

Florida Office of Broadband Outlines the State Plan for the State's Capital Projects Fund

Florida Office of Broadband published the **State Plan for the Florida Capital Projects Fund (CPF)**. The state CPF grant plan totals \$366 million. The CPF program is separate from the state Broadband Opportunity Program (\$400 million) that is currently in its own rulemaking process. The Florida CPF state grant plan will now be submitted to the US Department of Treasury for approval. The Florida Office of Broadband (Office intends to use funds from the Capital Projects Fund (CPF) to deploy broadband Internet infrastructure in unserved and underserved areas throughout the state, prioritizing rural areas. Florida's legislature has designated 32 counties as rural, defined in section 288.0656(2)(e), Florida Statutes, as a county with a population of 75,000 or fewer. Twenty-nine of these counties are organized into three Rural Areas of Opportunity (RAO). Rural counties are among the least served areas of the state and have among the lowest per capita personal incomes in the state. The Office will accept applications from local governments, non-profits, or private entities, and award grants based on the allocations shown below.

Capital Projects Grant Fund Executive Summary

ALLOCATIONS Total Allocation \$ 366,036,869

Administration 5% \$ 18,301,843

Available for Subrecipient awards \$ 347,735,026

Capital Projects Fund - Broadband Infrastructure Program Narrative

- 1A-Broadband Infrastructure Projects (70%) \$ 247,761,206

Capital Projects Fund - Digital Connectivity Program Narrative

- 1B-Digital Connectivity Technology Projects (5%) \$ 13,040,063

Capital Projects Fund - Multi-purpose Community Center Project Narrative

- 1C-Multi-Purpose Community Facility Projects (25%) \$ 86,933,757

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Federal Communications Commission Publishes Map Challenge Process

[FCC Broadband Mapping Challenge Process.pdf.docx](#)

The FCC has published their specifications for the Bulk Fixed Availability Challenge Process to commence later this fall, following the release of the first iteration of the national broadband maps in November. State, local, and Tribal governmental entities, as well as service providers, will be permitted to submit bulk challenges to the Broadband Data Collection (BDC) fixed availability data published on the Broadband Map to ensure all unserved and underserved locations reflected on the map are accurate.