

# Alaska Broadband Office Alaska Digital Equity Capacity Grant

## Virtual Office Hours Session 3: Program Overview



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# Digital Equity Programs Overview



# Federal Digital Equity Programs

## FEDERAL PROGRAMS

- Digital Equity Planning Grant
- State Digital Equity Capacity Grant
- Digital Equity Competitive Grant
- State Digital Equity Capacity Grant: Native Entities
- Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD)



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# Digital Equity Planning Grant



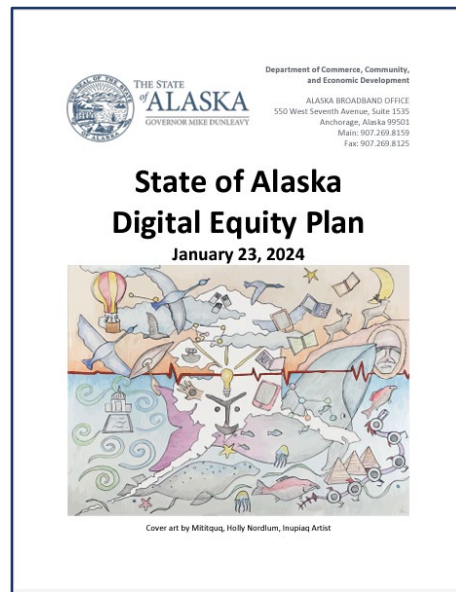
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# Federal Digital Equity Programs

## DIGITAL EQUITY PLANNING GRANT

- \$60 Million Nationwide
- Alaska Awarded \$567,800
- Alaska Digital Equity Plan approved by NTIA March 14, 2024

*“Every Alaskan, as part of their quality of life, will have the digital tools, access, and skills to affordably participate online, wherever they are.”*



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# State Digital Equity Capacity Grant



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## STATE DIGITAL EQUITY CAPACITY GRANT

- \$1.44 Billion Nationwide
- Alaska Application approved by NTIA November 5, 2024
- Alaska FFY24 Funding: \$5,631,770
- Five-Year Period of Performance is December 1, 2024 – November 30, 2029
- Alaska FFY 2025 Estimated: \$1,877,257
- Alaska FFY 2026 Estimated: \$1,877,257



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# State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program

## ALASKA'S PROGRAM OF WORK

- Alaska Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program
- Baseline Surveys
- Comprehensive Update to the Alaska Digital Equity Plan



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# Digital Equity Competitive Grant



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## DIGITAL EQUITY COMPETITIVE GRANT

- \$1.25 Billion Nationwide
- Application Deadline to NTIA was September 23, 2024
- Award Announcements Anticipated April 2025
- Award Announcements in Progress



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# State Digital Equity Capacity Grant: Native Entities



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## STATE DIGITAL EQUITY CAPACITY GRANT: NATIVE ENTITIES

- FFY24 Nationwide Set Aside: \$45,300,000
- Competitive Capacity and Planning Grant Program
- Applications due to NTIA February 7, 2025



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# Alaska Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program



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## GRANT PROGRAM PURPOSE

To implement aspects of the Alaska Digital Equity Plan.



## Alaska Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program

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# Alaska Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program

## ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Agencies of the State of Alaska
- Political Subdivisions of the State of Alaska
- Alaska Tribal Governments
- Alaska Native Entities
- Indian Tribes
- School Districts
- Institutions of Higher Education
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Community Anchor Institutions



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# Alaska Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program

## KEY DATES/PROGRAM TIMELINE

- NOFO Published: December 13, 2024
- Application Period: December 13, 2024 – April 12, 2025
- Application Review Period: April 14 - July 14, 2025
- Notice of Grant Awards: July 15, 2025
- Subawardee Project Activity: July 16, 2025 - August 31, 2029
- Subgrant/Project Monitoring: July 16, 2025 – August 31, 2029
- Subawardee Performance Reports: October 2025 – August 2029 (Quarterly)



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# Alaska Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program

## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SCHEDULE

### Virtual Office Hours

- December 30, 2024
- January 14, 2025
- January 27, 2025
- February 12, 2025
- February 24, 2025
- March 11, 2025
- March 26, 2025
- April 7, 2025

### In-Person Technical Assistance Workshops

Juneau – January 24, 2025

Anchorage – February 12, 2025



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# Program Application Instructions & Requirements

## 2.1. LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS, AND CERTIFICATIONS

- 2.1.a. Alaska Business and Corporate Licenses (Active & In Good Standing)
- 2.1.b. SAM.gov Registration and UEI (Active)
- 2.1.c. Debarment and Suspension Certifications (Appendix A)
- 2.1.d. Compliance with Applicable Laws (Narrative)
- 2.1.e. Civil Rights and Nondiscrimination Law Compliance (Appendix B)
- 2.1.f. State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Compliance (Appendix C)



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# Program Application Instructions & Requirements

## 2.2. PROJECT PURPOSE, NEED, AND BENEFITS

- 2.2.a. Project Description (Narrative)
- 2.2.b. Purpose and Need Description (Narrative)
- 2.2.c. Covered Populations Served (Narrative)
- 2.2.d. Relevance to Alaska Digital Equity Plan (Narrative)
- 2.2.e. Direct and Indirect Benefits to the Covered Populations (Narrative)



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## 2.2.C. COVERED POPULATIONS SERVED

- 2.2.c.i. Number of different identifiable Covered Populations served;
- 2.2.c.i.i. Number of unique individuals within each identifiable Covered Population;
- 2.2.c.i.i.i. Number of unique individuals identifying concurrently as a member of more than one Covered Population.



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## 2.2.C. EXAMPLE ANSWER

### **Example:**

Project will benefit residents of an independent living senior center in a small rural community.

### **Answers:**

2.2.c.i. Seven identifiable Covered Populations will be served including Aging individuals, Veterans, Individuals living in covered households, Individuals with disabilities, Individuals with a language barrier, Members of a racial or ethnic minority group, and Individuals residing primarily in a rural area.

2.2.c.i.i. Total project beneficiaries is 100 (total number of facility residents).

2.2.c.i.i.i. Aging individuals: 100. Veterans: 6. Individuals living in covered households: 32. Individuals with disabilities: 17. Individuals with a language barrier: 10. Members of a racial or ethnic minority group: 25. Individuals residing primarily in a rural areas: 100.



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## 2.2.D. RELEVANCE TO ALASKA DIGITAL EQUITY PLAN

- Identify **how** the project will address goals, strategies, KPIs, or action items of the **Alaska Digital Equity Plan** and **Alaska Broadband Workforce Development Plan**.
- Identify **how** the project will address alignment with **Other Statewide Plans** related to economic and workforce development, education, health, civic and social engagement, judicial access, and delivery of other essential services.
- Identify the **Measurable Outcomes** associated with each.



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## 2.3. STRENGTH OF PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND BUDGET

- 2.3.a. Timeline, Milestones, and Tasks (Narrative)
- 2.3.b. Strength of Project Plan (Narrative)
- 2.3.c. Comprehensive Nature of Project (Narrative)
- 2.3.d. Project Sustainability (Narrative)
- 2.3.e. Budget Feasibility (Narrative, Appendix D, Portal Budget Summary)
  - 2.3.e.i. Indirect Costs (Appendix D and NICRA)
  - 2.3.e.i.i. Partial Funding (Narrative)
- 2.3.f. Applications for Other Funding (Narrative)



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## 2.4. STRENGTH OF APPLICANT'S ORGANIZATIONAL CAPABILITIES

- 2.4.a. Implementation Team Expertise (Narrative, Org Chart, Position Descriptions, Resumes)
- 2.4.b. Financial Capacity (Narrative and Appendix E)
- 2.4.c. Internal Controls and Tracking (Narrative)
  - 2.4.c.i. Financial Management Policies
  - 2.4.c.ii. Fraud Prevention Policies
  - 2.4.c.iii.a. Financial System Tracking Evidence
  - 2.4.c.iii.b. Financial System Itemization Evidence
  - 2.4.c.iv. Procurement Policies
  - 2.5.c.v. Compliance with 2 CFR 200
  - 2.4.c.vi. Cybersecurity Plan (if applicable)



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# Program Application Instructions & Requirements

## 2.5. PROJECT RESULTS AND EVALUATION

### 2.5. Required Performance Measurement Information

- i. Number of Covered Populations served;
- ii. Number of people served within each Covered Population;
- iii. Total number of people served;
- iv. Goal, strategy, KPI, objective, or action item achieved;
- v. Baseline data (source)\*;
- vi. Projected performance outcomes;
- vii. Actual performance outcomes.

\*Alaska Broadband Office baseline data acquisition.



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# Program Application Instructions & Requirements

## 2.5. PROJECT RESULTS AND EVALUATION

- 2.5.a. Alaska Digital Equity Plan Component Evaluation (Narrative)
- 2.5.b. Outcomes Alignment Evaluation (Narrative)
- 2.5.c. Outreach & Continuous Improvement Commitment (Narrative)
- 2.5.d. Human Subjects Research (Compliance)



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# Question & Answer Session



Next Technical Assistance  
Workshop: Anchorage  
February 12, 2025  
9:00am – 12:30pm

Next Virtual Office Hours:  
February 12, 2025  
2:00-3:30pm



# Topics most helpful for future Virtual Office Hours?

Thank You.

