

Activity Name	Partners	Description	Funding
Ellensburg Fiber Extension and Fixed Wireless Broadband	City of Ellensburg Central Connect NoaNet	Connect two wells to its existing fiber network. The wells are located approximately 5 miles Northwest of Ellensburg City limits in rural Kittitas County. Both wells are located in census blocks that have no providers reporting fixed broadband services at 25/3 Mbps on FCC Form 477. This project would connect rural homes and farms to fiber broadband along the 5-mile route. There are approximately 30 households in these unserved census block service areas and approximately 708 households in the proposed service area. The households along the fiber run will have the ability to connect at 1 Gbps/1 Gbps and the households connected via wireless will have minimum speeds of 50/50 Mbps	\$1.3 million total, \$1 million in federal funded grant, with \$300,000 coming from St. John Telephone.

The success of government efforts depends on a broad coalition of partnerships to raise awareness of ongoing broadband programs and to keep Washingtonians involved. The WSBO has developed an extensive list of engaged partners with whom they work to understand community needs, received feedback from residents regarding broadband and digital equity needs, and have a direct line of communication to those impacted the most by limited broadband. Considering that broadband expansion will impact the lives of all Washingtonians, the list of partnerships outlined in **Table 8** is by no means exhaustive.

Table 8: WSBO's Existing and Planned Partnerships

Partner	Description of Current or Planned Role in Broadband Deployment and Adoption
Department of Children, Youth, and Families	Planning to consult on needs for underserved populations (as defined by HB 1723 state digital equity legislation)
Department of Corrections	Planning to consult on needs for underserved populations (as defined by HB 1723 state digital equity legislation)
Department of Health	Serving on the steering group for the BEAD Five-Year Action Plan and Digital Equity plan
Department of Social and Health Services	Serving on the steering group for the BEAD Five-Year Action Plan and Digital Equity plan
Department of Transportation	Serving on the steering group for the BEAD Five-Year Action Plan and Digital Equity plan; trusted partner for broadband deployment coordination and Dig-Once Policy roll-out
Digital Equity Forum	Created through state legislation to help advance digital equity throughout the state –members include tribal governments, state legislators, state agencies, underserved and unserved community members and organizations serving those communities

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Digital Equity Learning Network of Seattle & King County	Consulting on digital equity needs and leading practices
Digital Navigators	Helping Washingtonians navigate the internet through activities such as, signing up for the Affordable Connectivity Program (federal low-income internet assistance), connecting with government and community services, and acquiring digital literacy skills.
Equity in Education Coalition	Supporting community engagement, serving as a member of the Digital Equity Forum, serving on the steering group for the BEAD Five-Year Action plan and Digital Equity plan
Goodwill Connect	Helping Washingtonians by providing job seekers with access to Goodwill's free job training programs and career pathway services through an online learning portal
Health Care Authority	Supporting with understanding telehealth needs and potentially programs
National Digital Inclusion Alliance	Consulted in subject matter expert and advisory role
Office of Equity	Co-leading the Digital Equity Forum and serving on the steering group for the BEAD Five-Year Action plan and Digital Equity plan
Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction	Provides grants focused on digital equity and inclusion to educational institutions and supporting with understanding education needs and potentially programs
Poverty Reduction Work Group	Planning to consult on needs for underserved populations (as defined by HB 1723 state digital equity legislation)
State Board of Community and Technical Colleges	Supporting with engaging with educators on understanding workforce and education needs
Utilities and Transportation Commission	Serving on the steering group for the BEAD Five-Year Action plan and Digital Equity plan
Washington State Association of Counties	Consulting on broadband deployment and digital equity planning and coordinating state and county activities
Washington State Library SOS	Conducting a statewide digital skills assessment, supporting with outreach for community engagement
Washington Statewide Reentry Council	Planning to consult on needs for underserved populations (as defined by HB 1723 state digital equity legislation)
Washington State University Extension	Supporting the coordination of digital equity and broadband deployment planning
Washington Workforce Association	Supporting with understanding workforce and education needs and potentially programs