

Capital Projects Fund Award Fact Sheet Washington

Treasury approves Washington's plan to invest \$186 million of CPF funding in broadband infrastructure projects that will provide high-quality internet to locations that lack access to adequate service.

Washington Capital Projects Fund Program Overview

- Program Summary: \$186 million for Broadband Infrastructure (100% of program allocation)
- Locations to Be Served: 33,000 (estimated)

 Program Description: Washington will implement three competitive broadband infrastructure programs that aim to provide reliable internet access to households across the state. Washington's State Broadband Office (SBO) broadband grant program will prioritize the investment of \$118.5 million to provide reliable internet in communities without internet service and then to those with internet speeds below 25/3 Mbps. As reported by Washington, estimates show that investments made using the Capital Projects Fund will serve **~8% of locations** still lacking high-speed internet access in the state.

The state will also invest \$43.7 million of their CPF award to the Public Works Board (PWB) Broadband Program – a program designed to provide high-speed internet in distressed rural counties, or projects in tribal areas. Washington will additionally invest \$23.8 million towards the Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) Rural Broadband Program to expand last-mile broadband access in rural areas of the state without reliable internet.

- Each program is designed to support internet service with speeds of 100/100 Mbps symmetrical or better to households and businesses upon project completion.
- Internet service providers utilizing investments funded by CPF will be required to participate in the FCC's <u>Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)</u> – a \$30 per month subsidy for low-income families.
- Key State Contact: The Public Works Board (PWB), the Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB), and the State Broadband Office (SBO)