

Oregon Broadband Digital Equity

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Digital Equity State Capacity Grant Program

Purpose: To promote digital equity and inclusion to ensure that all people and communities have the skills, technology, and capacity needed to reap the full benefits of our digital economy.

Where are we now:

- State Digital Equity plan -- approved **3/28/24**
- Digital Equity State Capacity Grant Program application -- submitted **5/28/24**

What's Next: Capacity Grant application curing with NTIA.

Digital Equity State Capacity Grant Program

- **Funding Allocation:** \$9.9M (first of three funding allocations)
 - States must apply for funds in 2024, 2025, and 2026
- **Program Goal:** use federal digital equity funds to implement Oregon's approved Digital Equity Plan, specifically for the following eight covered population groups:
 - Low-income, older adults, veterans, incarcerated individuals, english learners and/or those with low levels of literacy, members of a racial or ethnic minority group, reside in rural areas.
 - 78% of people in Oregon fall into one of these covered populations.

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