

## 3.2 Partnerships

**Table 5: Potential Partners**

**\*Note: OCIO interprets partners to mean an entity that we may engage as needed to help inform the program.**

Partners	Description of Current or Planned Role in Broadband Deployment and Adoption
American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) <sup>15</sup>	AARP may offer insight on efforts related to underrepresented communities.
Community Colleges	OCIO conducted town hall meetings at various community colleges throughout the state.
Community Colleges for Iowa <sup>16</sup>	Community Colleges for Iowa may offer insight on the educational and workforce landscape.
Education Superhighway <sup>17</sup>	OCIO may engage Education Superhighway to help spread awareness of and enrollment in the Affordable Connectivity Program. Additionally, OCIO may engage with Education Superhighway to work with eligible multi-unit facilities in the apartment wifi program.
Iowa Area Education Agencies (AEA) <sup>18</sup>	Iowa's AEAs may offer insight on the educational landscape in Iowa.
Iowa Association of Business and Industry (ABI) <sup>19</sup>	ABI may offer insight related to business and economic development initiatives.
Iowa Association of Chambers of Commerce (IACC) <sup>20</sup>	IACC may offer insight on economic development or workforce.
Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities (IAMU) <sup>21</sup>	IAMU may offer insight on local broadband initiatives, service, and workforce.
Iowa Attorney General Consumer Protection <sup>22</sup>	The Iowa Attorney General Community Protection Division may offer insight on consumer protection related to the challenge process.
Iowa Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW Local 55)	IBEW Local 55 may offer insight related to unions and workforce.

<sup>15</sup> <https://www.aarp.org/>

<sup>16</sup> <https://www.ccforiowa.org/>

<sup>17</sup> <https://www.educationsuperhighway.org/>

<sup>18</sup> <https://www.iowaaea.org/>

<sup>19</sup> <https://www.iowaabi.org/>

<sup>20</sup> <https://www.iowachamber.net/>

<sup>21</sup> <https://members.iamu.org/>

<sup>22</sup> <https://www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov/for-consumers>

Iowa Civil Rights Commission <sup>23</sup>	The Iowa Civil Rights Commission may inform local coordination efforts related to underrepresented communities.
Iowa Communications Alliance (ICA) <sup>24</sup>	ICA may offer insight on the broadband industry in Iowa.
Iowa Communications Network (ICN) <sup>25</sup>	ICN may offer insight on education, healthcare, workforce, and government initiatives.
Iowa Association of Councils of Government (ICOG) <sup>26</sup>	ICOG may offer insight to inform local coordination.
Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) <sup>27</sup>	IDALS may offer insight on climate and weather.
Iowa Department of Corrections (IDOC) <sup>28</sup>	IDOC may offer insight on workforce related to populations reentering the job market.
Iowa Department of Education (DOE) <sup>29</sup>	DOE may offer insight on education and workforce.
Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) <sup>30</sup>	DHHS may offer insight on existing broadband in healthcare related CAIs as well as solutions to meet the telehealth needs of the future.
Iowa Department of Human Rights (DHR) <sup>31</sup>	DHR may inform local coordination efforts related to underrepresented communities.
Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) <sup>32</sup>	DNR may assist in the coordination with and compliance of environmental requirements.
Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) <sup>33</sup>	DOT may assist with asset inventories related to public right of ways including roads and bridges.
Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs <sup>34</sup>	Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs may assist with workforce and education related information.
Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) <sup>35</sup>	IEDA may assist on information related to economic development, workforce, and broadband related initiatives.

<sup>23</sup> <https://icrc.iowa.gov/>

<sup>24</sup> <https://www.iacommunicationsall.org/>

<sup>25</sup> <https://icn.iowa.gov/>

<sup>26</sup> <https://www.iowacog.com/>

<sup>27</sup> <https://iowaagriculture.gov/>

<sup>28</sup> <https://doc.iowa.gov/>

<sup>29</sup> <https://educateiowa.gov/>

<sup>30</sup> <https://hhs.iowa.gov/home>

<sup>31</sup> <https://humanrights.iowa.gov/>

<sup>32</sup> <https://www.iowadnr.gov/>

<sup>33</sup> <https://iowadot.gov/>

<sup>34</sup> <https://dva.iowa.gov/>

<sup>35</sup> <https://www.iowaeda.com/>

Iowa Farm Bureau <sup>36</sup>	Iowa Farm Bureau may offer insight regarding agriculture and rural initiatives.
Iowa Farmers Union <sup>37</sup>	Iowa Farmers Union may offer insight regarding agriculture and rural initiatives.
Iowa Federation of Labor (AFL-CIO) <sup>38</sup>	Iowa Federation of Labor may offer insight on unions and workforce. Iowa has 740 labor unions.
Iowa Finance Authority (IFA) <sup>39</sup>	IFA may offer insight related to community development initiatives.
Iowa League of Cities <sup>40</sup>	Iowa League of Cities may assist with local coordination and local initiatives.
Iowa Nonprofit Alliance <sup>41</sup>	Iowa Nonprofit Alliance may offer insight on workforce, education, and local coordination initiatives.
Iowa Rural Development Council <sup>42</sup>	Iowa Rural Development Council may offer insight related to economic development and rural initiatives.
Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) <sup>43</sup>	ISAC may assist with local coordination initiatives.
Iowa State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) <sup>44</sup>	SHPO may assist in the coordination with and compliance of environmental and historical preservation requirements.
Iowa State University (ISU) <sup>45</sup>	ISU is one of Iowa's three state universities.
Iowa State University Extension and Outreach <sup>46</sup>	ISU Extension and Outreach may offer insight regarding education and research initiatives.
Iowa State University GIS Facility (ISU) <sup>47</sup>	ISU may conduct address data development and error checking.
Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) <sup>48</sup>	IUB may assist with understanding the current state of broadband including pricing structures and environmental concerns.
Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) <sup>49</sup>	IWD may assist with educational and workforce initiatives.

<sup>36</sup> <https://www.iowafarmbureau.com/>

<sup>37</sup> <https://iowafarmersunion.org/>

<sup>38</sup> <https://iowaaficio.org/>

<sup>39</sup> <https://www.iowafinance.com/>

<sup>40</sup> <https://iowaleague.org/>

<sup>41</sup> <https://iowanonprofitalliance.org/>

<sup>42</sup> <https://iowardc.org/>

<sup>43</sup> <https://www.iowacounties.org/>

<sup>44</sup> <https://www.iowaculture.gov/history/preservation>

<sup>45</sup> <https://www.iastate.edu>

<sup>46</sup> <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/vp/>

<sup>47</sup> <https://www.gis.iastate.edu/>

<sup>48</sup> <https://iub.iowa.gov/>

<sup>49</sup> <https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/>

Libraries	OCIO conducted town hall meetings at various libraries throughout the state.
Meskwaki Nation	The Meskwaki Nation may assist with local coordination efforts and informing broadband initiatives.
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) <sup>50</sup>	NAACP may inform local coordination efforts related to underrepresented communities.
Omaha Tribe <sup>51</sup>	The Omaha Tribe may assist with local coordination efforts and informing broadband initiatives.
One Iowa <sup>52</sup>	One Iowa may inform local coordination efforts related to underrepresented communities.
Pew Charitable Trusts <sup>53</sup>	Pew may assist with research or best practices related to broadband.
University of Iowa (UI) <sup>54</sup>	UI is one of Iowa's three state universities.
University of Iowa - Iowa Geological Survey (IGS) <sup>55</sup>	IGS may assist with geologic mapping and analysis utilizing their technical expertise.
University of Northern Iowa (UNI) <sup>56</sup>	UNI is one of Iowa's three state universities.
University of Northern Iowa's (UNI) Center for Social and Behavioral Research <sup>57</sup>	UNI will develop and administer a statewide survey to establish a baseline understanding of Iowan's attitudes and beliefs about broadband connectivity, affordability, digital devices, and digital skills. Additionally, UNI will conduct focus groups to further understand the digital landscape in Iowa.

<sup>50</sup> <https://naacp.org/>

<sup>51</sup> <https://www.omahatribe.com/>

<sup>52</sup> <https://oneiowa.org/>

<sup>53</sup> <https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/>

<sup>54</sup> <https://uiowa.edu/>

<sup>55</sup> <https://iowageologicalsurvey.uiowa.edu/>

<sup>56</sup> <https://uni.edu/>

<sup>57</sup> <https://csbr.uni.edu/>