Broadband and Digital Equity Services

Tidal Basin is a full-service emergency management and disaster recovery firm. Over the years, we have branched out; supporting a wide variety of federally funded community development and infrastructure programs – such as broadband initiatives – from plan development and program design to implementation and grant closeout.

Tidal Basin specializes in federal grants management, program design, large-scale program implementation, and sub-recipient management. We partner with states and municipalities to infuse best practices into federally funded program design to ensure dollars and impacts are maximized. When states and other entities seek reimbursement for plan development and technical assistance, Tidal Basin can help.

Over the past 35 years, we have provided support for $40+ billion of federally funded grant programs in partnership with state and local governments.

Our broadband services include:

- Plan development, DEA and BEAD
- Community engagement
- Digital Equity Existing Conditions Assessments
- Strategic assessments of broadband assets and future needs
- Communication and outreach strategies to promote broadband utilization, with an emphasis on workforce development and economic development
- Program administration and oversight
- Sub-recipient management and monitoring
- Technical assistance
- Creating grant applications
- Federal grant compliance and support with reporting requirements
- Designing broadband programs and administration tools
- GIS-mapping

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Overview of Broadband Funding in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) was created to improve the everyday lives of Americans. Through a historic investment in broadband infrastructure deployment, this initiative provides affordable internet service and helps close the digital divide.

Overview of IIJA BROADBAND Programs and Funding

	BEAD $42.45B	DEA $2.75B	Middle Mile $1B	Tribal $2B
Official program(s) name	Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program	Digital Equity Act ▪ State Planning Grant Program ▪ State Capacity Grant Program ▪ Competitive Grant Program	Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure	Tribal Broadband Connectivity Technical Amendments
Type of program	State and territory formula program	Varies	Direct competitive grant on technology-neutral basis	Grants to eligible entities with approved applications
Program objective	To close the availability gap, as Congress finds that "access to affordable, reliable, high-speed broadband is essential to full participation in modern life in the United States."	Support the closure of the digital divide and promote equity and digital inclusion so that "individuals and communities have the information technology capacity that is needed for full participation in the society and economy of the United States."	"Encourage the expansion and extension of middle mile infrastructure to reduce the cost of connecting unserved and underserved areas … and to promote broadband connection resiliency…."	Providing new funds and extending expenditure deadlines for the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program.

Sample Timeline of State Milestones

Letter of intent or application for Planning Grant

Plan development

Plan socialization and approval

Sub-granting (if applicable)

Program implementation, evaluation, and monitoring

Ongoing broadband efforts

For more information on our program support, contact us today.

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