

Promoting Digital Equity



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About NDIA

National Digital Inclusion Alliance advances digital equity by supporting community programs and equipping policymakers to act.

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Affiliates

States + DC,
Puerto Rico
& Virgin
Islands

Tribal
Entities



About NDIA



Practitioner Support



Policy



Awareness



Data & Research

Definitions

DIGITAL EQUITY

Individuals and communities have the capacity for full participation in society, democracy, and the economy.

DIGITAL INCLUSION

The activities to ensure that all individuals, including the most disadvantaged, have access to and use of:

- Affordable home broadband
- Appropriate devices
- Digital literacy
- Tech support
- Applications

About Digital Equity

EQUALITY



EQUITY



The Solution



Affordable Broadband



Affordable Devices



Digital Literacy Trainings

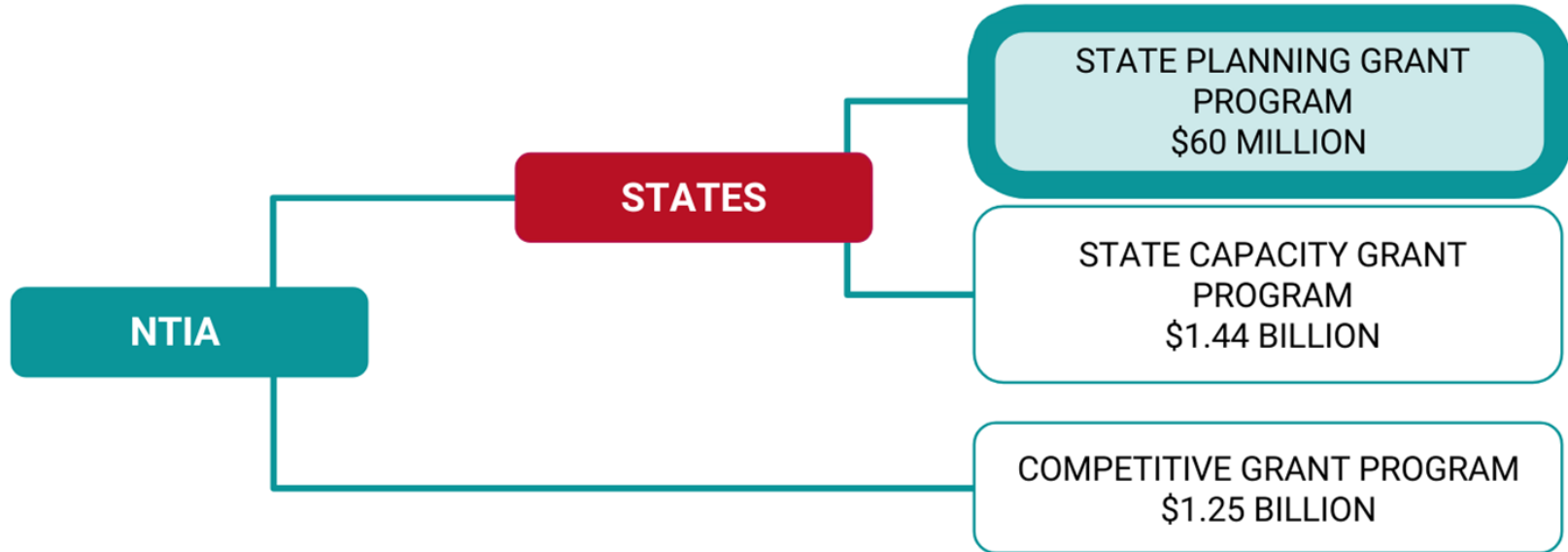
Digital Equity Policy

RECENT LEGISLATION

- Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA)
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
 - Affordable Connectivity Program
 - Broadband Equity Access and Deployment Program
 - Digital Equity Act
 - Tribal Connectivity Program
 - Digital Discrimination Section



Digital Equity Act Programs



TIMELINE

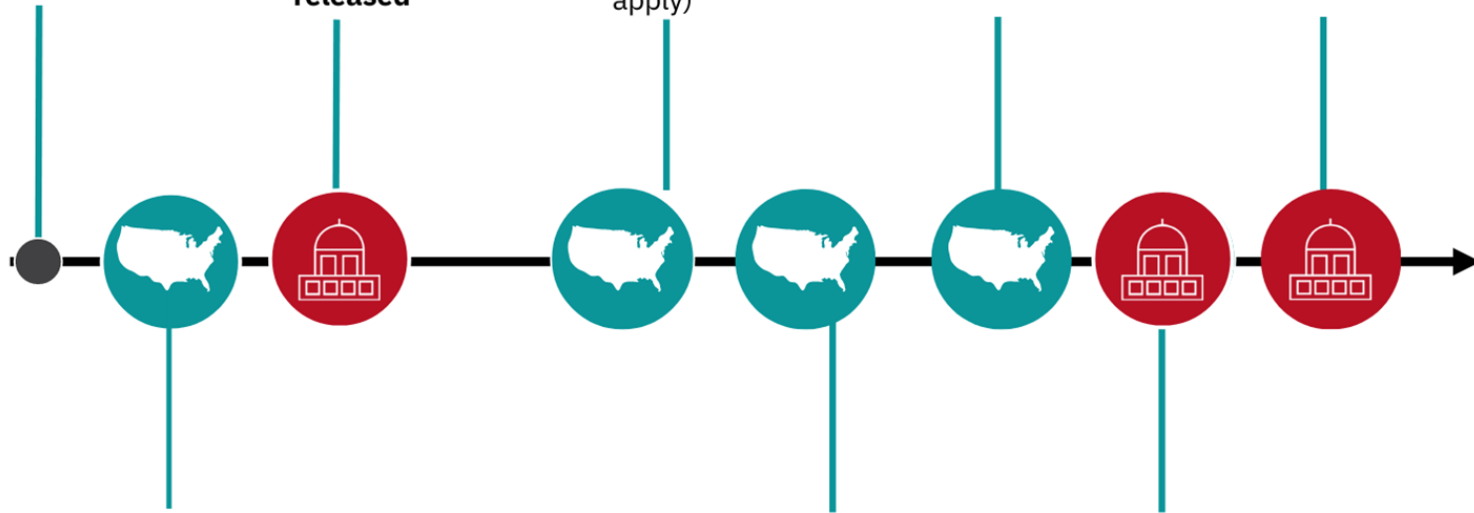
Nov. 15, 2021: IIJA passed with Digital Equity Act

May 13, 2022: DEA Notice of Funding Opportunity released

July 12, 2022: Applications due to NTIA (60 days to apply)

Fall 2023: Plans due to NTIA

Fall 2024: Competitive grants open for application



Early 2022: RFC comments submitted

Sept. 2022: States begin receiving funds for planning (12 months to complete full plans)

Spring 2024: Capacity grants open

NOFO REQUIREMENTS

“An Eligible Entity cannot have a Five-Year Action Plan that does not address digital equity.”

To link the plans, states should:

- Ensure continuity between staff developing plans
- Overlap state DEA and BEAD planning teams. At least one person on the 5-Year plan should work on the Digital Equity Plan
- Establish formal, direct communication and collaboration between DEA and BEAD teams



COVERED POPULATIONS

1. Individuals in households under 150% poverty threshold;
2. Aging individuals
3. Incarcerated individuals, other than individuals in a Federal correctional facility
4. Veterans
5. Individuals with disabilities
6. Individuals with a language barrier, including individuals who—
 - a. Are English learners
 - b. Have low levels of literacy
7. Individuals who are members of a racial or ethnic minority group
8. Individuals who primarily reside in a rural area



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