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INFRASTRUCTURE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION





WHO WE ARE

The National League of Cities (NLC) is the voice of America's cities, towns and villages, representing more than 200 million people across the country.

About the National League of Cities

- Represents the more than 19,000 cities, towns and villages in the US
- 49 state municipal leagues
- Provides municipal leaders with advocates in Washington, peer engagement, research on policy trends & best practices, education/training, and hands-on technical assistance
- Policy positions & priorities set by member committees & voted on annually
- Major 2022 priority advocacy issues:
 - COVID-19 Response and Recovery
 - Advancing Workforce Readiness
 - Increasing Fair and Affordable Housing
 - Stabilizing Local Government Operations
 - Advancing Digital Equity
 - Building Sustainable Infrastructure
 - Reimagining Public Health and Safety

- President Biden signed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), commonly known as the **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)**, on November 15, 2021.
- This BIL marks **historic access for local governments** to federal infrastructure programs.
- BIL includes **\$1.2 trillion for America's infrastructure** - including \$550 billion in new funding.



What's In the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

 Strengthens Water Systems

 Investments in Passenger Rail

 High-Speed Internet Access

 Network of EV Chargers

 Better Roads and Bridges

 Upgrade Power Infrastructure

 Investments in Public Transit

 Resilient Infrastructure

 Upgrade Airports and Ports

 Investments in Environment

- **Broadband Infrastructure, Digital Equity and Affordability**
 - Over \$65 billion split across FCC, NTIA, USDA
- **Policy Changes**
 - Consumer Broadband Labels
 - Broadband Speed Study
 - Digital Discrimination Rule
- **Cybersecurity**
 - \$120 million for the Cyber Response and Recovery Act
 - \$1 billion over 4 years for the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program
 - \$250 million Rural and Municipal Utility Advanced Cybersecurity Grant and Technical Assistance Program

Broadband Funding and the BIL

National Telecommunications and Information Administration				Federal Communications Commission
<p>BEAD - \$42.45B</p> <p><i>Title I - Broadband Equity, Access & Deployment Program</i></p> <p>Formula-based grant program for U.S. states and territories. BEAD aims to close the access gap for unserved & underserved areas of the country.</p>	<p>DIGITAL EQUITY - \$2.75B</p> <p><i>Title III – Digital Equity Act</i></p> <p>Three programs, established for planning & implementation of programs that promote digital equity, support digital inclusion activities, and build capacity related to the adoption of broadband.</p>	<p>TRIBAL - \$2.00B</p> <p><i>Title II - Tribal Connectivity Technical Amendments</i></p> <p>Furtheres current Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program by investing an additional \$2B to fund broadband adoption and infrastructure projects.</p>	<p>MIDDLE MILE - \$1.00B</p> <p><i>Title IV - Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure</i></p> <p>Provides funding to extend middle mile capacity to reduce cost of serving unserved and underserved areas and enhance network resilience.</p>	<p><i>\$14.2B for Affordable Connectivity Program, which replaces the Emergency Broadband Benefit program</i></p>
				<p>U.S. Department of Agriculture</p> <p><i>\$2.0B via the Rural Utilities Service ReConnect program</i></p>
				<p>Private Activity Bonds</p> <p><i>\$600M Authorization for State/local gov'ts to use private activity bonds for rural broadband</i></p>

Next Steps in Intergovernmental Coordination

Federal

- Agency guidance
- Notices of Funding Opportunity
- Technical assistance
- Interagency coordination
- Direct competitive grants and state formula grant distribution



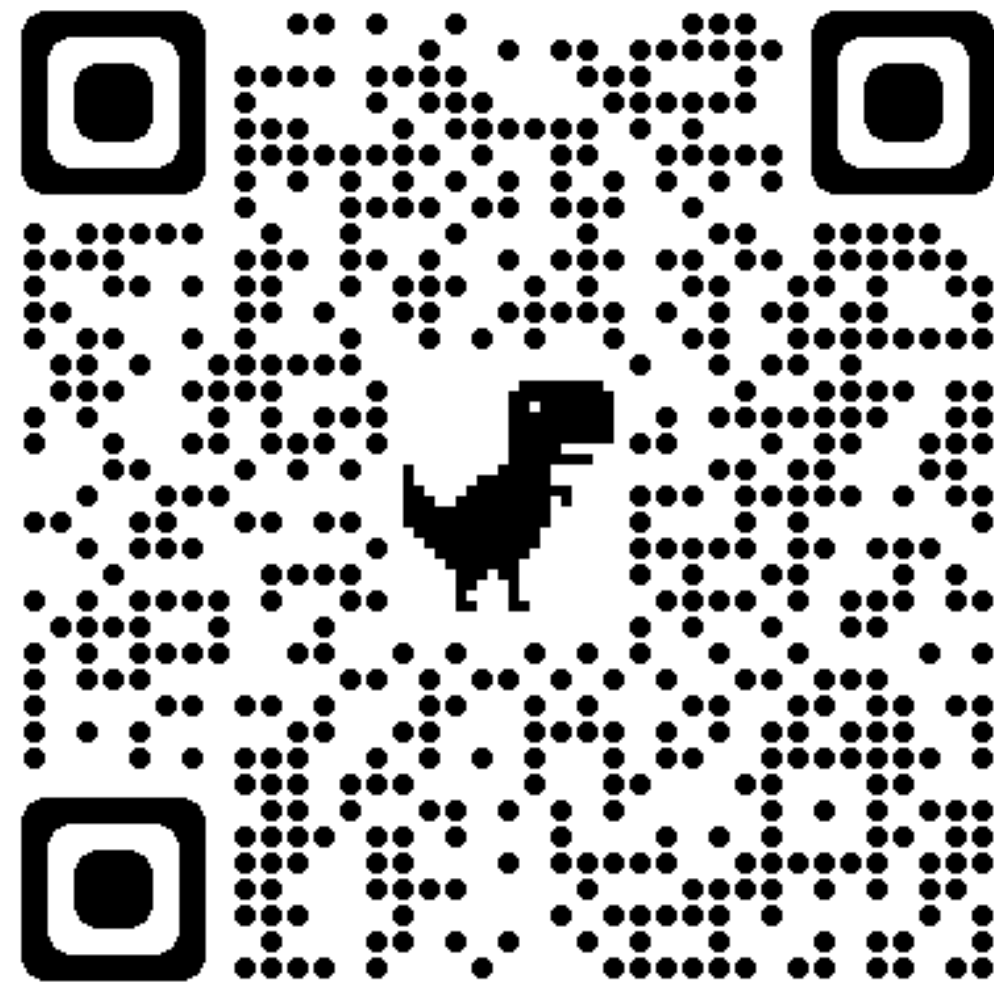
State

- State infrastructure coordination (executive office & agencies)
- Statewide infrastructure plans
- State advisory committees, community engagement
- Subgranting of federal funds



Local

- Participation in competitive federal & subgrant application cycles
- Engagement with state on planning & advisory committees
- Compliance with federal grant standards



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- [NLC Summary: What's in the Infrastructure Bill for Cities](#)
- ["Ready to Rebuild" Webinar Series](#)
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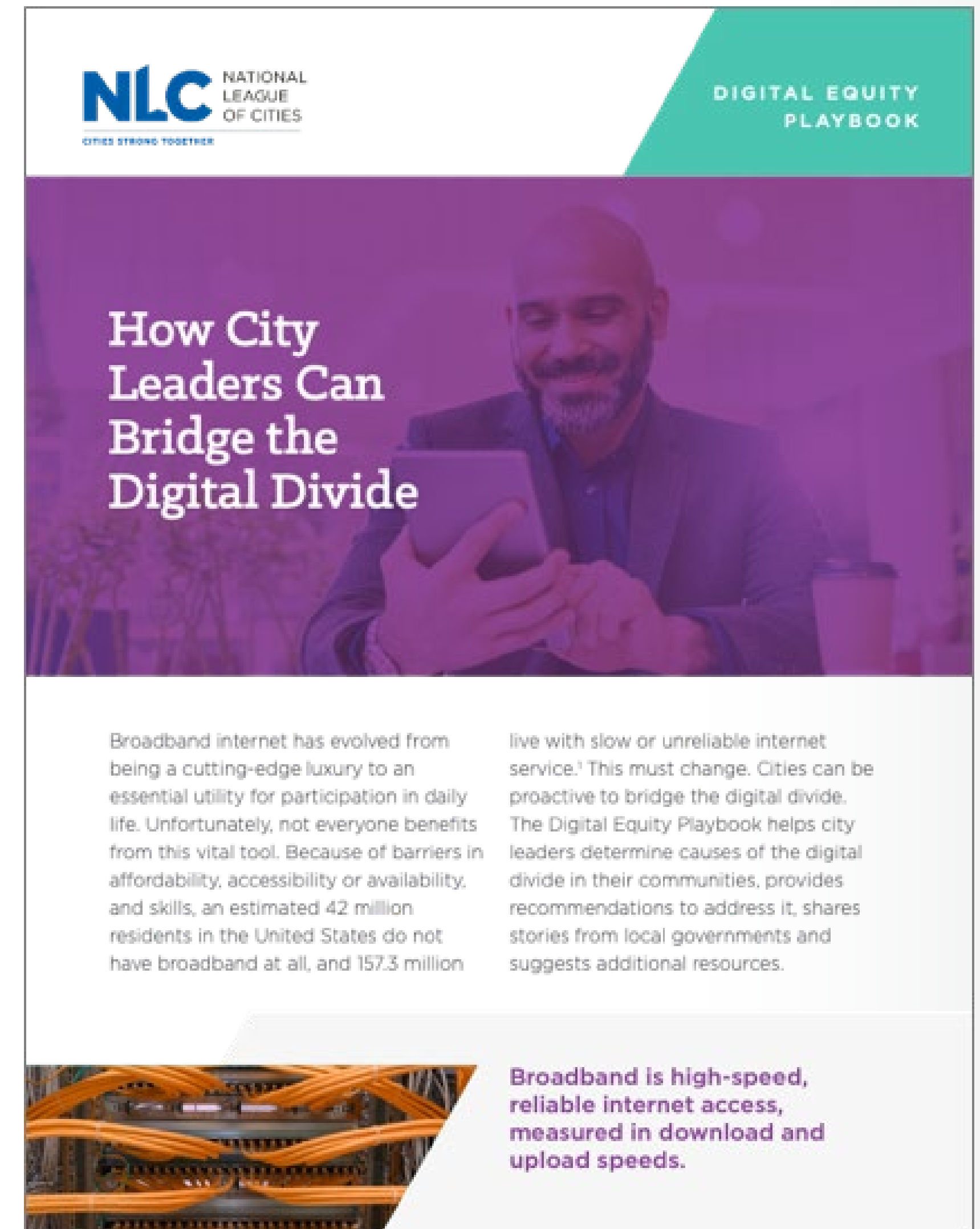
NLC's Digital Equity Playbook

- What are the indicators of digital inequity in your city?
- How can you develop a broadband plan?
- What kinds of broadband technologies or network models are best for your community?
- How can you work with partners to close the digital divide?
- What programs are most effective in connecting residents to broadband subscriptions, devices, and skills development?
- What resources are available to help you get started?

bit.ly/digitalequityplaybook

[Next webinar: Tuesday, May 24, 2-3PM ET](#)

[“Connecting Older Adults and All Ages to Broadband”](#)



QUESTIONS? GET IN TOUCH.

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