



# CONNECTMAINE

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## Reports

The ConnectMaine Authority is a public instrumentality of Maine state government whose mission is to facilitate the universal availability of broadband to all Maine households and businesses and help them understand the valuable role it can play in enriching their lives and helping their communities thrive. ConnectMaine activities are highlighted in its reports and plans.

Draft Triennial Strategic Plan:

[https://www.maine.gov/connectme/sites/maine.gov.connectme/files/inline-files/Plan\\_Triennial\\_2022.pdf](https://www.maine.gov/connectme/sites/maine.gov.connectme/files/inline-files/Plan_Triennial_2022.pdf)

State of Maine Broadband Action Plan:

[https://www.maine.gov/connectme/sites/maine.gov.connectme/files/inline-files/Plan\\_Action\\_2020.pdf](https://www.maine.gov/connectme/sites/maine.gov.connectme/files/inline-files/Plan_Action_2020.pdf)

State of Maine Economic Development Strategy:

[https://www.maine.gov/decd/sites/maine.gov.decd/files/inline-files/DECD\\_120919\\_sm.pdf](https://www.maine.gov/decd/sites/maine.gov.decd/files/inline-files/DECD_120919_sm.pdf)

## Resources

The state has set a goal of broadband service being universally available, but Maine's population isn't dense enough for the private sector alone to expand broadband service. These resources are intended to be helpful to local community leaders, to contribute to the expansion of broadband.

Maine Broadband Coalition: <https://www.mainebroadbandcoalition.org/resources>

Community-Driven Broadband Process:

[https://www.maine.gov/connectme/sites/maine.gov.connectme/files/inline-files/Guide\\_CommDriven\\_II\\_1.pdf](https://www.maine.gov/connectme/sites/maine.gov.connectme/files/inline-files/Guide_CommDriven_II_1.pdf)

Resources on Broadband Utility Districts: <https://www.maine.gov/connectme/communities-resources/BUDs>

Other Resources: <https://www.maine.gov/connectme/communities-resources/resources>

## Grants

The ConnectMaine Authority provides grants to develop plans for, and to support investments in, the expansion of broadband service. Startup Grants resulting in precertification are intended to encourage adoption best practices for broadband planning and initiate a community process that applies best practices on an on-going basis.

Planning & Infrastructure Grants: <https://www.maine.gov/connectme/grants>

Details about specific communities in the Spring 2022 Comp Plan Data Round.

- Alexander: A regional community-driven broadband project is underway, <https://www.maine.gov/connectme/grants/award-recipients>
- Blue Hill: A peninsula-wide broadband infrastructure project will be completed by the end of the calendar year: <https://www.maine.gov/connectme/sites/maine.gov.connectme/files/inline-files/Announce.pdf>
- Chesterville: A county-wide broadband plan was completed, <https://www.maine.gov/connectme/grants/planning-grants/awards>
- Bridgton: Two regional broadband planning efforts are underway in neighboring communities, Maine West and through the Greater Portland Council of Governments: <https://www.mainebroadbandcoalition.org/regional-capacity-building>
- Caribou: The County of Aroostook is undertaking a broadband planning effort.
- Cumberland: A regional broadband planning effort is underway in neighboring communities, through the Greater Portland Council of Governments: <https://www.mainebroadbandcoalition.org/regional-capacity-building>
- Cutler: A regional broadband planning effort is underway in neighboring communities, through the Sunrise County Economic Council: <https://sunrisecounty.org/broadband/>
- Eustis: Greater Franklin Development Council completed a broadband plan: <https://www.maine.gov/connectme/grants/planning-grants/awards>
- Falmouth: A regional broadband planning effort is underway in neighboring communities, through the Greater Portland Council of Governments: <https://www.mainebroadbandcoalition.org/regional-capacity-building>
- Hollis: Most of the Town lacks broadband; whether with or without grants, communities can undertake broadband planning efforts: <https://www.maine.gov/connectme/communities-resources/resources>
- Lincolnville: Broadband service is available to most of the town through LCI; whether with or without grants, communities can undertake broadband planning efforts: <https://www.maine.gov/connectme/communities-resources/resources>
- Lowell: Broadband service is available to most of the town through OTELCO; whether with or without grants, communities can undertake broadband planning efforts: <https://www.maine.gov/connectme/communities-resources/resources>

- Mount Desert: The Town is undertaking community broadband planning with VETRO and the County of Hancock is planning through Mission Broadband: <https://www.maine.gov/connectme/communities-resources/consultants>
- New Sharon: A regional broadband infrastructure project will be completed by July 2023: <https://www.maine.gov/connectme/sites/maine.gov.connectme/files/inline-files/Announce.pdf>
- Northfield: A regional broadband planning effort is underway in neighboring communities, through the Sunrise County Economic Council: <https://sunrisecounty.org/broadband/>
- Paris: Maine West completed a broadband plan: <https://www.maine.gov/connectme/grants/planning-grants/awards>
- Penobscot: A peninsula-wide broadband infrastructure project will be completed by the end of the calendar year: <https://www.maine.gov/connectme/sites/maine.gov.connectme/files/inline-files/Announce.pdf>
- Rumford: Maine West completed a broadband plan: <https://www.maine.gov/connectme/grants/planning-grants/awards>
- Sabattus: The entire town lacks broadband; whether with or without grants, communities can undertake broadband planning efforts: <https://www.maine.gov/connectme/communities-resources/resources>
- Sorrento: The County of Hancock is planning through Mission Broadband: <https://www.maine.gov/connectme/communities-resources/consultants>
- Trenton: The County of Hancock is planning through Mission Broadband: <https://www.maine.gov/connectme/communities-resources/consultants>
- Wilton: A regional broadband infrastructure project will be completed by July 2023: <https://www.maine.gov/connectme/sites/maine.gov.connectme/files/inline-files/Announce.pdf>
- Winter Harbor: The County of Hancock is planning through Mission Broadband: <https://www.maine.gov/connectme/communities-resources/consultants>

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