



State Broadband Task Forces, Commissions, or Authorities

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With roughly 9 out of 10 adults in America using the internet, many consider it to be a necessity of modern life. Because access to the internet is unavailable or inadequate in parts of the country, states and the federal government are focusing on deploying broadband—the technologies that allow internet data to be transmitted at high speeds—as universally as possible.

More than half the states have active commissions, councils, task forces, offices etc. to help develop and promote broadband use. The advantage of creating a statewide broadband authority is that it can 1) provide input on the development of a statewide broadband framework and plan; 2) promote public-private sector participation; 3) develop a broadband map to determine unserved and underserved areas 4) administer and assist with funding programs and 5) assist with encouraging adoption, use and digital literacy.

At least 35 states have created a governance structure through statute.

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State:	Statutory Citation:	Governance Structure Name:	Notes:
Alabama	Ala. Code §41-23-210 <i>et seq.</i> Ala. Code §41-23-270 <i>et seq.</i>	Alabama Rural Broadband Oversight Committee Alabama Digital Expansion Authority	Administered by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs
Alaska	Not specified in statute		
Arizona	Not specified in statute		
Arkansas	Ark. Stat. Ann. §25-4-125	State Broadband Manager	Designated by the governor
California	Cal. Government Code §8885 <i>et seq.</i> Cal. Government Code §11549.50	California Broadband Council Office of Broadband and Digital Literacy Broadband Advisory Committee	Administered by the Department of Technology
Colorado	Colo. Rev. Stat. §24-37.5-119 Colo. Rev. Stat. §24-37.5-901 <i>et seq.</i>	Broadband Deployment Board Colorado Broadband Office	Administered by the Office of Information Technology Administered by the Office of Information Technology
Connecticut	Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-2a Public Act 21-159	Office of State Broadband Office of Policy and Management	Administered by the Office of Consumer Counsel Develop and maintain broadband map
Delaware	Not specified in statute		
District of Columbia	Not specified in statute		

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Florida	Fla. Stat. §288.9961 <i>et seq.</i>	Florida Office of Broadband	Administered by the Department of Economic Opportunity
Georgia	Ga. Code §50-40-1 <i>et seq.</i> Ga. Code §50-7-8	Georgia Technology Authority Georgia Broadband Deployment Initiative Georgia Broadband Ready Community Site Designation Program	Administered by the Department of Community Affairs And assisted by the Board of Economic Development
Guam	Not specified in statute		
Hawaii	2010 Act 199 2011 Act 151 2016 Act 23 Hawaii Rev. Stat. §440G-11.5 Hawaii Rev. Stat. §206S-1 <i>et seq.</i>	Broadband Assistance Advisory Council Director Hawaii Broadband and Digital Equity Office	Administered by the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism
Idaho	Idaho Code §33-5604 Idaho Code §67-4761	Education Opportunity Resource Committee Idaho Broadband Advisory Board	Administered by Department of Education Administered by the Department of Commerce
Illinois	Ill. Rev. Stat. ch. 220, §80/1 <i>et seq.</i>	Broadband Advisory Council	Administered by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

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Indiana	Ind. Code §4-4-38-0.1 <i>et seq.</i> Ind. Code §4-4-38.5-1 <i>et seq.</i> Ind. Code §4-4-41-1 <i>et seq.</i> Ind. Code §5-28-28.5-0.5 <i>et seq.</i>	Office of Community and Rural Affairs Broadband grants for rural areas Indiana Broadband Connectivity Program Broadband Ready Communities Development Center	Administered by the Office of Community and Rural Affairs Administered by the Office of Community and Rural Affairs Administered by the Office of Community and Rural Affairs
Iowa	Iowa Code §8B.3 Iowa Code §8B.4 Iowa Code §8B.9 Iowa Code §8B.11 Iowa Code §8D.1 <i>et seq.</i>	State Chief Information Officer Empower Rural Iowa Iowa Telecommunications and Technology Commission	Administered by state chief information officer Maintains the Iowa Communications Network
Kansas	2020 Executive Order 67	Office of Broadband Development	Administered by the Department of Commerce
Kentucky	Ky. Rev. Stat. §154.15-010 <i>et seq.</i> Ky. Rev. Stat. §224A.112 <i>et seq.</i>	KentuckyWired Broadband Deployment Fund	Administered by the Kentucky Communications Network Authority Administered by the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority
Louisiana	Executive Order 19-15 La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §3:311 <i>et seq.</i> La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §51:1361 <i>et seq.</i>	Broadband for Everyone Commission Office of Rural Development Office of Broadband and Connectivity	Administered by the Division of Administration Administered by the Division of Administration

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Maine	Me. Rev. Stat. Ann. tit. 35-A, §9201 <i>et seq.</i> Me. Rev. Stat. Ann. tit. 94-A, §9401 <i>et seq.</i>	ConnectMe Authority Maine Connectivity Authority	Administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development
Maryland	Md. Economic Development Code Ann. §13-501 <i>et seq.</i> Md. Housing & Community Development Code Ann. §6.5-101 <i>et seq.</i>	Maryland Rural Broadband Coordination Board Office of Statewide Broadband	Administered by the Rural Maryland Council
Massachusetts	Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 40J, §6B	Massachusetts Broadband Institute	Administered by the Massachusetts Technology Park Corporation
Michigan	Mich. Comp. Laws §484.3201 <i>et seq.</i> 2021 Executive Order 2	Michigan Broadband Development Authority Michigan High Speed Internet Office	Administered by the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity
Minnesota	Minn. Stat. §116J.39 <i>et seq.</i> 2019 Executive Order 19-10	Office of Broadband Development Governor's Task Force on Broadband	Administered by the Department of Employment and Economic Development
Mississippi	Not specified in statute		
Missouri	Mo. Rev. Stat. §620.2450 <i>et seq.</i>	Office of Broadband Development	Administered by the Department of Economic Development

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Montana	Mont. Code Ann. §90-1-601 <i>et seq.</i>	Broadband Infrastructure Deployment Program	Administered by the Department of Commerce
Nebraska	Neb. Rev. Stat. §86-166 Neb. Rev. Stat. §86-331 Neb. Rev. Stat. §86-1101 <i>et seq.</i>	Broadband Data Improvement Program State Broadband Coordinator Rural Broadband Task Force	Administered by the Public Service Commission Reports to the Nebraska Chief Information Officer Administered by the Nebraska Information Technology Commission
Nevada	Nev. Rev. Stat. §223.600 <i>et seq.</i> Nev. Rev. Stat. §408.55028	Office of Science, Innovation and Technology Telecommunications Advisory Council	Within the Office of the Governor Administered by the Office of Science, Innovation and Technology
New Hampshire	Not specified in statute		
New Jersey	2021 Chapter 161	Broadband Access Study Commission	Administered by the Board of Public Utilities
New Mexico	N.M. Stat. Ann. §9-27-6 N.M. Stat. Ann. §63-9J-1 <i>et seq.</i> N.M. Stat. Ann. §63-9K-1 <i>et seq.</i>	Department of Information Technology Office of Broadband Access and Expansion Connect New Mexico Council	Administered by the Department of Information Technology Administered by the Department of Information Technology
North Carolina		Broadband Infrastructure Office	Administered by the Department of Information Technology
North Dakota	Not specified in statute		
N. Mariana Islands	Not available		

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Ohio	Ohio Rev. Code Ann. §122.40 <i>et seq.</i>	Broadband Expansion Program Authority	Administered by the Development Services Agency
Oklahoma	Okla. Stat. tit. 17, §139.201 <i>et seq.</i>	Oklahoma Rural Broadband Expansion Council	Administered by the Department of Commerce
Oregon	Or. Rev. Stat. §285A.154 <i>et seq.</i> Or. Rev. Stat. §285A.166	Oregon Broadband Advisory Council Oregon Broadband Office	Administered by the Oregon Business Development Department
Pennsylvania	Pa. Cons. Stat. tit. 64, §6101 <i>et seq.</i>	Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority	
Puerto Rico	Not specified in statute		
Rhode Island	Not specified in statute		
A. Samoa	Not available		
South Carolina	Not specified in statute		
South Dakota	Not specified in statute		
Tennessee	Not specified in statute		

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Texas	Tex. Government Code Ann. §490H.001 <i>et seq.</i> Tex. Government Code Ann. §490I.0101 <i>et seq.</i>	Governor's Broadband Development Council Broadband Development Office	The office of the governor provides administrative support to the council Administered by the comptroller
Utah	Utah Code Ann. §63N-17-101 <i>et seq.</i> Utah Code Ann. §63N-17-202	Utah Broadband Center Broadband Advisory Council	Administered by the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity (GO Utah)
Vermont	Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 30, §201 <i>et seq.</i> Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 30, §8081 <i>et seq.</i>	Telecommunications and Connectivity Advisory Board Vermont Community Broadband Board	Administered by the Department of Public Service
Virginia	Va. Code §2.2-205.2 Va. Code §2.2-2699.3 <i>et seq.</i>	Commonwealth Broadband Chief Advisor Broadband Advisory Council	Within the Office of the Secretary of Commerce and Trade Staff to the Council shall be provided by the secretary of Commerce and Trade. The Division of Legislative Services shall provide additional staff support to legislative members serving on the Council.
U.S. Virgin Islands	Not specified in statute		

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Washington	Wash. Rev. Code §43.330.421 Wash. Rev. Code §43.330.530 <i>et seq.</i>	Advisory group on digital inclusion and technology planning Broadband Office	Administered by the Department of Commerce
West Virginia	W. Va. Code §31G-1-1 <i>et seq.</i> W. Va. Code §31G-1A-1 <i>et seq.</i>	Broadband Enhancement Council Office of Broadband	Administered by the Department of Commerce Administered by the Department of Economic Development
Wisconsin	2020 Executive Order 80	Wisconsin Broadband Office Governor's Task Force on Broadband Access	Administered by the Public Service Commission
Wyoming	Wyo. Stat. §9-12-1501 <i>et seq.</i>	Broadband Advisory Council	Administered by the Wyoming Business Council

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- Broadband 2021 Legislation
- Broadband 2020 Legislation
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