Implementation

(e.g., Network Design, Regulatory Approvals, Interconnection, Permitting)

90% of TA requests involve broadband planning and  
62% involve questions related to funding

# One-Stop for Federal Funding Information



The screenshot shows the BroadbandUSA website navigation menu. The 'Funding' option is highlighted with a blue circle. The menu includes: About, Resources, News, Events, Publications, Funding, Webinars Archives, Federal, Permitting, States, and Contact Us. Below the menu is a banner image showing people working on broadband infrastructure. The main heading is 'Funding' with a red icon of a building with a dollar sign. Below the heading is a paragraph of text.

Home

## Funding

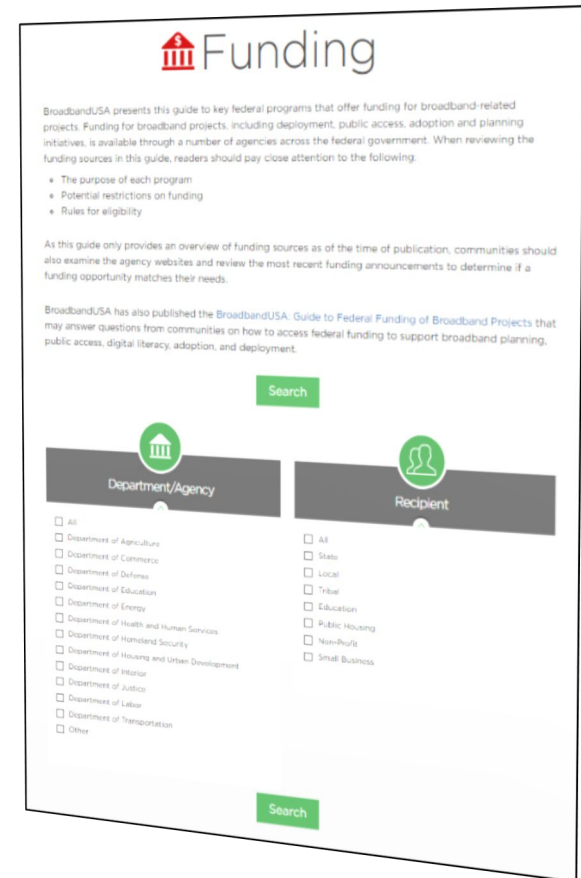
BroadbandUSA presents this guide to key federal programs that offer funding for broadband-related projects. Funding for broadband projects, including deployment, public access, adoption and planning initiatives, is available through a number of agencies across the federal government. When reviewing the funding sources in this guide, readers should pay close attention to the following:

- NTIA gathered updated information about federal broadband programs that support broadband planning, deployment, training, equipment and other activities

<https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/new-fund-search>

# Overview of Federal Funding For Broadband Projects

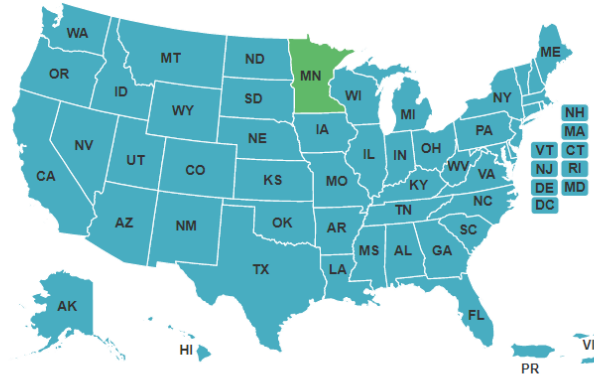
- U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
- Economic Development Administration (EDA)
- Housing & Urban Development (HUD)
- National Science Foundation (NSF)
- Department of Transportation (DOT)
- Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
- National Aeronautics & Space Administration (NASA)
- U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)



# One-Stop for State Broadband Programs



## State Broadband Programs



### MINNESOTA

**State broadband website(s):** [Office of Broadband Development](#)

**State broadband contact(s):**

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**State broadband coordinator:** Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, Office of Broadband Development

**Broadband programs:** The Border to Border Broadband Grant Program supports broadband upgrades and expansion.

**Funding for broadband:** The Minnesota legislature allocated \$20 million for the Border to Border grant program for 2019 and 2020. Please see the [website](#) for more information on the program and the grant qualifications.

**State Broadband Plan:** The Minnesota Broadband Infrastructure Plan was published in February 2019.

- NTIA provides information about state-level broadband programs that support broadband planning, deployment, training, equipment and other activities, with relevant points-of-contact.
- <https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/ntia-resources/state-broadband-leaders-network-sbln>

# Encourage Communities to Contact BroadbandUSA

## Request Technical Assistance:

- **Email:** [broadbandusa@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:broadbandusa@ntia.doc.gov)
- **Submit Technical Assistance form:**  
<https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/ntia-common-content/how-we-can-help>
- **Phone:** 202-482-2048

## Resources:

- **Website:** <https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/>

## My Contact Information:

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