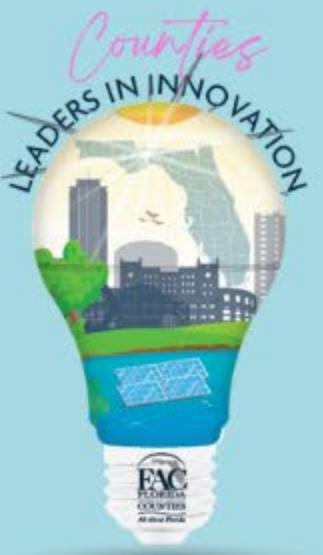




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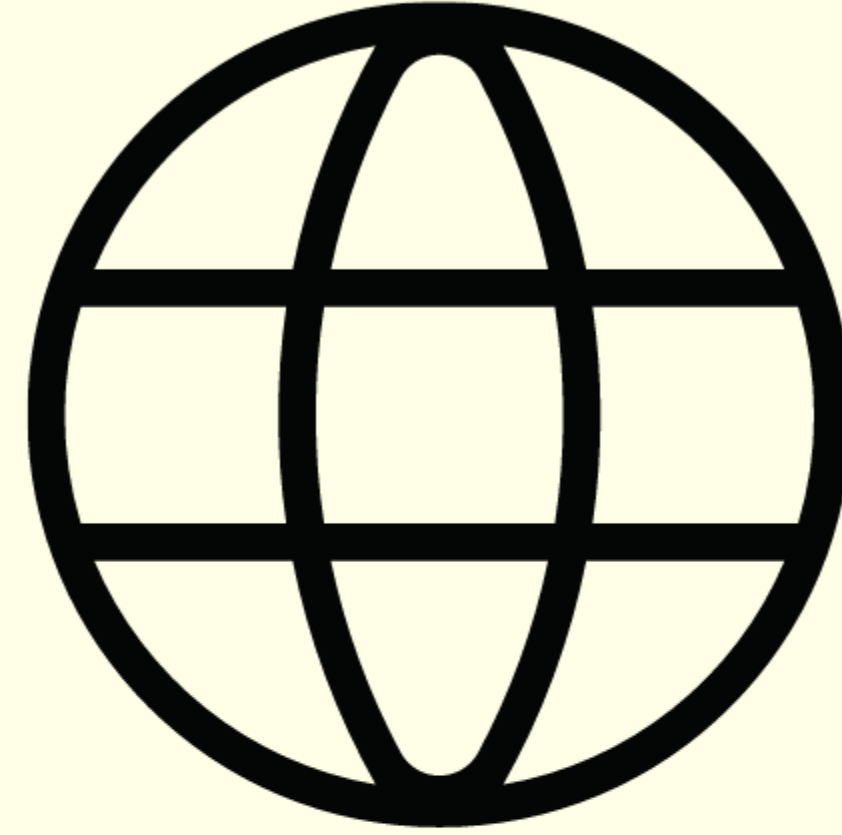


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ROLL CALL



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Voting Paddles



BROADBAND-PP-01: BROADBAND OPPORTUNITY GRANT FLEXIBILITY

Submitting County: Putnam

Staff Recommendation: INCORPORATE CONCEPT INTO STRATEGIC COMPREHENSIVE BROADBAND LEGISLATIVE POLICY TO BE DEVELOPED BY STAFF



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BROADBAND-PP-02: BROADBAND RAO Waiver of Match Requirements

Submitting County: Putnam

Staff Recommendation: INCORPORATE CONCEPT INTO
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POLICY TO BE DEVELOPED BY STAFF



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BROADBAND-PP-03: STATE DIGITAL EQUITY GRANTS

Submitting County: Palm Beach

Staff Recommendation: ADOPT



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BROADBAND-PP-04: STATUTORY REVISIONS TO THE BROADBAND OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

Submitting County: FAC STAFF

Staff Recommendation: TO BE DETERMINED



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BROADBAND OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM: RULEMAKING TIMELINE

1. Broadband Opportunity Program—Notice of Rule Development June 15th
2. Florida Strategic Plan for Broadband—published June 30th
3. FAC Webinar with Office of Broadband—August 3rd
 - Soft announcement of rule development regional workshops



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BROADBAND OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM: RULEMAKING TIMELINE

4. Rule Development Workshop—noticed on August 5th

- Three Regional Workshops—discuss the preliminary draft, and to obtain feedback on, the proposed rule, application, and scoring criteria
 - Polk County—August 22nd
 - Santa Rosa County—August 25th
 - Glades County—August 29th
- FAC testimony provided at each workshop
- Final written FAC comments provided September 1st



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5. After the workshops were completed, the Office of Broadband continued to follow the formal rulemaking process and proceed to the next step and publish the Notice of Proposed Rule (NPR), which will include the “official” text of the proposed rule.
 - This is where we are now. The Office is reviewing comment from the workshops and will soon publish an NPR. Indeterminate.
6. Once the NPR is published, the 21-day public comment period will begin, as well as the 90-day rule adoption clock.
7. However, once the NPR is published, by statute (section 120.54(3)(e)2, F.S.) the rule must be adopted between 28 and 90 days after the publication of the notice.



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BROADBAND OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM: HYPOTHETICAL CALENDAR

- Office of Broadband publishes the NPR on FAC Policy Day: TODAY
- 21-day comment period—October 6th
- 28-to-90-day adoption period—November 3rd to January 3rd, 2023
 - November Rule Adoption *most likely*
 - The Office has expressed their intention is to move quickly during the adoption period.



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BROADBAND OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM: FAC RULEMAKING COMMENTS

- FAC comments to the draft rules are exclusive to issues/concepts that can be **modified within the grant rulemaking** and are **NOT** suggestions for modification to the statutory provisions



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BROADBAND OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM: FAC RULEMAKING COMMENTS

- Program Expansion—Eligibility, Affordability, and Accountability
 - SUPPORT using Treasury guidelines as it expands program eligibility to unserved and underserved areas, requires participation in low-cost programs, & ensures accountability
 - Most significant departure from the statute
- Reimbursements & Fiscally Constrained Counties
 - Reimbursement provision not found in statute or federal guidelines
 - FAC requested modification of reimbursement language for government applicants
 - LTPT-designated priorities may go unrealized due to an up-front financial burden



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BROADBAND OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM: FAC RULEMAKING COMMENTS

- Local Involvement & Strategic Plan Alignment
 - LTPT involvement, documented local support, and Strategic Plan alignment must be required criteria for grant awardees.
- Challenge Processes & Grant Blocks
 - A grant block could result with application prevented, service promised, and access denied for an unserved or underserved community
- Scalability & Mapping
 - Provide for scalability of network technology beyond current speed thresholds
 - Allow ongoing mapping processes to finish while not impacting eligibility (served vs unserved)



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