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*INFRASTRUCTURE IS FUNDAMENTAL*

## PWB Broadband Program

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# PWB Broadband Funding Since 2019

## What has been done so far?

- \$450K to nine broadband planning-feasibility study grants
- \$58M to 23 broadband construction projects
- \$12M to three county government broadband construction projects

Once complete, construction projects will add **590 miles of fiber** and provide for **10,582 connections.**



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# Continuous Program Improvement

- ✓ After Action Review
- ✓ House Bill 1673
- ✓ Rule-making to implement statutory changes



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# Anticipated Funding Opportunities

**2023**

\$19M State Loan Construction Cycle

**2024**

\$25M Federal (BEAD) Grant Construction Cycle



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# Anticipated Funding Opportunities

## Building a competitive application:

- Understand funding source and guidance
- Attend webinar and join our mailing list
- Review scoring criteria (posted 60-days prior)
- Engage early and often with community stakeholders, and ISPs

# Program Requirements

## PWB Unique Requirements

Unserved	Lack access to at least 100/20
Project Speed Goals	Meets or exceeds state goals (RCW 43.330.536)
Hardship Methodology and Affordability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Funding limits: \$5m maximum, up to 90% of total project cost for distressed and severely distressed for rural counties and/or Indian Country</li><li>• Low interest rate loan funding</li><li>• 2-year Loan deferral</li></ul>
Provider Notification	Prior to submitting pre-application area providers must be notified and provider response must be submitted in pre-application
Objection/Challenge Process	30-days following pre-application process area service provider may object to proposed project
Public Use Policy	IRU may be required to ensure public use for 15 years



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