

# Five Year Action Plan

## State of Missouri

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| USDA - ReConnect Loan and Grant Program | Provides funds for the cost of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment needed to provide high-speed internet service in eligible rural areas. | \$149,966,244.00 | n/a – Federally administered program directly to providers |  |
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### 3.2 Partnerships

#### Partners

| Partners   | Description of Current or Planned Role in Broadband Deployment and Adoption   |
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| Regional Planning Commissions                          | 18 regional planning commissions assisted with in-person regional public engagement, regional reporting on assets, resources, and availability, and circulating correspondences from OBD to stakeholders in their region.   |
| University of Missouri System (including MU Extension) | Assisted with the BEAD and DEA planning process producing many final deliverables including; statewide broadband survey, focus groups, climate and weather study, asset mapping, data collection and analysis and other broadband related material. Extension promoted and provided in-person assistance for the FCC map challenge process and statewide broadband survey. Regional extension specialists joined our in-person regional public engagement meetings and compiled notes/data from these meetings. |
| Internet Service Providers (ISPs)                      | Missouri cable and telecommunications companies, electric cooperatives and service providers making broadband access available across the state. A full list in appendix B.   |
| State Librarian –public libraries                      | Promotion of and in-person assistance for the FCC Map challenge process and statewide broadband survey. Provides public access to Wi-Fi and devices, as well as digital skills trainings and lending of hot spots.  |

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| St. Louis County Library System                                     | Assist with in-person regional public engagement, regional reporting on assets, resources, and availability, and circulating correspondences from OBD to stakeholders in their region.  |
| MO Department of Economic Development (DED)                         | Missouri's Department of Economic Development houses the Office of Broadband Development and plays a crucial role in the planning process and decision making.  |
| MO Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development (DHEWD) | Missouri's Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development has been involved and will continue to be in workforce conversations and presented during our statewide workforce stakeholder call.   |
| MO Department of Transportation (MoDOT)                             | In support of federal and state investments in extending broadband infrastructure, the Missouri Department of Transportation provides their Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) which sets forth the specific construction projects MoDOT will undertake in the next five years. |
| MO Department of Agriculture (MDA)                                  | Agriculture plays a vital role in the economy in the state of Missouri, and the impact of broadband on the agricultural sector is significant. MDA has been involved and will continue to be in broadband conversations throughout the life of the BEAD program.                              |
| MO 811  | Utility locate company that will play an active role in the success of BEAD implementation. They have presented during a statewide ISP stakeholder call and made themselves available to assist ISPs and subcontractors during the locate process.  |
| Missouri Municipal League   | Non-profit representing municipal government and administration who have been actively involved in promoting and sharing information to cities, towns, and villages across the state.   |
| Missouri Association of Counties                                    | Non-profit providing assistance to member counties and have been actively involved in promoting and sharing information from OBD to county elected officials across the state.  |
| Advisory Council  | Will provide guidance and serve in an advisory capacity during OBD's planning process. Council members will contribute to the state's plan for BEAD and DEA. They will  |



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|  | also represent their geographic and professional communities and the interests of the public throughout the planning process.  |
| MO School Board Association                              | Missouri's school system plays an integral role in bridging the digital divide. It is also a means to teach school age children the digital skills necessary to thrive in the economy and a way to communicate with families across the state. |
| MO Farm Bureau   | Missouri Farm Bureau has been an active participant in stakeholder engagement meetings, hosting our statewide kick-off event, and a voice for rural Missourians throughout the planning process.   |
| MO Primary Care Association                              | MPCA serves vulnerable, hard to reach citizens and an advocate for telehealth access for its members across the state.   |
| Community Action Agencies                                | Community Action Agencies are a crucial part of underrepresented communities across the state. Several have been awarded Digital Demonstration Project grant funds and are working to bridge the digital divide.                               |
| Digital Equity and Inclusion Organizations               | Various organizations helping with digital skills training and education, affordability, devices, and other collaborative efforts with OBD.  |
| Communication Workers of America                         | CWA represents working people in the telecommunications industry and have been an active voice during our stakeholder engagement meetings.   |
| Missouri and local Chambers of Commerce                  | OBD will partner with Chambers of Commerce across the state to increase local stakeholder participation and outreach and inform local community members of broadband effort updates from OBD.  |
| United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)           | OBD will coordinate with the agency on their funding opportunities and OBD mapping efforts.  |
| Federal Communications Commission (FCC)                  | OBD will coordinate with the agency on their funding opportunities and OBD mapping efforts.  |
| Kansas City Federal Reserve<br>St. Louis Federal Reserve | Hosted multiple state digital equity workshops and conducted study on digital equity for MO.   |
| National Digital Inclusion Alliance (NDIA)               | Hosted state digital equity workshops to assist states in writing digital equity plans. Hosts bi-monthly cohort calls to allow states  |

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|                   | to share and collaborate ideas, issues, and thoughts around digital equity.  |
| MO citizens       | MO citizens play a crucial role in ensuring we <i>connect all Missourians</i> . OBD wants to hear from those who experience the challenges and barriers across the state. They were engaged during the FCC challenge process and will be able to participate in the state mapping challenge process to ensure their location is listed accurately on the availability map.   |
| Show Me Broadband | Missouri coalition that will monitor issues in communities and work to develop solutions, promote oversight and accountability of public funds for broadband, advise OBD on deployment and oversight, work with state legislators to identify and evaluation broadband legislation, and identify issues with federal programs while advocating for improvements. This coalition is funded by Pew/Benton Institute.   |
| MOREnet           | The Missouri Research and Education Network (MOREnet) is both a data network as well as a human network. They provide Internet connectivity, access to Internet2, technical services, resources and support, as well as technical training to Missouri's public sector entities, including K-12 schools, colleges and universities, public libraries, health care, government and other affiliated organizations.  |
| Show-Me ECHO      | Show-Me ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) is a state-funded telehealth project operated by the Missouri Telehealth Network at the University of Missouri School of Medicine. Show-Me ECHO uses videoconferencing to connect interdisciplinary teams of experts with primary care clinicians and other professionals. They collaborate in interactive case-based learning to develop advanced skills and best practices, which improves patient care access, quality and efficiency. |