

## Reports

The Maine Connectivity Authority, established in 2021, is a quasi-governmental agency charged with achieving the universal access of affordable high-speed broadband in Maine. Focusing on projects, places and people, the MCA is advancing digital equity for all Mainers.

State of Maine Economic Development Strategy:

[Strategic Plan Update | Department of Economic and Community Development](#)

Broadband as part of the Maine Jobs and Recovery Plan:

[Expand High-Speed Broadband | Maine Recovery & Jobs Plan](#)

## Resources

The state has set a goal of universally available broadband service, but Maine's population is not dense enough for the private sector alone to expand broadband service. These resources are intended to help local community leaders contribute to the expansion of broadband in their community or region.

Maine Connectivity Authority Resources:

[Resources | MCA](#)

## Grants

Funding through the Maine Connectivity Authority is designed to reach the last mile in the most rural places, connect communities ready to scale their infrastructure, prepare communities for investment, ensure affordable options for everyone, and invest in partnerships to build a modern broadband infrastructure for Maine.

In 2023, MCA awarded over \$130 million to deploy broadband infrastructure through a suite of infrastructure grant programs. MCA has enabled 50,000 internet connections through programs funded by the American Rescue Plan's Capital Projects Fund, and an additional 27,000 connections through ConnectMaine Bond Fund and the National Telecommunications & Information Administration (NTIA)'s Broadband Infrastructure Program.

These efforts were bolstered with investments to reduce barriers, bring true digital equity and opportunity to Maine, and support partnerships to strengthen Maine's broadband ecosystem. These complementary and foundational initiatives will sustain and maximize the benefits of infrastructure investments in 2024 and beyond, as the state prepares to distribute Maine's estimated \$285 million BEAD and Digital Equity Act allocations—the largest influx of public or private funds dedicated to broadband that Maine has ever received.



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For more information about MCA programs, data regarding broadband service, funding awards, and internet service providers can be found at the MCA website's public viewer on the homepage: <https://www.maineconnectivity.org/>

**Municipality information:**

**Arrowsic** - Arrowsic Connect the Ready Project 2023

**Howland** - Spectrum Reach Me Line Extension Incentive 2023

**Beals** - *No recent awards*

**Lovell** - Spectrum Reach Me Line Extension Incentive 2023

**Belgrade** - *No recent awards*

**Lyman** - *No recent awards*

**Bradford** - Bradford Connect the Ready Project 2023

**Manchester** - *No recent awards*

**Buckfield** - Partnerships Enabling Middle Mile Award to MaineWest / Mahoosuc Region 2023

**Monroe** - *No recent awards*

**Cambridge** - *No recent awards*

**Mount Desert** - *No recent awards*

**Corinna** - *No recent awards*

**Orono** - *No recent awards*

**Crystal** - *No recent awards*

**Patten** - *No recent awards*

**Cutler** - *No recent awards*

**Stockholm** - *No recent awards*



**Dixfield** - *No recent awards*

**Temple** - NTIA BIP: Mountains to Sea -  
Farmington Area Broadband Infrastructure  
Project 2022

**Farmingdale** - *No recent awards*

**Thorndike** - Unitel/Direct Communications  
Reach Me Line Extension Incentive 2023

**Greenville** - Partnerships Enabling Middle  
Mile Award to MaineWest / Mahoosuc Region  
2023, Greenville Connect the Ready Project  
2023, Greenville Provider Expansion Project  
2021

**Van Buren** - *No recent awards*

**Guilford** - Abbott Connect the Ready Project  
2023

**Washington** - NTIA BIP: Mountains to Sea -  
Washington Community-Owned Broadband  
Project 2022

**Winn** - *No recent awards*