

Table 7: Current and Planned Contractor Support

Status	Time	Position	Description of Role
Current	FT	GIS Development & Support Specialist	Supports and maintains the Commonwealth's broadband mapping efforts.
Current	FT	Planning & Mapping Consulting	Consultant team engaged to provide staff augmentation and support in developing statewide plan and map through June 2024.
Planned	PT	Grant Compliance	Monitor programs for compliance with federal regulations

3.2 Partnerships

In order to reach the goal of connecting all Kentucky families and businesses to high-speed internet, the Office of Broadband Development will require collaboration and assistance from many partners and decision-makers to deploy broadband infrastructure. Table 8 below is a list of current or planned partnerships that will be necessary to successfully implement broadband funding programs. Additional partners will be identified throughout the implementation process.

Table 8: Partners

Partners	Description of Current or Planned Role in Broadband Deployment and Adoption
Area Development Districts	Kentucky's EDA-designated Economic Development Districts can assist with identifying capacity gaps in the digital infrastructure of their regions, act as a regional convener, and share information with the Office of Broadband Development. Provide connection to Area Agencies on Aging and local workforce boards.
Community Organizations	Provide a way to connect with residents, businesses, and institutions at the local level. Can assist with local engagement for infrastructure and digital equity planning. Includes Shaping Our Appalachian Region (SOAR), Center for Rural Development, community action agencies, LISC, UK Extension, United Ways, Goodwill, Urban League, and other non-profit agencies.

Education & Labor Cabinet	Leading State Digital Equity Plan and subsequent Capacity Building programs to encourage equity and adoption of broadband networks. Provides funding and oversight of workforce development programs and efforts.
Industry Associations	Provide input on programs and disseminate information. These partners include the Kentucky Rural Broadband Association and Kentucky Municipal Utility Association
Internet Service Providers	Internet providers are responsible for planning and constructing broadband networks. Will provide input and feedback on planning and implementation of funding programs.
Kentucky Communications Network Authority	Statewide middle mile fiber optic network with capacity to lease dark fiber to ISPs to expand broadband access
Kentucky Department for Local Government	Oversees complementary funding programs including ARC and DRA programs. Conducts Kentucky's intergovernmental review process.
Kentucky Emergency Wireless System	State Police owned network of communications towers with potential to lease tower space to ISPs
Kentucky Heritage Council	State Historic Preservation Office - provides coordination for environmental review process
Kentucky Infrastructure Authority	Provides support to Office of Broadband Development in administration of funding programs.
Kentucky Public Service Commission	Telecommunications division that intersects with ISPs on the telecom and cable side. Does not regulate broadband. Provides context on telecom/cable issues, intersection with ISPs, works closely with FCC.
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet	Access to thousands of miles of public right-of-way along state highways.
Local Governments	Local coordination to identify needs & gaps, obstacles & barriers, and participate in construction of infrastructure. In addition to direct outreach to local officials, the Office will share information with Kentucky Association of Counties and Kentucky League of Cities.