

Florida—Capital Projects Fund, State Grant Plan

Yesterday, the Florida Office of Broadband published the Florida Capital Projects Fund (CPF) state grant plan totaling \$366 million. The Florida CPF state grant plan aligns with many goals FAC raised during the previous legislative session, summer meetings with Office of Broadband, and the strategic plan development process. The Florida CPF state grant plan will now be submitted to the US Department of Treasury for approval.

This grant is separate from the state Broadband Opportunity Program (\$400 million) that is currently in its own rulemaking process.

Highlights of Florida CPF State Grant Plan include:

- Florida received \$366 million from the ARPA Capital Projects Fund for capital projects that directly enable work, education, and health monitoring
- Primary objective to expand last mile access to homes in rural communities
- Priority will be given to Broadband Infrastructure Projects where networks will be owned, operated, or affiliated with local governments, non-profit organizations, and co-operatives. Operated on a non-discriminatory basis
- Prioritize fiber projects to deliver 100/20 Mbps, scalable to 100 Mbps symmetrical service
- Projects **must** show partnerships between the local governments and ISPs
- Eligible subrecipients include: Local governments, non-profits, private entities (ISPs), co-operatives, and electric utilities
- \$2.5 million in technical assistance funding for potential applicants
- LTPTs play a critical role in identifying community needs for broadband expansion projects

Total Allocation: \$ 366,036,869

- Administration 5%: \$18,301,843
- **Broadband Infrastructure Projects (70%): \$247,761,206**
 - The Office will obligate/award all project funds before December 31, 2024, and ensure all projects are completed by Dec. 31, 2026.
- Digital Connectivity Technology Projects (5%): \$13,040,063
 - funds to eligible entities to make devices and equipment necessary to access the broadband Internet available to households who lack such devices and equipment.
- Multi-Purpose Community Facility Projects (25%): \$86,933,757
 - funds to eligible communities to construct or improve Multi-Purpose Community Facilities (MPCF) for the construction of or improvements to buildings designed to jointly and directly enable work, education, and health monitoring, located in eligible communities with an identified critical need for the project.
 - Required to partner with local CareerSource agency

For more information from the [Florida Office of Broadband website](#), please visit the links below:

- [Capital Projects Fund Executive Summary](#)
- [Broadband Infrastructure Program Narrative](#)
- [Digital Connectivity Program Narrative](#)
- [Multi-Purpose Community Centers Project Narrative](#)