



Georgia Broadband Update

Broadband Funding Programs

All grants are administered by the Office of Planning & Budget, with GTA providing technical assistance.

American Rescue Plan Act

- Governor Kemp announced over \$400 million in State Fiscal Recovery Funds for broadband on February 1, 2022
- Over 175,000 locations
- Almost \$730 million invested when combined with matching funds
- Projects must be completed by December 31, 2026

American Rescue Plan

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARP; P.L. 117-2) was signed into law on March 11, 2021. It is the sixth COVID-19 relief bill enacted and provides approximately \$1.9 trillion in assistance. It includes fiscal relief funding for state and local governments, education, housing, food assistance, and additional grant programs.

According to current projections, the bill will result in at least **\$17.4 billion** to Georgia, including state and local governments and individual assistance. However, Georgia may receive more or less than the projected amount for any particular program.

The Office of Planning and Budget is the prime recipient of the State and Local Fiscal Relief Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Homeowners Assistance Fund, and Emergency Rental Assistance Program. Other funds made available through federal relief acts are directly allocated to other state and local entities.

Note: All allocation amounts are projections and are subject to change as new guidance is released. Funds have not yet been received from U.S. Treasury.

Click on the icons below to learn more about the current programs.



[State Fiscal Recovery](#)



[Local Fiscal Recovery](#)



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[Emergency Rental Assistance](#)

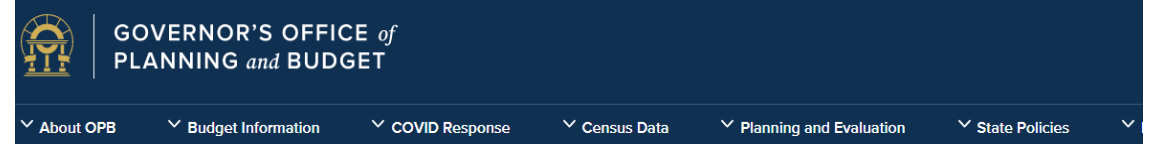


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Capital Projects Fund

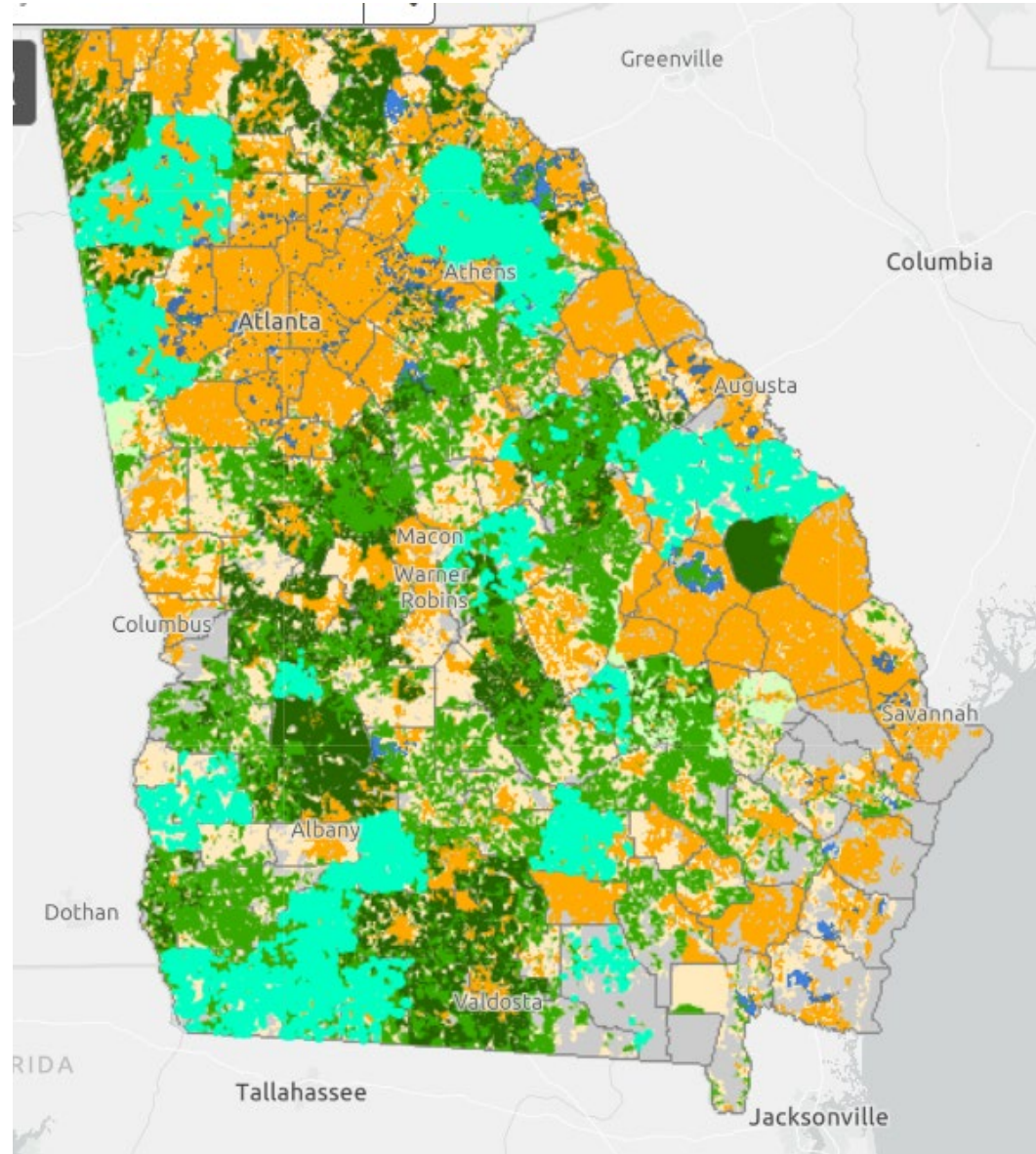
- Governor Kemp announced \$234 million in Capital Projects Funds for broadband infrastructure on January 4, 2023, and \$14.7 million on June 12, 2023
- Over 77,000 unserved locations
- Almost \$480 million invested when combined with matching funds
- Projects must be completed by December 31, 2026



Capital Projects Fund

The Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund (CCPF) will address many challenges laid bare by the pandemic, especially in rural America and low- and moderate-income communities, helping to ensure that all communities have access to the high-quality, modern infrastructure needed to thrive, including internet access.

Recent Broadband Awards



Current Broadband Funding Programs

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) Program

- \$42.45 billion to expand high-speed internet access by funding planning, infrastructure deployment, and adoption programs in all 50 states and territories
- Georgia Allotment: \$1,307,214,371.30
- BEAD Planning Funds: \$4,999,994.65

Current Broadband Funding Programs

Digital Equity Act

- The Digital Equity Act provides \$2.75 billion to establish three grant programs that promote digital equity and inclusion
- Digital Equity Planning Grant: \$1,429,212.96
- Additional funding to follow to create a digital equity capacity grant program

Preparing for BEAD and DE

- FCC Map Challenge
- Listening Sessions
- 5-Year Action Plan available at gta.ga.gov
- Preparing the state's Initial Proposal (grant plan) for BEAD
 - State Challenge Process
- Preparing the state's Digital Equity Plan

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