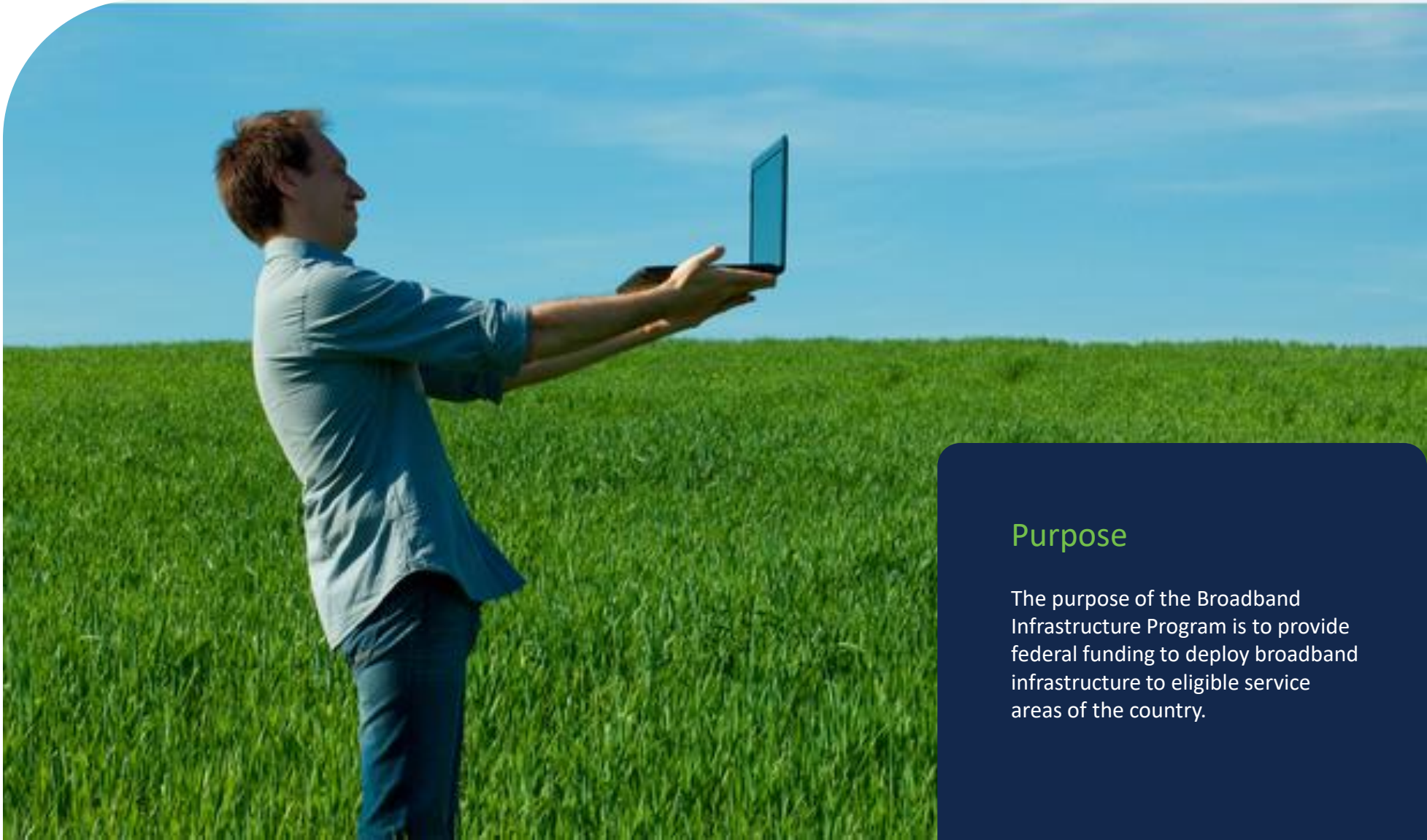


Broadband Infrastructure Program

National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)



Purpose

The purpose of the Broadband Infrastructure Program is to provide federal funding to deploy broadband infrastructure to eligible service areas of the country.

The Cisco Public Funding Office

- Provides assistance in identifying state and federal funding to support your project.
- Provides detailed information and grant verbiage for Cisco® technology.
- Assists with general grant project design and partnership recommendations.
- Acts as an extra set of eyes to review grant proposals.

Next steps

To learn more about Cisco solutions for Rural Broadband, visit our portfolio [here](#).

To learn more about available grants funding, please contact your Cisco account manager or public funding advisor at grantquestions@cisco.com

Grant Overview

NTIA will make up to \$288 million available for federal assistance under the Broadband Infrastructure Program. NTIA expects to make awards under this program within the \$5 million to \$30 million funding range. Covered partnerships requesting amounts for projects outside of this range must provide a reasonable explanation for the variance in their project size.

Eligibility

A covered partnership is eligible and is defined as a partnership between (A) a State, or one or more political subdivisions of a State; and (B) a provider of fixed broadband service. They may include more than one provider of fixed broadband service as part of its application. Additionally, a provider of fixed broadband service may participate in more than one covered partnership.

Use of Funds

Application for covered broadband projects will be given priority as follows (in decreasing order):

- (1) Projects designed to provide broadband service to the greatest number of households in an eligible service area;
- (2) Projects designed to provide broadband service in an eligible service area that is wholly within any area other than:
 - (i) a county, city, or town that has a population of more than 50,000 inhabitants; and
 - (ii) the urbanized area contiguous and adjacent to a city or town of more than 50,000 inhabitants;
- (3) Projects that are the most cost-effective, prioritizing such projects in areas that are the most rural;
- (4) Projects designed to provide broadband service with a download speed of not less than 100 megabits per second and an upload speed of not less than 20 megabits per second; and
- (5) Any other covered broadband project that meets the requirements of this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

Cost Sharing/ Matching

No cost match required; however, NTIA will favorably consider applications that propose to contribute a non-federal cost share of at least 10 percent, either cash or in-kind, of the total eligible costs of a project.

Application Deadline

Complete applications must be received by [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on **August 17, 2021**.

Additional Resources

[Full announcement and NOFO requirements](#)