3.2 Partnerships

CBO has several state partners. Table 5 provides a detailed list of partnerships.
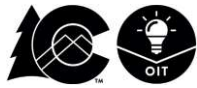
Table 5: CBO Partners

Partners	Description of Current or Planned Role in Broadband Deployment and Adoption
Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT)	CDOT is a key partner for broadband deployment in the state. CDOT has deployed hundreds of miles of fiber and leases fiber to both private industry partners and local governments for use in middle-mile networks. CDOT operates its own network for its Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) on fiber but leases excess fiber to partners. CDOT leases its Right of Way (ROW) for deployment of new fiber and/or conduit. In some cases, these projects result in public-private partnerships, in which CDOT receives new fiber assets in exchange for access to ROW.
Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE) - Office of the Future of Work (OFOW)	The CBO collaborates with the CDLE and the OFOW on workforce development plans and strategy, paid apprenticeship programs and digital equity projects. The OFOW is the lead office for digital literacy and inclusion coordination, research, and policy development and leads the Broadband Advisory Board Subcommittee (SDLI).
Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA)	The CBO partners with DOLA and local governments to coordinate funding for local planning, feasibility studies, broadband studies, middle mile grants and other activities.
Colorado Office of eHealth Innovation (OeHI)	In partnership with CBO, OeHI is leading the telehealth broadband grant to support Colorado healthcare providers and the Department of Corrections in expanding their services via telehealth through expanded broadband capacity and web-enabled technology. OeHI is working with OFOW on developing the Colorado Digital Access Plan. Lastly, along with the CBO and the Colorado State Library, OeHI is developing a telehealth access point pilot at rural libraries across the state.
Colorado Office of Economic Development	The CBO partners with OEDIT to promote broadband services to support rural economic development efforts and encourage

and International Trade (OEDIT)	broadband infrastructure investment through enterprise zone and opportunity zone tax incentives.
Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs (CCIA)	The CBO works with the CCIA to coordinate broadband plans and funding opportunities with the Tribes.
Colorado Hospital Association (CHA)	The CHA provides access and grant funding data regarding Colorado hospitals, including data regarding the FCC's Rural Healthcare Program. The CBO leverages the CHA network to communicate about broadband opportunities.
Tribal Nations	The Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe are the two federally-recognized Tribes in Colorado. The CBO partners with the Tribes to communicate about funding opportunities and support strategies.
Colorado State Library (CSL)	The CBO works with CSL on broadband deployment to rural libraries and to expand digital equity services to communities. Digital navigators have been deployed in communities and provide services at certain libraries across the state. CSL works with the OeHi and OFOW on workforce training in partnership with workforce centers.
Colorado Department of Corrections (DOC)	The CBO works with the DOC to identify resources to implement broadband in correctional facilities to support access to emergency services, healthcare and educational opportunities. Together, both agencies developed strategies for deploying infrastructure in facilities across Colorado. The CBO allocated federal funding to the DOC to assist with infrastructure and healthcare services.
Colorado Tourism Office (CTO)	The CBO worked with the CTO to develop strategies to fund integrated technology platforms in welcome centers and to assist with digital signage. The CBO will work with the CTO to establish an advisory group to review and rank Welcome Center Technology Platform solutions.
Colorado Department of Natural Resources (DNR)	The CBO works with DNR to develop and leverage broadband deployment projects at state parks to provide last mile connections in communities surrounding parks. Together, both agencies created long-term strategies that prioritize park facilities.
EducationSuperHighway (ESH)	The ESH is a national nonprofit with the mission to close the digital divide for the 18 million households that have access to

	the internet but cannot afford to connect. The CBO partners with ESH for research and best practices and for assistance with the Colorado-branded ACP enrollment campaign and toolkit.
Internet Service Providers (ISPs)	More than 130 ISPs serve Coloradans. The CBO works directly with ISPs to collect broadband availability data. Work includes collaborating with industry representatives to provide updates, facilitate open discussion, and gather feedback for use in CPF and BEAD plans, as well as other CBO activities. A number of providers have applied for and received grant funding through the state.
Councils of Governments (COGs) and Economic Development Districts	The CBO partners with 14 COGs and economic development districts. In some regions, the COG serves as the primary representative of communities and counties. In other regions, economic development districts play a more involved role in planning for a region. These entities work with the CBO to provide training, capacity building, broadband network operations, policy development, and grant writers for broadband programs.
Digital Equity Working Group - Coordinated by the Office of the Future of Work (OFW)	The Digital Equity Working Group (DEWG) is a team of stakeholders selected by the Digital Equity Team, led by the OFW, to help create Colorado's Digital Equity Plan. The DEWG created the vision and mission statement for the plan. The DEWG helped to develop the structure of Colorado's digital equity ecosystem, and are considering strategies for device distribution.
Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies - Public Utilities Commission (PUC)	The CBO works with the PUC on managing the Broadband Deployment Fund Enterprise. These funds are allocated to the CBO annually to provide funding for last mile grants to ISPs. The source for funding is through the high cost support mechanism program.
FirstNet	The CBO meets monthly with representatives from FirstNet and AT&T to learn about network progress and public safety availability for mobile broadband. The group seeks feedback from the CBO on legislation and policy development for FirstNet and public safety communications.
Construction and Communications Labor Unions	The CBO meets bi-weekly with representatives from the Communications Workers of America on labor and employment issues associated with large federal broadband investments. The

	CBO also meets with the Colorado Laborers LiUNA #720, Colorado Construction and Building and Trades Council, and the Northwest Regional Organizing Coalition. The CBO works with labor unions on policy development and best practices to develop standards for broadband grant programs.
Colorado Town, City, and County and Municipal Associations	The CBO works with Colorado Counties, Inc., the Colorado Municipal League and Special Districts Association, which are nonprofit organizations focused on information, education and legislative representation on behalf of local officials. The CBO works with partners on legislative proposals submitted to the General Assembly, stakeholder outreach on Federal and State initiatives and collaborates on regional events.
Joint Technology Committee (JTC)	The JTC is a committee of the General Assembly responsible for the oversight of the Governor's Office of Information Technology which includes the CBO. The JTC and CBO work together on legislation, policy, strategic priorities and funding to support the mission and goals of the agency.
Colorado Department of Education (CDE)	The CBO works with CDE on funding digital equity initiatives in schools across the state. This includes grants for devices, training, and hot spots for students who need them. The CBO collaborates with CDE on promoting the Affordable Connectivity Program to increase enrollment for underserved and marginalized populations.

3.3 Asset Inventory

The CBO has conducted a detailed review of assets available to implement the Five-Year Action Plan.

3.3.1 Broadband Deployment Assets

The State of Colorado has several assets to assist with increasing broadband access and connectivity for targeted populations to achieve the goals of the CBO.

Mapping & Data Analysis
The CBO operates with a dedicated GIS and data team responsible for gathering information from various sources, including state agencies, private industry, local governments, and utility providers. The primary objective is to collect comprehensive data to analyze the current state of broadband connectivity in Colorado. This involves integrating data from multiple sources to gain a complete understanding of the situation.