Digital Connectivity Technology Program

A Capital Projects Fund Program

Program Background

The U.S. Department of Treasury awarded \$279 million to Pennsylvania for critical capital projects. In June 2022, the Pennsylvania General Assembly appropriated this funding to the Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority (PBDA), which is using the funds to establish grant programs that identify eligible projects that meet program guidelines and federal requirements.

The <u>CPF-Digital Connectivity Technology</u>
<u>Program (Technology)</u> is one of the three funding programs created by PBDA to help deploy these funds in communities across Pennsylvania.



Program Overview

The purpose of the program is to increase access to technology devices where affordability has been identified as a barrier to broadband adoption and use.

PBDA identified \$20 million to acquire laptops, which will be disseminated to approved applicants for the purpose of increasing access to the devices needed to increase access to digital literacy and skills training.

Grant awards also included a four-year factory warranty, accidental damage warranty, and shipping and handling to the grantee.

PBDA conducted two rounds of the Technology Program.

More details about the program requirements can be found in the Program Guidelines.

Contact and More Information

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More information on selected projects is available via the <u>Round One</u> and <u>Round Two</u> approval lists.

Overview of Projects

Round 1



10,247 laptops deployed



117 projects awarded



Across 42 counties

Round 2



5,739 laptops deployed



5/ projects awarded



Across 28 counties and 2 statewide projects