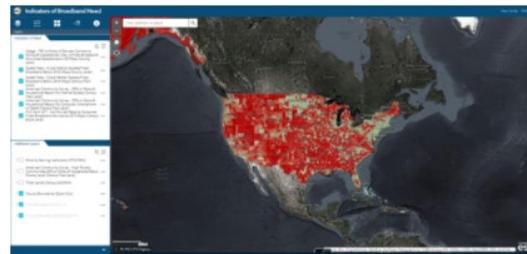# Broadband Planning Resources for Local Governments

Below are broadband planning resources for local governments can utilize to enhance broadband connectivity and promote digital inclusion across their communities.
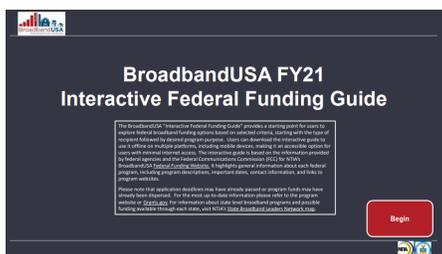
1 Indicators of Broadband Need Map

The Indicators of Broadband Need map is an interactive tool that allows users to explore various datasets and see areas across the country that lack access to high-quality internet.

The map uses public and private data to show broadband availability on county, census tract, and census block levels. Layers in this map were created using data sourced from the American Community Survey collected by the U.S. Census, Ookla, Measurement Lab (M-Lab), Microsoft, and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

How Can This Help My Community? The map can help you plan *how* and *where* to improve broadband services for your community. The data can also be used to help policymakers make informed decisions to expand broadband access and close the digital divide.

2 Interactive Federal Funding Guide

NTIA's Interactive Federal Funding Guide provides a step-by-step format which filters through more than 90 broadband-related programs compiled from 12 federal agencies and the Federal Communications Commission. It highlights key information about each program, including program descriptions, important dates, contact information, and links to program websites.

How Can This Help My Community? Use the guide to identify federal funding opportunities relevant to your community.

3 State Broadband Programs

BroadbandUSA has compiled information on state broadband programs of all 50 states and 6 territories. Click on the interactive map to find links to each state's broadband website, contact information, program and funding opportunities, and the state broadband plan.

How Can This Help My Community? Learn about your home state's broadband program, connect with local contacts, and identify funding opportunities to help expand broadband access and meaningful use.

Explore additional BroadbandUSA resources online:

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