# Broadband Grant Program Development

Oregon Broadband Office

June 1, 2022
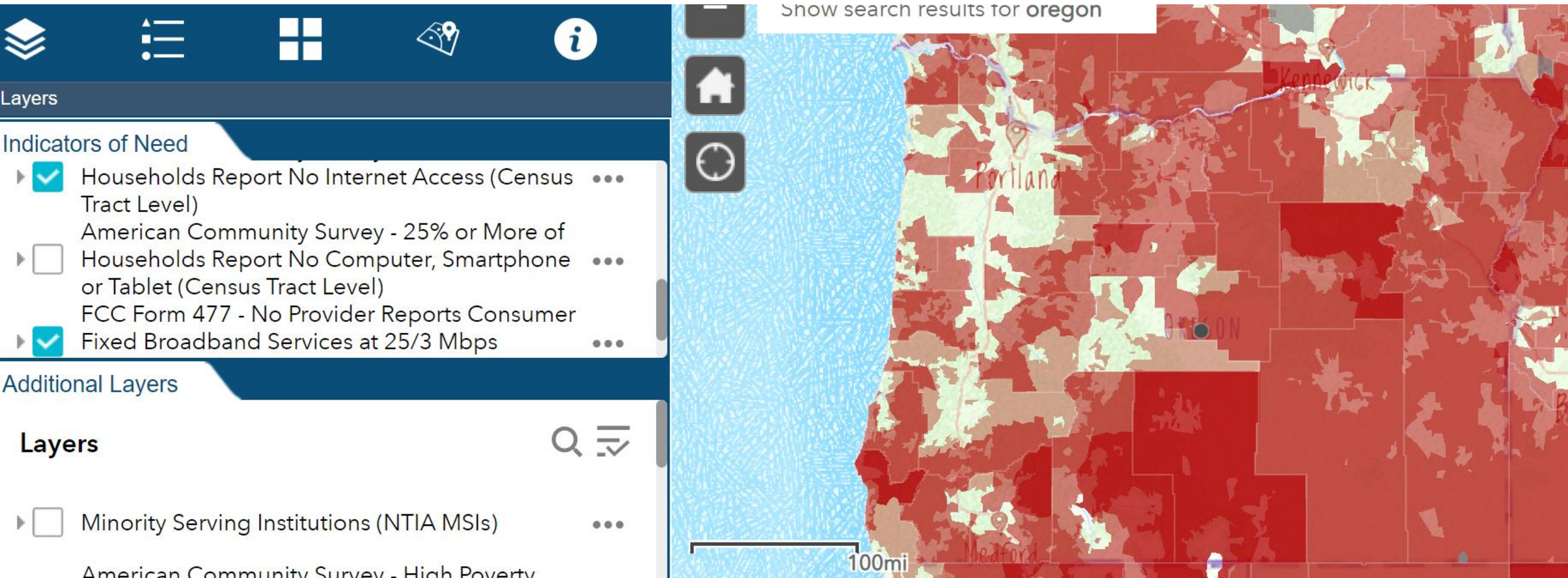
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# Customers and Partners

4.25M Oregonians

241 Cities

31 Counties

300+ Providers

197 School Districts

9 Tribes

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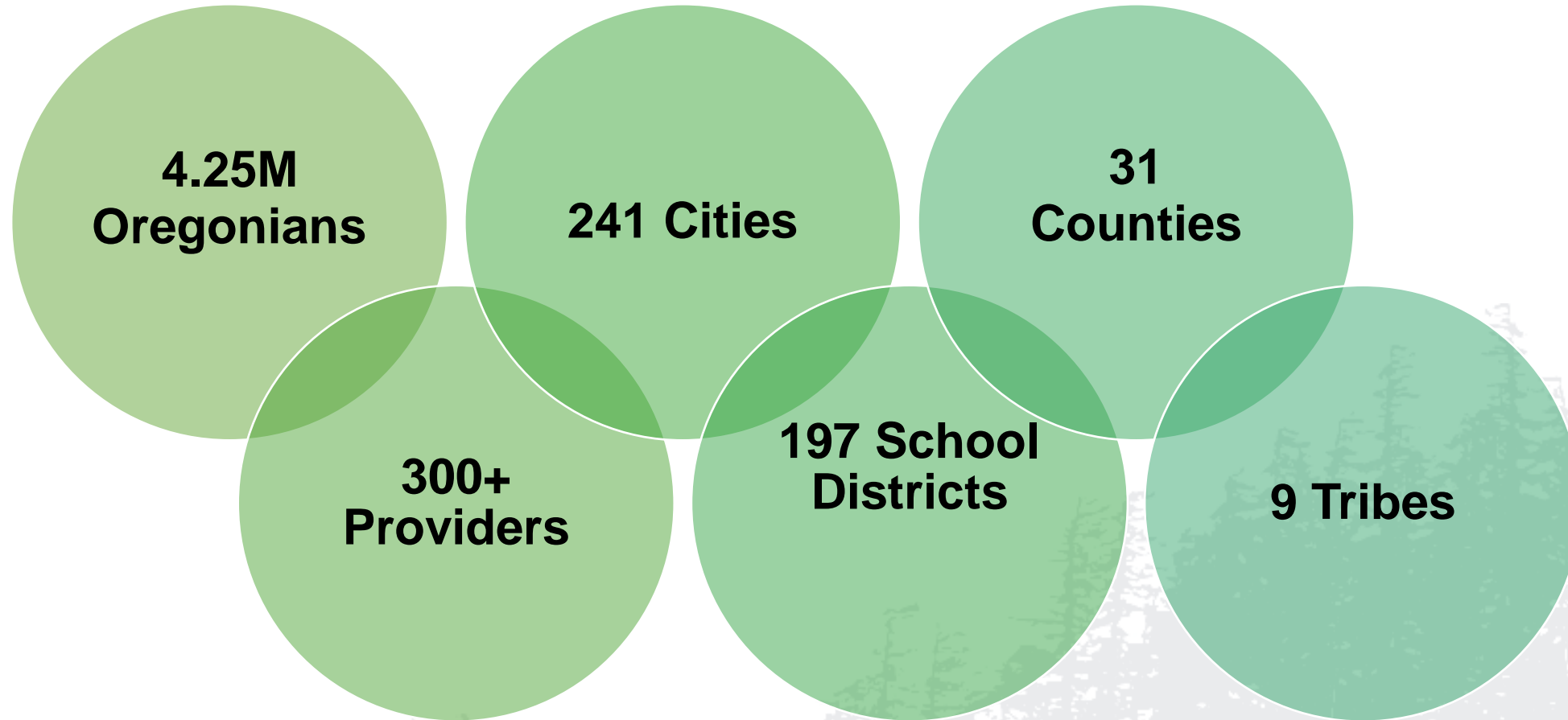
# The Problem

# Digital Divide - Access



Source: Broadband Indicators of Need, Broadbandusa.maps.arcgis.com

# Digital Divide – Adoption & Affordability



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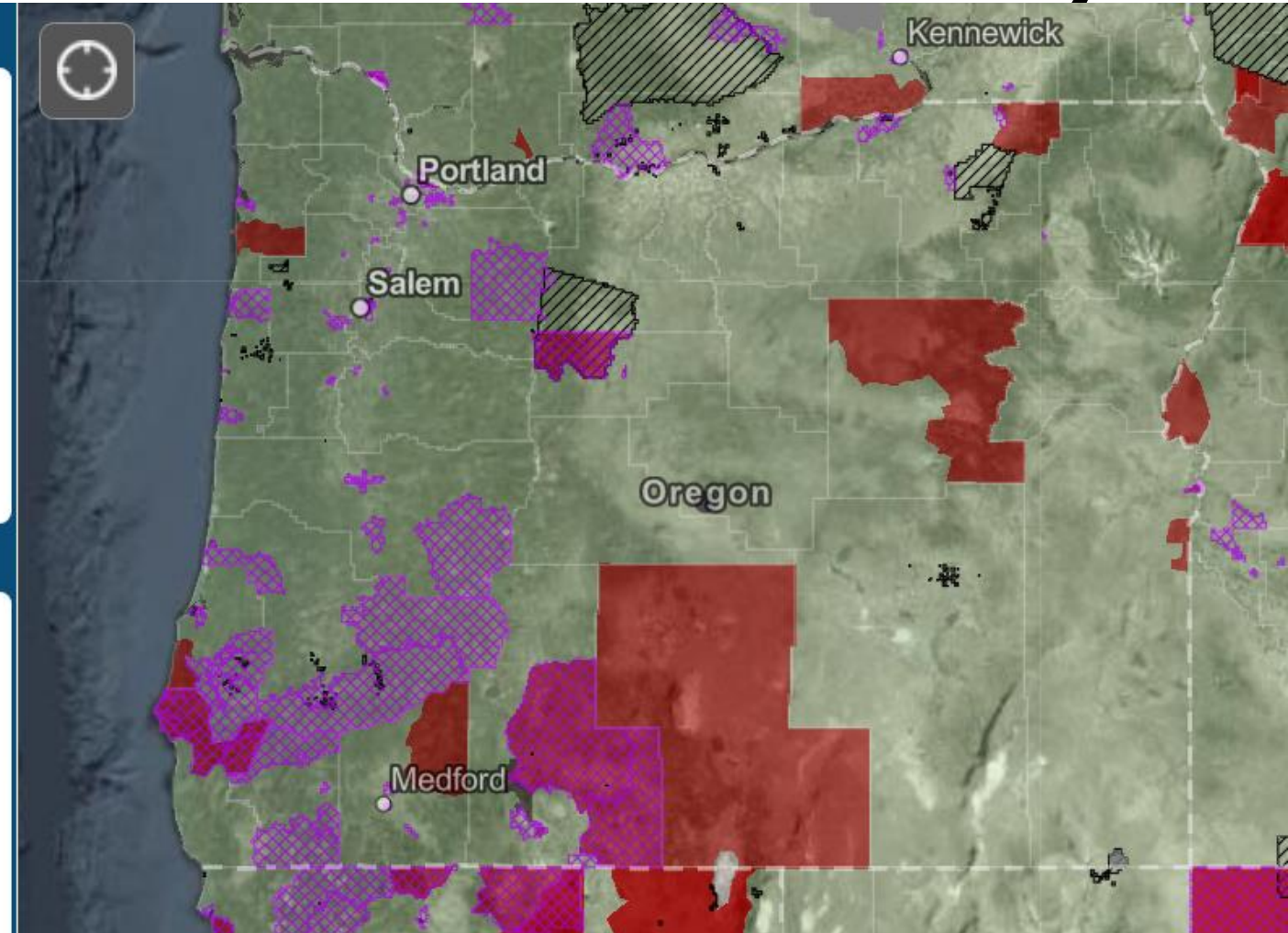
# The goal

Internet for all

# Short-Term Action Plan

Down payment

# 2021 Request for Information

- **Total Projects: 78**

- **Total Cost: $501M**

- **Total Grants Needed: $345M**

- **Technical Assistance Requested: 32**



RFI Projects_2 by County/St and RFI Projects_2

RFI Projects_2 ●1 ●2 ●3 ●4 ●5 ●7
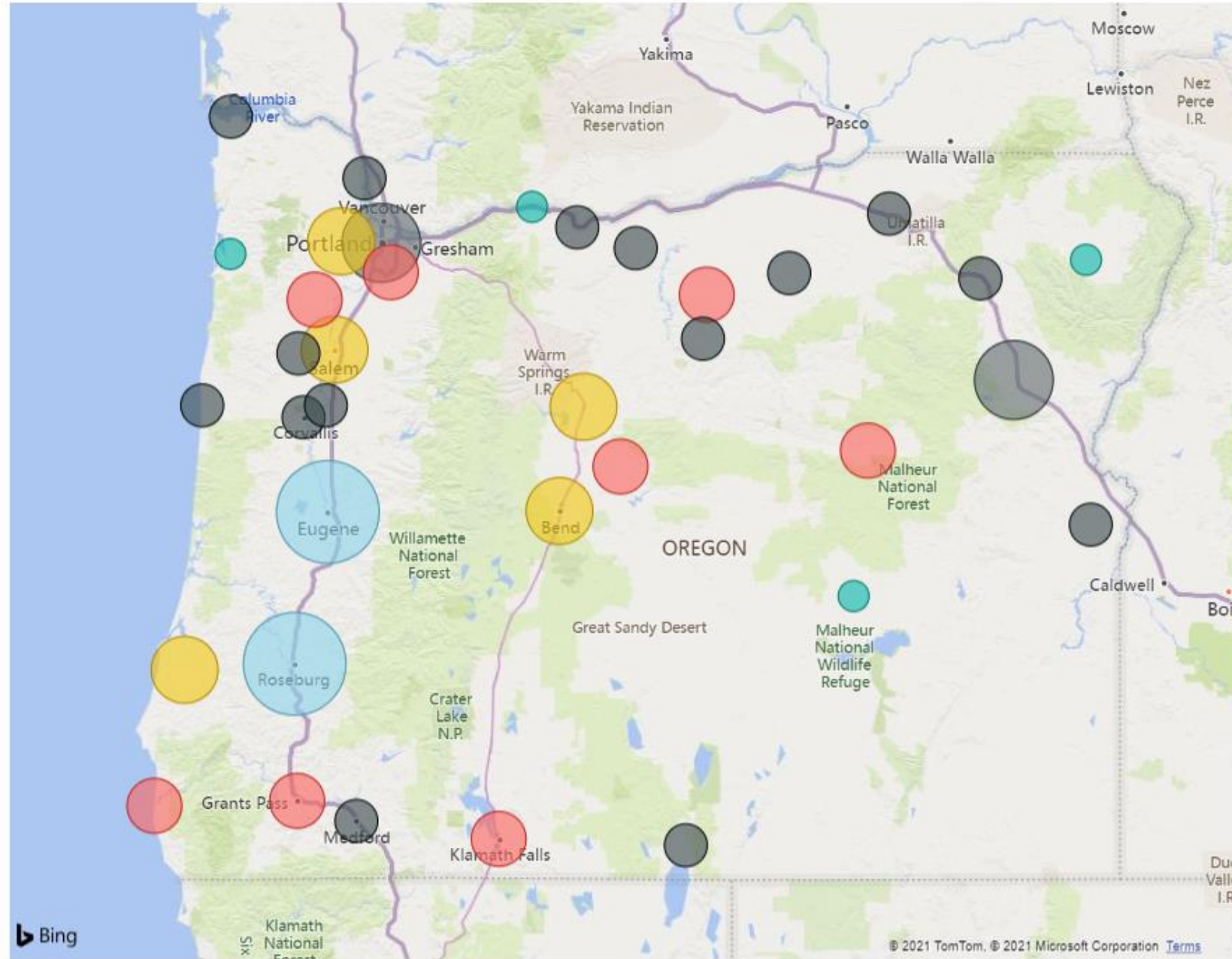
Scaling Up for Federal Investment

Hire Staff (fall 21-fall 22)
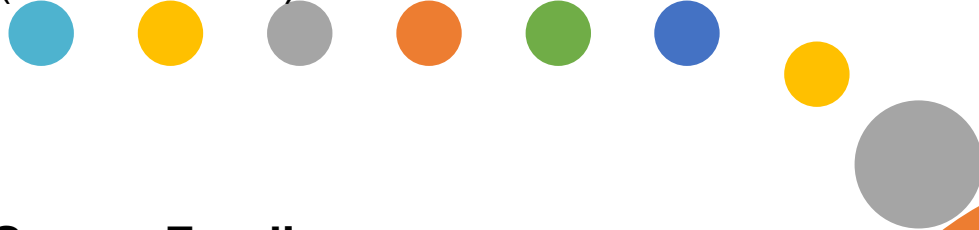
Secure Funding (winter 21-fall 23)

Develop Rules & CP Grant Plans (spring-summer 22)

Develop Investment/ Application Map (summer 22- spring 23)

Launch Dec. 22

# Funding

- Near term
  - $500K, EDA Grant for Broadband Mapping **SECURED**
  - $1.5M, Oregon Broadband Fund (Universal Service) **SECURED**
  - $157M, ARPA Capital Projects **IN-PROGRESS**

- Long term
  - $100M+Formula, IIJA – Broadband Equity, Access & Deployment **IN-PROGRESS**
  - $782K+Formula, IIJA – Digital Equity

# 2022 Program Development Process
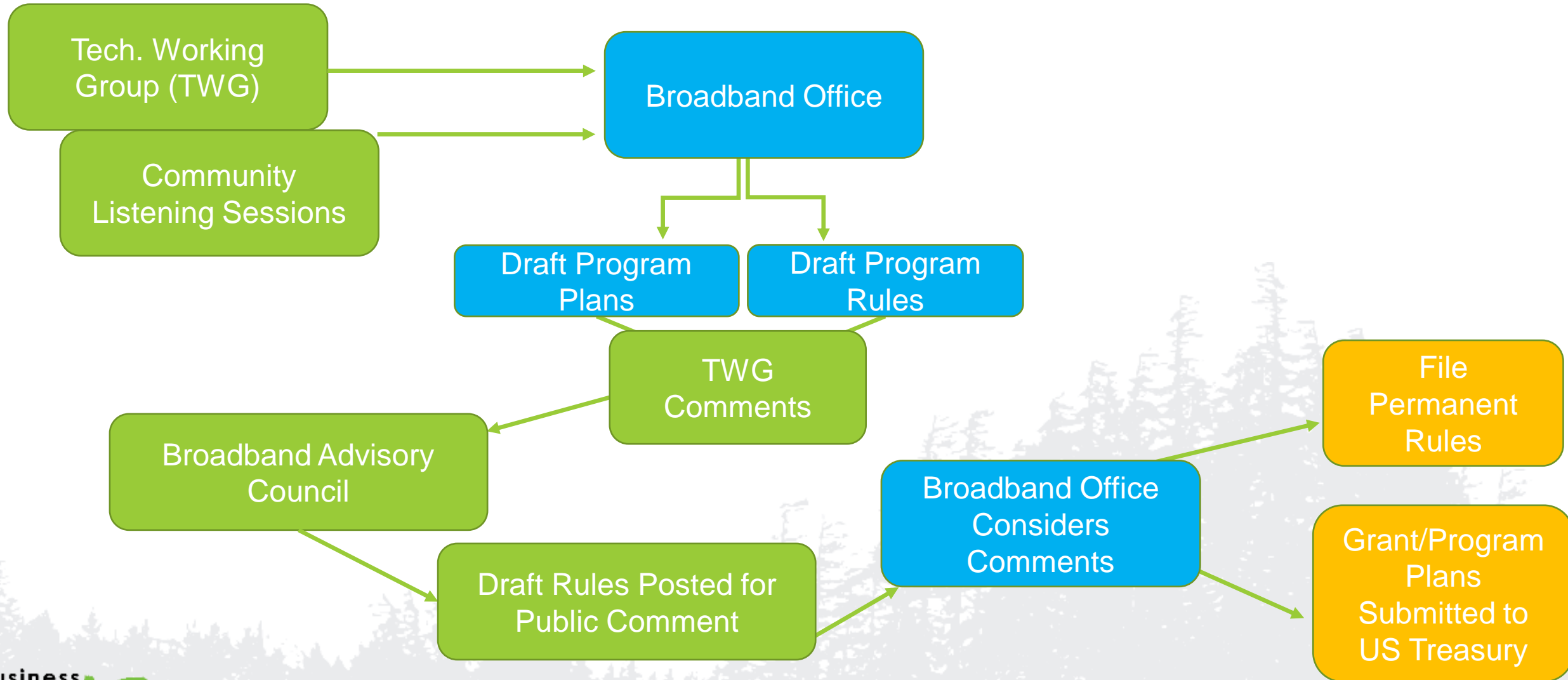
# Technical Working Group

- Participants:
  - Association of Oregon Counties
  - League of Oregon Cities
  - Oregon Telecommunications Association
  - Oregon Cable Telecommunications Association
  - Oregon Citizens' Utility Board
  - Northwest Telecommunications Association
  - Oregon Tribal Representative
  - CTIA Wireless Association
  - A nominee from Oregon's Broadband Action Teams

**145 pages of public comments**

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# Community Listening Sessions

- Spring 2022
    - Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, hosted by the Rural Capacity Stakeholder's Group
    - Maritime, hosted by Oregon Ports
    - Rural, in partnership with League of Oregon Cities
    - Tribes – hosted by Oregon Tribal Broadband Summit
    - Portland Metro

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# Program Development - Bodies of Work

| Program Rules | Program Development | Submission Docs for US Treasury |
|---|---|---|
| Fiscal Impact Statement | Program Guidebook | Grant Plan |
| Equity Statement | Application, Award Process, Contract | Program Plan/s |

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# Long-Term Action Plan

## Primary Payment

# Broadband Access Approach



| INPUTS | ACTIVITIES | OUTPUTS | IMMEDIATE OUTCOMES | INTERMEDIATE OUTCOMES | LONG-TERM OUTCOMES |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Infrastructure Deployment Funding | Deploy and/or Improve Infrastructure | New Infrastructure | Increased Broadband Availability | Increased Broadband Usage | Improved Economic Outcomes |
| Digital Inclusion (DI) Funding | Establish and/or Operate DI Programs | | | | |
| Planning, Data & Mapping Funding | Plan Projects and/or Collect Data | | | | |

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Source: NTIA, Access Broadband 2021 Report

# BEAD program will provide ~$42.45B for infrastructure planning and implementation

## Funding pool
## $42.45B

A program to get all Americans online by funding partnerships between states or territories, communities, and stakeholders to build infrastructure where we need it to and increase adoption of high-speed internet.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

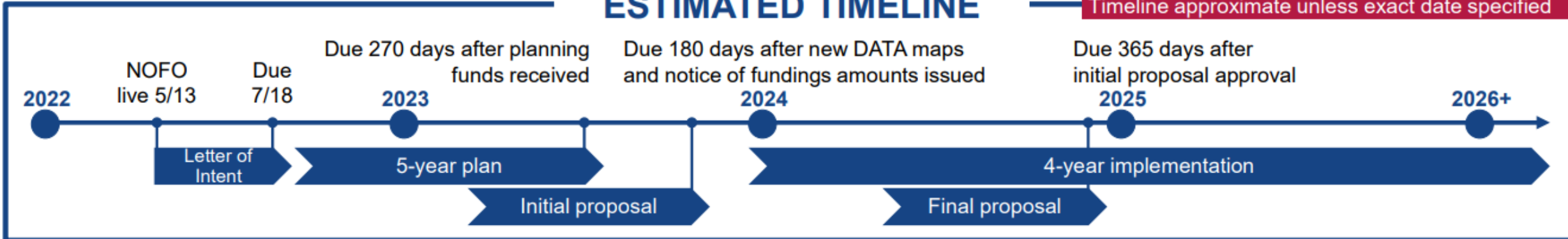**Entities eligible to apply for this program include:**

- All 50 States
- The District of Columbia and Puerto Rico
- Other Territories: U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

**Example eligible uses of funds include:**

- Planning for deployment of Internet
- Deploying or upgrading Internet
- Installing Internet in multi-tenant buildings
- Implementing adoption and digital equity programs
- Workforce and job training

## ESTIMATED TIMELINE

**Timeline approximate unless exact date specified**

2022

NOFO live 5/13

Due 7/18

Due 270 days after planning funds received
2023

Due 180 days after new DATA maps and notice of fundings amounts issued
2024

Due 365 days after initial proposal approval
2025

2026+

Letter of Intent

5-year plan

Initial proposal

4-year implementation

Final proposal

# Digital Equity Act created three programs to promote digital equity and inclusion

## Funding pool
### $2.75B

Three programs that provide funding to promote digital inclusion and advance equity for all. They aim to ensure that all communities can access and use affordable, reliable, high-speed internet to meet their needs and improve their lives.

## PROGRAMS HIGHLIGHTS

### The Digital Equity Act created three programs:

**State Planning**
- $60M formula funding program to develop digital equity plans

**State Capacity**
- $1.44B formula funding program to implement plans & promote digital inclusion

**Competitive**
- $1.25B to implement digital equity and inclusion activities
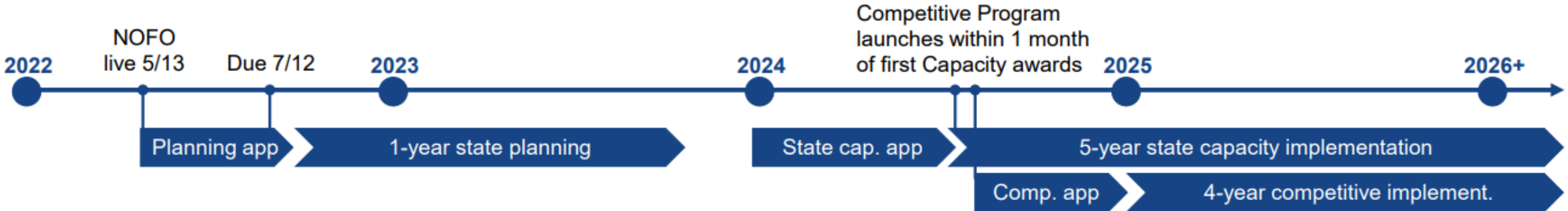
### Example eligible uses of funds include:

- ☆ Developing digital equity plans; states must develop a plan to be eligible for state capacity grants

- ☆ Making awards to other entities to help make digital equity plans

- ☆ Improving accessibility and inclusivity of public resources

- ☆ Implementing digital equity plans and related activities

- ☆ Providing digital literacy and digital skills education

- ☆ Facilitating the adoption of high-speed Internet

## ESTIMATED TIMELINE

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2022 — NOFO live 5/13 — Due 7/12 — 2023 — Competitive Program launches within 1 month of first Capacity awards — 2024 — 2025 — 2026+

Planning app → 1-year state planning

State cap. app → 5-year state capacity implementation

Comp. app → 4-year competitive implement.

# Info

- [Priorities and work plan status](#) are on our website.

- Email us at [Broadband.Oregon@biz.oregon.gov](mailto:Broadband.Oregon@biz.oregon.gov)

- Sign up for monthly ["Broadband Office Notifications"](#)

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- [Sign up for ODOT STIP & broadband infrastructure pending application registry](#)