

3.2 Partnerships

Figure 8, Table 5 below identifies BEA’s current partners with which it collaborates and coordinates on a regular basis. These partners have helped shape the information contained in this plan and will continue, through their agency activities, to support the implementation and outreach of this plan.

Partners	Description
Carroll County Communications District	BEA coordinates with Carroll County Communications District as it represents the interests of locally owned, community-based broadband providers, to understand their needs and concerns and partner with their member ISPs in broadband deployment.
CostQuest Associates	BEA collaborates with CostQuest Associates for access to a common data set of all residential and business locations (or structures) in New Hampshire where fixed broadband internet access service is or can be installed and is the foundational location database that supports the latest available data per the FCC Broadband Data Maps published December 31, 2022.
Digital Equity Research Center (DERC)	BEA coordinates with the Digital Equity Research Center (DERC) on community-based and participatory research to inform Digital Equity practice and policy at the local, state, and national levels.
Labor unions and workforce development organizations	BEA has begun to engage labor unions and workforce development organizations during the stakeholder engagement process and plans to further engage such groups during development of a workforce strategy that will help ensure an available and highly skilled workforce for broadband deployment.
Local Governments	BEA coordinates with local governments to increase local stakeholder participation and outreach. Local governments publicize broadband efforts, including opportunities for public input, so that the community is informed and can participate in the process.
National Collaborative for Digital Equity (NCDE)	BEA collaborates with the National Collaborative for Digital Equity (NCDE) to foster significant gains in access to digital tools and in educational and economic opportunity for low-and moderate-income learners of all ages.
New Hampshire Asset Advisory Council	BEA coordinates with Digital Equity’s Asset Advisory Council to identify Digital Equity related services/resources/programs. The Asset Advisory Council represents stakeholders who support the Covered Population.
New Hampshire Department of Corrections	BEA partners with the Department to understand and improve the state of broadband and/or device access for incarcerated individuals.
New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services	BEA coordinates with the Department to ensure that broadband deployment supports the Department’s mandate to regulate air, water, and ground resources in line with New Hampshire’s environmental laws.
New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services	BEA partners with the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services to understand the impact of broadband access for public health

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	programs and health facilities, as well as the impact of broadband access for the health of Covered Populations.
New Hampshire Department of Information Technology	BEA coordinates with the New Hampshire Department of Information Technology for information technology services, including enterprise services, technical, operational, infrastructure, security, web, and software development.
New Hampshire Department of Labor	BEA collaborates with the Department to understand how broadband deployment and digital opportunity can have an impact on the state's current workforce development plans, goals, and strategies.
New Hampshire Department of Transportation	BEA collaborates with the Department to streamline upcoming broadband deployment opportunities, including by working to establish right-of-way and dig-once policies.
New Hampshire Digital Equity Advisory Council	BEA collaborates with the New Hampshire Digital Equity Advisory Council to connect residents state-wide with access to high-speed internet, digital devices, training, services, and resources made possible through digital technology (e.g., telehealth, online educational resources, mobile banking, assistive technologies, on-line employment resources).
New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC)	BEA collaborates with the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative to bring broadband to their communities. NHEC is a member-owned electric distribution cooperative serving 85,000 homes and businesses in 115 New Hampshire communities. NHEC is a member-owned electric distribution cooperative serving 85,000 homes and businesses in 115 New Hampshire communities.
New Hampshire Granit	BEA partners with New Hampshire Granit for access to New Hampshire's geospatial data and resources for broadband mapping.
New Hampshire Natural Resources Conservation Services	BEA coordinates with the Department to ensure that broadband deployment supports Natural Resources Conservation Services mandate to administer New Hampshire's land and water resources.
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission	BEA partners with the Commission to better understand the public assets that could support broadband deployment.
New Hampshire State Library	BEA partners with the library system to develop digital equity initiatives including digital training for Covered Populations.
Consolidated Communications, Inc.	CCI was awarded ARPA funding to build out unserved locations.

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