



STATE OF ARIZONA CAPITAL PROJECTS

Performance Report

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The public health emergency created by the Covid-19 pandemic highlighted the critical need for access to high-speed internet infrastructure and community spaces for virtual work, learning, and health monitoring. In response, the American Rescue Plan's Capital Projects Fund (CPF) provided \$10 billion to help States "to carry out critical capital projects directly enabling work, education, and health monitoring, including remote options."

The State of Arizona was allocated \$190,220,002 for projects that addressed communities' critical needs with an emphasis on investing in high-quality broadband and connectivity infrastructure. Through the John McCain Library project (\$83,000,000.00) and the Arizona Broadband Development Grant (ABDG) program (\$104,343,119.00), the State of Arizona aims to accomplish Governor Katie Hobbs's "Arizona for Everyone" philosophy by creating better access to high speed internet through broadband connectivity along with building community space where Arizonans can utilize connectivity services to access education, employment and health services.

The John S. McCain III Library and Archives is the anchor of a larger planned multi-purpose facility, the John McCain Leadership Center, that will provide Arizonans a place to learn, work, and gain important access to health monitoring. Inclusive programs will be offered to underserved communities and will increase community access to safe and secure broadband connectivity. This community hub will play a key role in eliminating the digital divide in community-based support and infrastructure by addressing the education, employment, and health needs of our community. The investment of facilities, digital equipment, and broadband infrastructure through the library will serve as a catalyst for our community, both now and into the future, positively impacting the lives of multiple generations of Arizonans.

The Arizona Broadband Development Grant (ABDG) is a competitive grant program designed to help Arizona communities establish and accelerate the enhancement of broadband infrastructure. This will strengthen the capacity of Arizona communities and their competitiveness for economic growth. Ultimately, this will improve economic conditions and quality of life in Arizona, including rural and urban areas. The ABDG program provides grants to qualifying broadband projects that will enhance the connectivity for Arizona's citizens, businesses, healthcare institutions, government establishments, and education sectors. This significant investment will contribute to bridging the digital divide and bring to life Governor Hobbs's "ConnectAllAZ" initiative.



THE JOHN S. MCCAIN III LIBRARY

Program Information

| Approved Program Plan Number | CPF_GP-000277 |
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| Status | Approved |
| Program Start Date | September 1,2022 |
| Program End Date | December 31, 2026 |
| Actual CPF Funds Allocated to the Program | \$83,000,000.00 |
| Project Use Code | 1C - Multi-Purpose Community Facility Projects |

Uses of Funds

The State of Arizona and the Arizona Board of Regents are investing \$83 million of the Capital Projects Fund (CPF) in the construction of the John S. McCain II Library and Archives, part of a larger planned multi-purpose facility in Phoenix, AZ. The Library will provide Arizonans a place to learn, work and gain important access to health monitoring.

The John S. McCain III Library and Archives project is utilizing CPF for initial project costs, architectural and engineering services, site remediation items, pre-construction costs which include programming and exhibit design, and formal construction of the library.

Arizona State University (ASU) has been tasked with the administration of the project. As of June 30, 2024, ASU has deployed \$147,745.30 of grant funding and reports \$56,680.00 in encumbered purchase orders outstanding associated with project architectural renderings and initial site archeological surveys. ASU expects to issue a Request for Quotations (RFQ) for architectural plans in July 2024. After archeological surveys are completed in the late summer, ASU will issue purchase orders for site remediation, relocation of existing Community Services Building occupants, and demolition of the Community Services Building prior to the start of construction services on the Library and Archives. The material portion of the project grant funds will be utilized on direct construction activities.

Key milestones of activities performed during this reporting period:

- Award of CPF grant and announcement of the Library and Archives project
- Initial project scoping and architectural renderings
- Archeological surveys to review site historical records and perform site surveys
- RFQ was issued for a museum consultant, and design and architecture services

Upcoming activities scheduled to be performed:

- Consultation services to ensure compliance with Arizona Board of Regents Tribal Consultation Policy (1-118), Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and U.S. Forest Service
- Pre-construction services including programming, design (including exhibits) and bidding
- Site remediation prior to the start of construction which include relocation of existing Community Services Building tenants, hazardous materials abatement services and demolition of the existing facility
- Construction services



Promoting Equitable Outcomes

The Library will offer inclusive programs to underserved communities as well as increase community access to safe and secure broadband connectivity. This community anchor institution is essential to successfully mitigate and combat the negative impacts (economic, social, and educational) of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Library will play a key role in eliminating the digital divide in community-based support and infrastructure by addressing the education, employment, and health needs of our community resulting in enhanced educational opportunities and economic prosperity.

To establish the needs of local underserved communities, the McCain Institute examined the demographics of the area where the Library is being constructed and identified traditionally economically disadvantaged communities that would directly benefit from access to the public space. Adjacent to the property is the Salt River-Pima Indian Community, and the Tribal leaders were consulted on the needs for this facility and how it could include and impact programs important to their members. The Arizona Department of Housing also provided housing and demographic information to support the justification for this need.

The Library will transform into a "resilience hub" by offering resources for the community to practice telehealth and research various physical or behavioral health needs through internet and broadband infrastructure within the library and community center. Critical resources and opportunities such as telemedicine appointments, health screenings, personal health education and monitoring will be offered providing access to underserved populations in Arizona. By partnering with ASU Counseling Services, mental health guidance will be distributed to community members while taking advantage of its location to foster outdoor activity including hikes and walks focused on health and wellness. The campus will also offer educational sessions at the library, open to the public, on a range of physical and behavioral health programs.

The Library will use its facilities and convening authority to host job fairs, employment training programs, and skills development training classes to build confidence, give access and facilitate employment opportunities for the community.

These facilities will be open to the public allowing the community access to programming. Preliminary design specifications include 12-15 computer labs, two multi-purpose facilities, a telemedicine room and an auditorium/large meeting space.

In the Senator's memory, the library and community center will be a location for all Arizonans to access safe and high-speed internet service, learning resources and an abundance of academic and professional activities – all essential resources in today's economy for all Arizonans.

Labor

The Owner, the Construction Manager at Risk, and each subcontractor will include small businesses and disadvantaged business enterprises in the construction of the projects. ASU is committed to the development of Small Business (SB) and Small Disadvantaged Business (SDB) Contractors. If subcontracting (Tier 2 and higher) is necessary, the proposer (Tier 1) will make every effort to use SB and SDB



effort to use SB and SDB in the performance of any contract resulting from this proposal. A report may be required at each annual anniversary date and at the completion of the contract indicating the extent of SB and SDB participation.

A Disadvantaged Business is a business that meets either the Arizona or Federal Small Business definition or is a Woman-Owned Business Enterprise (WBE), or Minority-Owned Business Enterprise (MBE), or Disadvantaged/Disabled-Owned Business Enterprise (DBE).

ASU ensures in construction billings that the Construction Manager at Risk and any subcontractors are complying with federal labor standards and are including adequate supporting documentation to ensure that evidence of compliance of fair wages are properly supported.

Community Engagement



Arizona State University sought feedback from stakeholders from all corners of the State and will incorporate the feedback into the design of the Library to ensure that the project celebrates Arizona's history and its leaders. Stakeholder feedback will be a critical design component to ensure that the multi-purpose facility will be a place for Arizonans to have access to work training, educational programs and health monitoring locations, all located in one of the most diverse locations in the state.

During stakeholder feedback sessions, a high degree of community engagement was sought, helping to ensure that the facility would address the critical lack of dependable, community-based support and infrastructure necessary to serve the needs of Arizonans, especially during the ongoing recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Stakeholder feedback emphasized the importance of the project to serve as a catalyst for the community, positively impacting the lives of multiple generations of Arizonans, and bridging the gaps in bringing resources from the private and public sectors to support communities with critical needs.

Arizona also sought input from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community through their Tribal leadership. The input and insights of the Tribal leaders are critical in ensuring that the Library meets the needs of the entire community, especially Arizona's Tribal population. Tribal leadership will be consulted regarding any Native American artifacts that are found on-site.

The proposed site of the Library is accessible via public transportation and will be constructed within a diverse community. The library will carry the namesake of Senator John S. McCain III and will embody his values of democracy, public service, freedom and community building. ASU has been working closely with the McCain Institute Foundation and state and local officials to assess and evaluate the impact of the projects on the ability to enable work, education and health monitoring for communities of critical need. Additionally, business groups and community leaders have been consulted to gather their input and insights into the growing employment opportunities and other needs in the area. Business organizations included educational consulting groups, developers, technology companies, and local businesses and health care providers.

Lastly, ASU capital projects require Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) and Joint Committee on Capital Review (JCCR) approvals as part of the public review process.

Civil Rights Compliance

ASU is the blueprint for the New American University, a catalyst for social transformation, entrepreneurship and research that addresses society's biggest challenges. ASU is fundamentally committed to leadership to enable academic excellence and accessibility at scale, establishing national standing in academic quality and impact of colleges and schools in every field, becoming the leading global center for interdisciplinary research, discovery and development by 2029, and enhancing local impacts and social embeddedness in every initiate that it pursues. More recently, ASU has committed itself to the design and launch of ASU Health as a comprehensive cluster of teaching, learning and discovery health systems for the enhancement of social-scale health outcomes.

Additionally, ASU is a proud Hispanic Serving institution, having been recognized as such by the U.S. Department of Education in 2022. The recognition reflects ASU's efforts to more holistically serve its community through a range of financial and academic support programs for current ASU students, K-12 outreach programs that strengthen the pipeline to college and resources for the broader community. In Fall 2023, total Hispanic/Latino student enrollment surpassed 32,000 students and 7,330

ASU CHARTER

ASU is a comprehensive public research university, measured not by whom it excludes, but by whom it includes and how they succeed; advancing research and discovery of public value; and assuming fundamental responsibility for the economic, social, cultural and overall health of the communities it services.

Hispanic/Latino students were awarded degrees in academic year 2022-2023. ASU is proud that 50 percent of Hispanic/Latino undergraduates are first generation college students, among a peer group where 33 percent of all undergraduates are first generation students.

Arizona State University has been named a 'best buy' for excellence and value by the Fiske Guide to Colleges and offers over \$750 million in institutional scholarships and nearly \$1 billion in student aid including Pell Grants each year to its student population to ensure that financial constraints are not a barrier to higher education attainment.

ASU will ensure that all documentation requirements and requests in accordance with 31 CFR part 22, Department of Justice (DOJ) regulations, Coordination of Non-discrimination in Federally Assisted Programs, 28 CFR part 42 are addressed for program compliance purposes. ASU understands and will comply with any U.S. Treasury requests regarding data requests for postaward compliance reviews, including items such as narratives describing Title VI compliance status or other relevant disclosures.



THE ARIZONA BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM

Program Information

| Approved Program Plan Number | CPF_GP-000049 |
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| Status | Approved |
| Program Start Date | January 3,2022 |
| Program End Date | December 31, 2026 |
| Actual CPF Funds Allocated to the Program | \$104,343,119.00 |
| Project Use Code | 1A - Broadband Infrastructure Projects |

Uses of Funds



The State of Arizona was strategic and collaborative

in designing the \$99,360,039 ABDG Program. \$69,043,437 has been allocated toward projects in rural areas with an additional \$18,638,667 allocated toward projects in urban areas. As of June 30, 2024, \$11,677,935 is pending allocation to qualifying projects. \$4,983,080 has been budgeted for administrative costs.

The ABDG program was designed to benefit both rural and urban households focused on unserved and underserved communities, affordability of the offered service, and higher internet speed. These factors will be used in data collection to evaluate the success of the projects. The prioritization of funding toward rural areas of the state put Arizona in a prime position to have high-quality broadband and connectivity infrastructure to connect with households more efficiently when last-mile infrastructure becomes available under the Broadband, Equity, Access, and Development (BEAD) program funding, other federal programs, state and local government programs, and private investments.

The ABDG program is administered by the State Broadband Office within the Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA). The grant is broken out into two categories including rural broadband infrastructure and urban broadband infrastructure: (i) Rural infrastructure construction, which includes projects in Apache, Cochise, Coconino, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, La Paz, Mohave, Navajo, Pinal, Santa Cruz, Yavapai and Yuma counties and (ii) Urban infrastructure construction in Maricopa and Pima counties. The ABDG-Rural and ABDG-Urban programs have a shared goal of improving internet service in Arizona, aiming to provide download/upload speeds of 100 megabits per second (Mbps) / 100 Mbps ("100/100" Mbps) with the minimum acceptable down symmetrical speeds of 100 Mbps to households and businesses across the State. The coverage of the ABDG program will extend to nearly 3,000 miles of fiber network once completed, expecting to benefit over 711,000 residents, 113 different communities, and 563 Community Anchor Institutions (CAIs).

ABDG comprises 17 projects whose focus is on the advancement of broadband and connectivity infrastructure. Of the 17 projects, 10 are in rural areas (R) and 7 projects are in urban areas (U). Descriptions of each ABDG project and their relevant information can be found in the Project Inventory.

Financial Report and Activity Report:

To comply with the Program, subrecipients are required to submit a monthly Financial Report and a quarterly Activity Report to the ACA for review. The monthly Financial Report serves as a reimbursement request submitted by the subrecipient, providing detailed information on financial spending and matching amounts. They also provide a breakdown of the financial activities undertaken during the month, allowing for accurate tracking and analysis of the project's financial progress. Each subrecipient includes, in the Financial Report, a Grant Management System (GMS) Report and Payment Reimbursement Package. A GMS report is a component of the Financial Report, in which the subrecipient accesses through the GMS to request reimbursement and submit monthly expenses. Additionally, the Payment Reimbursement Package is the supporting documentation to the GMS report for reviewing purposes. The relevant data elements include the reporting period, costs incurred, match amounts, and any supporting documentation.

Subrecipients are also required to submit a quarterly Activity Report, which provides information on their performance over the reporting period. This report includes details on the activities implemented during the quarter, key milestones achieved, outputs produced, benefits of the project, notable challenges, and other relevant information. The quarterly Activity Report offers a comprehensive overview of the subrecipients' progress and helps assess the effectiveness and impact of the project.

Below are the key milestones of activities performed during this reporting period:

- ACA has disbursed grant funds to subrecipients, allowing them to fund and initiate their broadband infrastructure improvement projects.
- ACA is tracking subrecipients' progress in implementing activities to improve broadband infrastructure and conducted a risk assessment over all subrecipients.
- ACA is collecting relevant data from subrecipients to capture the progress made during the reporting period, including the number of households or businesses benefiting from improved broadband, areas of network expansion, and any challenges or obstacles encountered.
- ACA reviews the GMS Reports and Payment Reimbursement Packages provided by the subrecipients to ensure compliance with the Grant Agreement and CPF guidelines.

During the next reporting period, below are the anticipated activities to be performed:

- Subrecipients will begin executing projects and building out broadband infrastructure in accordance with their approved application.
- ACA will monitor subrecipients' performance to assess each project's compliance with the grant agreement and CPF guidelines.
- ACA will implement Office Hours and additional Training Guides to aid subrecipients in the payment reimbursement process.
- ACA will publish a public-facing dashboard for stakeholders to learn more about the project components, impact, and other relevant information.



In conjunction with the ABDG Program funded by CPF, the ACA is also utilizing State Digital Equity Planning and BEAD Planning funds to reach communities across Arizona. Through the facilitation of virtual webinars, in-person listening sessions, electronic and paper surveys, and general outreach, the ACA has been able to engage with rural, urban, tribal, and suburban communities to maximize the use of the infrastructure investment made with CPF funds.

Arizona's prioritization of funding toward rural areas of the state puts communities in a prime position to invest in high-quality broadband and connectivity infrastructure to connect with households more efficiently when last-mile infrastructure became available under the BEAD program funding.

PROMOTING EQUITABLE OUTCOMES

The Treasury encourages funds to be used in a way that promotes strong, equitable growth, including racial equity, in communities with critical needs such as high-poverty and rural areas, aligning with the objectives of the Executive Order 13985 (Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government) signed by U.S. President Joseph Biden on January 20, 2021.

The focus is on achieving equity for historically underserved and marginalized populations, including people of color who have been adversely affected by poverty and inequality.

The ABDG program supports projects that are in the process of enhancing internet connectivity in Arizona and delivering balanced speeds of 100/100 Mbps to households and businesses throughout the state. The Arizona Commerce Authority is working with subrecipients to achieve the goal of high-quality broadband and connectivity infrastructure, building approximately 3,000 miles of fiber network. This extensive network expansion is expected to bring considerable benefits to a wide range of stakeholders, including over 711,000 residents, spanning across 113 diverse communities, as well as 563 Community Anchor Institutions (CAIs).

The State of Arizona is home to 22 federally recognized Native American tribes covering over 19,000,000 acres, accounting for one quarter of the state. The largest of these tribes is the Navajo Nation, with a population of more than 100,000. According to the National Broadband Map, less than 4% of those residing on Navajo land have access to reliable broadband. In addition to providing broadband access across Tribal lands, the ACA recognizes that Arizona's rural communities do not have equitable access to affordable and reliable high-speed internet. In 2020, 99% of residents in Maricopa, Arizona's largest County, had access to broadband. In contrast, rural counties, such as La Paz and Greenlee, had only 50% access to broadband, and Apache County's population had less than 30% access. With this Program, Arizona's rural communities are no longer being left behind, as they are being provided with critical high-speed internet infrastructure.

The State of Arizona is also working towards Volume II approval of the BEAD program and has released its approved and accepted Digital Equity Plan. While the ABDG Program is designed to provide significantly stronger speeds to all regions in the geographically diverse state, Arizona is focused on investments to bridge the digital divide for underserved and unserved communities by further leveraging these additional funding sources.

These efforts are meticulously designed to not only promote but also measure equity throughout the duration of the program, especially catering to historically underserved, marginalized, or adversely affected groups.

The following is a detailed extension of the efforts and activities aimed at fostering equitable outcomes.

Objectives

The CPF Program explicitly identifies communities with critical needs through a lens that recognizes the historical underrepresentation and marginalization of certain groups - including those in rural areas and high-poverty zones. The ACA has defined "critical need" as the lack of access to high-speed, reliable internet connectivity, a gap that disproportionately affects rural communities, minority populations, and areas with elevated poverty levels. The capital assets funded by the CPF, such as broadband infrastructure, are directly aimed at addressing these disparities by enhancing connectivity in underserved regions of Arizona. This includes targeting the broadband desert regions and ensuring that the digital divide is narrowed, if not entirely bridged, for these communities.

Awareness

The ACA has implemented a multi-faceted approach to ensure equal and effective awareness of the CPF-funded services among all communities, particularly the targeted groups. This strategy encompasses utilizing a mix of traditional and digital communication channels, community engagement sessions, partnerships with local organizations, and outreach initiatives specifically tailored to reach the farthest and most isolated communities. The aim is not only to promote awareness but also to make the application and participation processes as accessible and user-friendly as possible. By doing so, the ACA's communication efforts will help households, businesses, and other organizations within these communities have the ability to learn about and benefit from the services funded by the CPF.

Outcomes

To gauge the progress made towards addressing the identified critical needs within targeted communities, the ACA employs both qualitative and quantitative measures. These include conducting surveys, interviews, and leveraging data analytics to monitor the expansion of broadband access and its impacts. The ACA periodically reviews the reach of the program in terms of miles of fiber laid, number of new connections made (disaggregated by race, ethnicity, and geography), and improvements in internet speed and reliability in previously underserved areas.

Furthermore, the ACA is committed to disaggregating data to understand the nuanced progress across different equity dimensions, ensuring that the program's impact is equitable and inclusive.

Methods, such as feedback sessions and surveys with communities and stakeholders benefiting from the ABDG program, such as educational and healthcare institutions, is one of the few methods the ACA is implementing to provide additional insights into how ABDG projects are driving impacts and outcomes. Additionally, quantitative data and assessments, such as those being used to develop a public-facing dashboard, will be leveraged to inform stakeholders about ABDG projects their community will benefit from.

The ACA's efforts to promote equity through the CPF Program are embedded in every stage of the program - from defining objectives that consider communities with critical needs to ensuring awareness and measuring outcomes that demonstrate progress toward achieving equitable access to critical services.

Labor

The ACA places significant importance on the establishment and enforcement of robust labor standards to facilitate the efficient and effective execution of infrastructure projects of exceptional quality. Guided by this commitment, ACA adheres diligently to the principles outlined in the Davis-Bacon Act, which mandates the payment of locally prevailing wages to laborers engaged in construction endeavors funded by federal sources. Through the rigorous implementation of this act, ACA ensures that workers receive equitable compensation for their contributions while concurrently fostering economic recovery by promoting an extensive range of employment opportunities.

The incorporation of the Davis-Bacon Act into ACA's operational framework serves a multiplicity of purposes, including the cultivation of economic resilience through the provision of equitable remuneration to workers partaking in infrastructure projects financed by ACA. This approach not only serves as an impetus for supporting workers and their families but also ignites the engine of job growth and galvanizes the resuscitation of local economies prevalent throughout the vast expanse of Arizona. Consequently, the enforcement of these labor standards inherently instills a sense of financial well-being, triggering a potential domino effect of prosperity within communities of interest.

ACA's dedication to upholding labor standards, exemplified by its commitment to the tenets protected in the Davis-Bacon Act, further promotes the equitable compensation of workers.

Additionally, it enables the fostering of a highly motivated workforce, thereby contributing to heightened levels of productivity and the longevity of infrastructure projects supported by ACA. By centering labor standards within its operations, ACA plays a role in assisting with economic recovery through the creation of employment opportunities, whilst encouraging the delivery of infrastructure projects throughout Arizona.

Community Engagement

The objective of the Arizona Broadband Development Grant (ABDG)

is to provide affordable and reliable high-speed internet access to rural areas of Arizona, with a specific focus on historically underserved Tribal communities. For the Program, ACA conducted listening sessions and roundtables to gather feedback from stakeholders in the project areas, including rural communities and organizations representing covered populations such as veterans, seniors, persons with disabilities, and individuals who have been incarcerated. To help achieve their goals of closing the digital divide, ACA recognizes the critical role of stakeholder engagement and coordinates sector roundtables with key stakeholder groups, such as industry and telecom, workforce and economic development, local governments, Tribal nations, community-based organizations, and state agencies. Additionally, ACA utilized various communication channels, including a detailed website, newsletters, and social media outreach, to promote community awareness of the program and engage traditionally harder-to-reach populations. Moreover, ACA is in the process of developing a public-facing dashboard for stakeholders to learn more about the projects, project status, what the projects entail, and the positive impacts the projects will bring to the communities.

The ACA held outreach sessions with stakeholders, including webinars and in-person meetings with state and local government entities, to share information on broadband infrastructure projects. To sustain community engagement efforts, the State Broadband Office under the ACA plans to administer surveys through local governments and internet service providers and host roundtable discussions with the League of Arizona Cities and Towns. These efforts aim to ensure participation, collaboration, and the generation of innovative ideas to effectively administer broadband investments. Additionally, the State of Arizona established the Broadband Advisory Council, which was created to bring together leaders from across the State's broadband industry to ensure equitable access to high-speed internet and improve quality of life for all Arizonans. They also collaborated with the Digital Equity Institute to conduct regional listening sessions and gather data for the Digital Equity plan. This comprehensive stakeholder engagement and partnership with various agencies, including Tribal Nations, demonstrates the ACA's commitment to achieving the goals of the ABDG program and advancing digital equity in Arizona.

Civil Rights Compliance

In compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act

as it relates to the administration of the Capital Projects Fund (CPF) Program, the Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA) acknowledges the importance of close collaboration with subrecipients. The ACA's strategy involves comprehensive engagement and support for subrecipients to ensure that all aspects of the program, from planning to implementation, adhere to the principles of non-discrimination and equitable access.

Here's how the ACA plans to work with subrecipients to gather essential information for Title VI compliance:

Developing and Submitting Title VI Compliance Narratives

The ACA intends to develop comprehensive narratives describing the current status of Title VI compliance within the CPF. These narratives will detail the specific actions taken to prevent discrimination and to promote equitable access to the benefits of the program. This will include descriptions of policies and procedures that ensure equitable treatment and access for all program beneficiaries, regardless of race, color, or national origin.

Collecting and Reporting Data for Compliance Reviews

To facilitate post-award compliance reviews by the Treasury, the ACA will systematically collect data relevant to assessing compliance with Title VI. This data collection effort will focus on the demographics of the beneficiaries of the broadband infrastructure projects, ensuring that the program effectively reaches underserved or unserved areas, including communities with significant populations of people of color.

Engaging in Continuous Monitoring and Improvement

The ACA commits to continuous monitoring of program implementation for compliance with Title VI requirements. This will involve regular reviews of subrecipient activities, analysis of beneficiary data, and engagement with communities to identify and address potential instances of non-compliance. Based on these reviews, the ACA will take appropriate actions to address any identified compliance gaps and improve program delivery.

The State of Arizona is committed to ensuring that the transformative benefits of the CPF are equitably accessible to all its residents. Through diligent planning, comprehensive data collection, and ongoing monitoring and engagement, the ACA aims to uphold the principles of Title VI and foster an environment of inclusivity and fairness in the implementation of this critical infrastructure initiative.

PROJECT INVENTORY

1C - Multi-Purpose Community Facility Projects

| Project Name | John S. McCain III Library and Archives |
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| Location | Maricopa County |
| Project Identification Number | ISA-CPF-ASU-092322-01 |
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| CPF Funding Amount | \$83,000,000 |
| Cumulative Expenditure | \$147,745.30 |
| Project Description | Arizona will fund the construction of the McCain Library, located on the McCain Campus near Papago Park in Phoenix, AZ, adjacent to Arizona State University's (ASU) Tempe Campus. The new 83,000 square foot multi-purpose facility, named after the late Senator John McCain, will provide education, work, and health monitoring programs to underserved communities. In partnership with the McCain Institute and ASU, the McCain Library will play an important role in bridging the digital divide for community members by providing a physical space and technology for telemedicine, health screenings and monitoring, job fairs, employment training programs, and skills development training classes. |
| Major Activities | The initial project scope and renderings have been completed along with archaeological surveys. The Request for Design Professional is to be issued in July. The design shall be inclusive and will require architectural, structural, MEP systems, and fire protection. The design will be conducted in concert with a museum consultant awarded under a separate Design Professional (DP) agreement by ASU. |
| Key Outcomes | When the library is completed the total square footage will be 83,000 Gross Square Feet (GSF). The design includes 12-15 computer labs, 1,500 GSF dedicated to telemedicine, an auditorium for educational purposes, and a large meeting room to be used by the public. The estimated annual number of individuals to be served 50,000-100,000. |

1A - Broadband Infrastructure Projects in Rural Areas:

| Project Name | ALLO Arizona LLC - Yuma County Broadband Project |
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| Location | Yuma County |
| Project Identification Number | ABDG22-R01 |
| CPF Funding Amount | \$10,000,000 |
| Match Amount | \$25,685,912 |
| Project Description | Yuma County is implementing middle-mile and last-mile fiber service to multiple regions in the county including San Luis, Yuma, Fortuna Foothills, Somerton, and Welton. This project will support Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) networks, enabling high-speed broadband access to key communities by leveraging the middle-mile backbone for competitive broadband provisioning. |
| Major Activities | The project has progressed at a satisfactory rate since its start date of November 15, 2023. Of the 140-mile design, 70 miles have been completed, providing Lit Fiber services to newly connected Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to serve rural areas throughout the county community. The East Valley area has an estimated 40% of infrastructure placed, with additional permitting, planning, and construction underway. Such examples include a 28% completion of boring and a 40% completion of structure set-up. All current expenditures are within the 5% margin and are being managed in accordance with requirements. |
| Key Outcomes | The relationship and communication between Yuma County and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) has served as a key partnership throughout the project's progress. ADOT's assistance in the creation of Right of Way (ROW) permits has allowed for improved timeliness and efficiency in the Broadband Project. |

| Project Name | ALLO Arizona LLC - City of San Luis Last Mile Project |
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| Location | San Luis/Yuma County |
| Project Identification Number CPF Funding Amount Match Amount Project Description | ABDG22-R03 \$9,750,000 \$6,540,855 Telecom company ALLO Fiber is expanding and installing a last-mile Fiber-to-the-Premises (FTTP) broadband network in the City of San Luis as well as providing 1+ Gbps symmetrical service. The installation of the FTTP network will allow for the establishment and acceleration of broadband infrastructure in the area via the production of reliable high-speed broadband service. |
| Major Activities | The City of San Luis Last Mile project has utilized funds for subcontracted labor, necessary materials, and internal ALLO Labor used to construct the broadband network service in San Luis, AZ. The project has seen key milestones since its start date, including the completion of 3 of the 12 Passive Optical Networks (PONS) that are prepared for customer installation. An additional 5 PONS are currently underway. To date, 33 lines are active and are receiving ALLO service. The completion of all total lines is the success parameter of the project, which will occur once construction is completed per PON. No notable challenges have occurred for the City of San Luis Last Mile project to date. The project is ahead of schedule, and on track with the budget, project milestones and timeframe. |
| Key Outcomes | All construction activities on 3 of the 12 total sections of build were completed and construction on 5 sections has been initiated. Additionally, 1,954 locations are now available for installation with 33 current lines. |
| Project Name | Navajo County - Ex2 |
| Location | Navajo County |
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| Project Identification | |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Number | ABDG22-R05 |
| CPF Funding Amount | \$9,734,083 |
| Match Amount | \$9,000,000 |

Project Description Through a partnership with company Starklight, Navajo County is constructing a 105 mile county-owned middle-mile network that will connect several communities along Highways 77 and 260. This open-access middle-mile fiber infrastructure will lower the cost of investment for new internet service providers looking to enter the market by enabling them to use county-owned middle-mile fiber infrastructure to access communities in Navajo County. Service providers will have the ability to utilize the county's middle-mile fiber infrastructure as a jumping off point to create last-mile connections that will reach residents and businesses. The infrastructure will be leased to these internet service providers on a non-exclusive, non-discriminatory basis, allowing Navajo County to increase options for high-speed internet for its residents and businesses. Additionally, the network will connect county-owned facilities, ensuring continuity of operations and enabling critical public safety communications. The middle-mile network will create resiliency and redundancy both within Navajo County and throughout the region, providing reliable connections to ensure Navajo County's residents and businesses have the high-speed internet needed. The entirety of the network's construction is underground with strategically placed access points and locations for future last-mile connection points **Major Activities** The project has expended funds for the construction of the open-access middle-mile network which will connect several rural communities along Highways 77 and 260 and Interstate 40. The project is experiencing permitting delays but remains on track for completion. **Key Outcomes** The network design has since been implemented and completed. Additionally, permit applications have been initiated, developed and submitted. Navajo County has since obtained most of the necessary permits for the project, and has begun construction activities. **Project Name Cox Communications Arizona, LLC - City of Douglas & Cochise Community College** Location **Cochise County Project Identification** Number ABDG22-R06

 CPF Funding Amount
 \$8,279,793

 Match Amount
 \$2,032,124

Project Description The City of Douglas (CoD) & Cochise Community College Project will enable a future state of 1 Gig speeds and beyond in future years. In order to achieve this, telecom company Cox is adding a new technical facility and replacing the existing coaxial network with an all fiber Passive Optical Network (PON) consisting of approximately 68.06 miles of fiber optic cable. Cox will also standardize and replace the current network equipment with state-of-the-art technology. This project includes fiber drops to the premises. To support the 1 GHz network upgrade, Cox will build, maintain and service a new technical facility. This facility will be fire protected, provide indefinite standby time with generators, contain back-up batteries, N + 1 HVAC and will be fully monitored to proactively detect issues with the network before there are any customer impacts. The new facility will be large enough to provide the space needed for new technology and gear. This improvement will help support future rural expansions in the state. The CoD network is in the process of being upgraded to full fiber deployment, which will positively impact 6,550 single family homes, 871 multiple dwelling units and 672 business locations. Additionally, the upgrade includes an 8.4-mile fiber build from CoD to the Douglas campus of Cochise Community College, creating a more reliable and faster broadband service for the college and its students and faculty. **Major Activities** Project funds have been allocated to in-house labor, necessary materials, and permitting. Vital construction activities have been completed, including walkouts and address verification. Through the completion of these activities, the design team has utilized the information gathered to complete a preliminary design for the project. Upon the receival of all permits, the final design will be completed. The Land Use team is underway with the permit submission for the following entities: Arizona Public Service (APS), Arizona Department Of Transportation (ADOT), the CoD, State Land, and Cochise County. Permits will be submitted in phases. Construction will begin once approved permits are received. **Key Outcomes** Key outcomes for the Douglas project include completing walkout, conducting the site survey, and finalizing the high-level design. Necessary permits have been identified, and the Land-Use team is actively working to obtain them. CoD has completed the Walkouts and Preliminary Designs on all 10 service groups for the project. Additionally, the Land Use team is in the process of permit submittals for the backbone network and the 10 service groups. Permits will be required for APS, ADOT, Douglas, State Land & Cochise.

| Project Name | Wecom Fiber - AZ-EXTEND "Reaching Further to Help Farther" |
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| Location | Mohave County |
| Project Identification Number | ABDG22-R07 |
| CPF Funding Amount | \$10,000,000 |
| Match Amount | \$30,444,979 |
| Project Description | Wecom Fiber is constructing a comprehensive Fiber-to-the-Everything (FTTx/FFTP) broadband network to serve residences, businesses, community anchor institutions, and tower locations in underserved and unserved areas of Mohave County and La Paz County, Arizona. The project spans over 2,000 total miles of fiber, targeting Western Arizona's most broadband-restricted communities. Construction for the project involves 432 miles of middle-mile fiber, 527 miles of last-mile fiber, and 1,194 miles of drop fiber. The network will deliver multi-gigabit broadband and middle-mile access to residential, carrier, business, and government entities. The project aims to serve 124 Community Anchor Institutions, 12,224 households, 1,952 businesses, and a population of almost 31,500. |
| Major Activities | The project has seen progress in both Engineering and Construction activities. Pre-engineering Fielding is estimated to be at a completion of 75% with Engineering and Approvals at an estimated 12.5% approval. Additionally, the required Utility Poles Approval is currently 29% approved in Mohave County and 60% in La Paz County. Construction activities have begun in 4 of the 61 project zones, with costs incurred consistent with the project budget. |
| Key Outcomes | The project has seen significant progress in finalizing the project's design, drafting work prints, engineering construction zones, and obtaining necessary permits and utility pole joint use approvals. Additionally, construction activities are expected to increase in pace upon the completion of all pre-construction activities. |
| Project Name | Valley Connections, LLC - Santa Cruz County - Patagonia |
| Location | Santa Cruz County |
| Project Identification Number | ABDG22-R09 |

| CPF Funding Amount | \$1,893,227 |
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| Match Amount | \$210,358 |
| Project Description | Valley Connections is implementing a fiber-optic network in Santa Cruz County to offer Internet services to eastern Santa Cruz County residents and businesses in the communities of Patagonia, Sonoita and Elgin. The proposed backbone infrastructure consists of constructing approximately 11.6 miles of backbone fiber and utilizing 12.5 miles of VALLEY's existing backbone fiber infrastructure. The proposed last-mile infrastructure would create approximately 22.75 miles of last-mile fiber infrastructure. Overall, the total proposed new fiber infrastructure would reach 34.35 miles. The project design is a 100% fiber optic network, therefore, the design and performance of this system reflects advantages available with state-of-the-art, carrier-grade advanced technologies operating at multi-gigabit rates. |
| Major Activities | In 2023, Valley Connections hired Rocky Mountain West Telecom (RMWT) Consulting for the engineering and staking activities of the project. Such activities have since been completed and are now under final review by management. The project did face a three-month delay as a result of the engineering firm's schedule, but is now continuing as planned with an expected completion date in Quarter 1 of the 2025 Fiscal Year. Planned activities include Request for Proposal (RFP) publication, bid evaluation, contractor securement, and beginning construction activities. Community engagement is expected to increase significantly in Quarter 3 and Quarter 4 of the 2024 fiscal year as construction begins. |
| Key Outcomes | Upon the completion of all engineering and staking activities via Rocky Mountain West Telecom (RMWT), a final review via Valley management is underway for the preparation of the project's BID package. |
| Project Name | Valley Connections, LLC - Fiber Investment for West Willcox Rural Community |
| Location | Cochise County |
| Project Identification | |
| Number | ABDG22-R14 |
| CPF Funding Amount | \$2,679,714 |
| Match Amount | \$297,746 |

| Project Description | Valley Connections, LLC is implementing a fiber-optic network, enabling the telecom company to offer Internet services at reasonable costs to underserved beneficiaries within a vital section of Census Tract 04003000201. This unincorporated residential community is in north-central Cochise County, Arizona immediately west of Willcox. The service area encompasses Interstate 10 to the Cochise County Airport and the intersection of Marguerite and Taylor roads south to Interstate 10. The project will accelerate local broadband infrastructure via speed enhancement, redundancy, and reach of high-speed Internet for consumers, strengthening capacity and competitiveness for economic growth - thereby improving economic conditions and quality of life in rural Cochise County. |
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| Major Activities | During the first quarter of the 2024 fiscal year, Valley Connections' internal engineering department neared completion of the final design of the project, including engineering and staking activities. All completed documentation is pending management review and approval. Additionally, all engineering activities have since been completed, with a BID publication set for July 2024. |
| Key Outcomes | The Fiber Investment for West Willcox Rural Community Project has since finalized its design and is pending management approval. Additionally, Valley Connections participated in the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) until May 2024, and currently offers the Lifeline and DASH programs. |
| Project Name | Commnet AZ, LLC - Southern Apache County Regional Broadband Project |
| Location | Apache County |
| Project Identification | |
| Number | ABDG22-R02 |
| CPF Funding Amount | \$9,725,424 |
| Match Amount | \$1,747,269 |
| Project Description | Commnet AZ, LLC, commits to deploying a Fiber to the Home (FTTH) network across eight communities within Southern Apache County, totaling 3,184 residential and business connections. The fiber network project consists of 100% last mile build out of FTTH, covering 72 miles of buried fiber, because of existing middle mile fiber owned by Commnet. |

Apache County is looking forward to implementing a Wide Area Network (WAN) that will tie all their facilities together that will improve productivity, save cost, and add sustainability.

Major Activities None reported

| Project Name | (CableOne) Sparklight - Heber Overgaard |
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| Location | Navajo County |
| Project Identification | |
| Number | ABDG22-R04 |
| CPF Funding Amount | \$4,000,000 |
| Match Amount | \$3,043,000 |
| Project Description | Sparklight's project is centered on fiber optic infrastructure development to supply broadband internet services to underserved addresses in Heber-Overgaard, a small community located in Navajo County, Arizona. This initiative involves the strategic extension of fiber broadband to enhance internet accessibility and performance in the area. Fiber optic construction is underway to provide fiber broadband internet service to underserved addresses in the Heber-Overgaard AZ area. |
| Major Activities | None reported |
| Key Outcomes | None reported |

| Project Name | City of Safford improved access to broadband internet |
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| Location | Graham County |
| Project Identification Number | ABDG22-R08 |
| CPF Funding Amount | \$63,968 |
| Match Amount | \$7,500 |
| Project Description | City of Safford's project will install fiber optic cable, access points and other equipment required to provide broadband Internet in Downtown Safford and at all Safford public parks Including El Paso Park, Glen Meadows, Firth, and La Tierra. Safford is collaborating with Valley Telecom |

Group, the local provider, for this project. Valley Telecom has provided quotes for the project and is working closely with Safford for the project's development as well as this request. The proposed project will benefit 2,000 unduplicated, low-income Safford residents and 117 businesses in Downtown Safford. The project supports the ABDG priorities to accelerate broadband infrastructure, strengthening economic growth and economic conditions in rural Arizona.

| Major Activities | None reported |
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| Key Outcomes | None reported |

| Project Name | ALLO Arizona LLC - Mohave County Middle Mile Project |
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| Location | Mohave County |
| Project Identification | |
| Number | ABDG22-R10 |
| CPF Funding Amount | \$2,500,000 |
| Match Amount | \$324,216 |
| Project Description | The ALLO Arizona LLC - Mohave County Middle-Mile Project will establish and accelerate the enhancement of broadband infrastructure in the area by enabling connectivity in rural and municipal areas of the County. Specifically, the middle-mile project will enable last-mile fiber service to the communities of Lake Havasu City and the Greater Kingman area from reliable high-speed broadband service through an all Fiber-to-the-Premise network. The middle mile connections will be offered to governmental entities, community colleges, and other communications carriers to enable connections to rural areas and smaller communities along or near the route. Without the middle-mile component, this region will not have competitive connections for wireless, commercial, carrier, or inter-city projects today or in the future. The project will enable virtually unlimited speeds and reduced costs across a significant portion of the County. |
| Major Activities | None reported |
| Key Outcomes | None reported |

| Project Name | CopperNet Systems Inc - Kearny, AZ FTTH/FTTB Initial Deployment |
|------------------------|--|
| Location | Pinal County |
| Project Identification | |
| Number | ABDG22-R11 |
| CPF Funding Amount | \$417,228 |
| Match Amount | \$75,000 |
| Project Description | CopperNet Systems Inc will extend fiber optic connectivity from |
| | CopperNet's central office located in Kearny, AZ to include ALL businesses, municipal government building, medical facilities, police and fire departments and residential homes Fiber to the Home or Fiber to the Business technology. |
| Major Activities | municipal government building, medical facilities, police and fire departments and residential homes Fiber to the Home or Fiber to the |

1A - Broadband Infrastructure Projects in Urban areas:

| Project Name | Lumen Technologies - Fiber-to-the Premise (FTTP) in Gila Bend, AZ |
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| Location | Maricopa County |
| Project Identification | |
| Number | ABDG22-U01 |
| CPF Funding Amount | \$2,433,805 |
| Match Amount | \$429,495 |
| Project Description | Telecommunication company Lumen Technologies is implementing fiber facilities, conduits, and enabling a Fiber-to-the-Premises (FTTP) broadband network. This will enable electronics, conduits, feeders, and distribution fiber facilities necessary to support fiber services to be built. Once implemented and the fiber internet service is ordered by consumers, the fiber drop connection, Optical Network Terminal (ONT) and gateway equipment will be placed to households and businesses. |
| Major Activities | All planning, engineering, and permitting activities were completed in the first half of the project year. The project is designed to be engineered and constructed in phases. The permitting and construction of the initial phase and materials ordered have taken place and are currently underway. Construction activities have begun with underground work as of May 2024. |
| Key Outcomes | Lumen Technologies has completed all planning, engineering, and permitting activities for the project. Construction activities for the project have begun and are making progress. |
| Project Name | Surprise City Center & Heritage District |
| Location | Maricopa County |
| Project Identification | |
| Number | ABDG22-U02 |
| CPF Funding Amount | \$1,655,167 |
| Match Amount | \$183,907 |
| Project Description | With the partnership of local telecommunication company Zona Wwerd |

With the partnership of local telecommunication company Zona Wyyerd, the City of Surprise will install 40 miles of fiber service in the Surprise City

| | Center and Surprise Heritage District. This installation will allow for the acceleration of broadband capacity in the two underserved areas. Through the partnership with Zona Wyyerd, the company will allocate project funds towards acquiring essential materials, conducting engineering activities, and executing the network construction for the broadband service. |
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| Major Activities | All engineering activities via Zona Wyyerd in the Surprise Heritage District have been completed, and are currently awaiting permit approval. Construction in the Heritage District is expected to begin in July 2024. Engineering activities in the Surprise City Center are currently underway. In addition to engineering and construction activities, Zona Wyyerd has expended a portion of project funds for the purchase of necessary materials to build network infrastructure such as handholes, terminals, buried access hatches (flowerpots), fiber optic cable, and electrical conduits. |
| Key Outcomes | Zona Wyyerd has made significant progress in both the Surprise City Center and the Surprise Heritage District through the completed purchases and engineering activities conducted in both areas. |

| Project Name | Cox Communications Arizona LLC - Three Points & Sycamore Springs |
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| Location | Pima County |
| Project Identification Number | ABDG22-U04 |
| CPF Funding Amount | \$5,000,000 |
| Match Amount | \$7,575,142 |
| Project Description | The Three Points and Sycamore Springs project is installing high-speed fiber-optic infrastructure in three Pima County Cities; Winkelman, Hayden, and Superior. The project is designed to be completed in three separate phases. The first phase implements a fiber-optic backbone that will originate in Winkelman, AZ and end in Superior, AZ, following State Route 177. The second phase connects this backbone fiber to the local communities via a fiber or wireless medium. The third and final phase prioritizes the installation of the backbone fiber along local roads adjacent to homes in the three cities. All expended funds were allocated toward in-house labor, materials, and permitting activities. The project has seen essential progress through the completion of walkouts and address verification. These actions have not only created the foundation for the project, but have provided vital |

information for the project's final design.

| Major Activities | The project has seen significant progress in the development of the fiber-optic infrastructure. Key milestones for the Three Points and Sycamore Springs project include the completion of walkouts for the fiber-optic backbone, as well as the conduction of site surveys and the finalization of the project's high-level design. Necessary permits for the installation of the fiber-optic backbone have been identified, and are currently in the process of being obtained. Minor delays are expected for permits with the Bureau of Land Management, the City of Tucson State Land, and the Central Arizona Project. |
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| Key Outcomes | The Three Points and Sycamore Springs project has seen significant outcomes through the completion of the project's final design. Additionally the project has identified all required permits for the completion of the project from entities including Pima County, Pima Flood, Tucson Electric Power, and the State of Arizona. |

| Project Name | Tohono O'odham Utility Authority - Pima County Sites |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Location | Pima County |
| Project Identification Number | ABDG22-U05 |
| CPF Funding Amount | \$4,549,695 |
| Project Description | The Tohono O'odham Utility Authority is installing a Fiber-to-the-Premise network across 13 Tohono O'odham communities to improve broadband services. The funds received through the Arizona Broadband Development Grant will improve the connectivity for the unserved and underserved populations within the listed Tohono O'odham Utility Authority project sites in order to bridge the current digital divide experienced by the residents. The establishment of broadband infrastructure will enhance the speed, redundancy and reach of high-speed internet at a reasonable cost to consumers across the tribal communities. |
| Major Activities | The Tohono O'odham Utility Authority is currently in the process of completing construction activities for RUS Reconnect 3. Once all construction activities are completed for RUS Reconnect 3, construction activities for AZ Broadband will begin. |
| Key Outcomes | Progress has been achieved in the completion of construction activities for the TOUA Pima County Sites project, for RUS Reconnect 3. |

| Project Name | Cox Communications Arizona, LLC - Wickenburg |
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| Location | Yavapai County |
| Project Identification | |
| Number | ABDG22-U06 |
| CPF Funding Amount | \$5,000,000 |
| Match Amount | \$3,411,644 |
| Project Description | Through the Wickenburg project, telecommunication company Cox is upgrading and expanding the existing network across Wickenburg, AZ to improve the residential download speeds and increase the bandwidth and speed for commercial accounts. All expended funds were allocated to in-house labor, necessary materials, and required permits for the project. |
| Major Activities | Significant progress has been made in the project through the completion of walkouts and address verification for the network expansion. Through the completion of these activities, information collected allowed for improved plans regarding the final design. This includes improved conduit layout maps, fiber routes and sizing, splice enclosures, and tap locations. |
| Key Outcomes | The Wickenburg project has completed multiple activities necessary for the completion of the project including walkouts, site surveys, and the finalized design. Additionally, all required permits have been identified and are actively in the process of being obtained. |

1A - Broadband Infrastructure Projects Administrative

| Project Name | ABDG Administrative Expenses |
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| Location | N/A |
| Project Identification Number | ISA-CPF-ACA-070122-02 |
| CPF Funding Amount | \$4,983,080.00 |
| Match Amount | N/A |
| Project Description | The Arizona Broadband Development Grant grant supports planning and deployment, enabling Arizona communities to more easily access broadband services at speeds and prices equal to national averages in rural areas, and provide consistent and reliable service. In order to manage this crucial program, the Arizona Commerce Authority was allocated a portion of CPF funds for administrative costs. This allocation will be used to fund personnel such as the State Broadband Director, Broadband Data Analyst, and Grants Compliance Manager for the percentage of their time dedicated to the direct administration of the ABDG grant. Funds will also be used for services that include federal compliance/reporting advisory assistance and Geographic Information System services from the Arizona State Land Department. |



APPENDIX 1: DEFINITIONS

- (a) Arizona Broadband Development Grant (ABDG): A grant program in Arizona aimed at promoting broadband development and improving access to high-speed internet in the state.
- (b) Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA): An organization in Arizona responsible for promoting economic growth and development in the state.
- (c) Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD): A program focused on ensuring equitable access to broadband services and promoting broadband deployment in underserved areas.
- (d) Capital Project or Project: Refers to a specific undertaking or initiative that falls within the scope of the Capital Projects Fund Guidance.
- (e) Capital Projects Fund Program Plan or Program Plan: A detailed plan submitted by a recipient seeking funding under the Capital Projects Fund, providing a description of the proposed program.
- (f) Capital Projects Fund Guidance: The document that provides guidance and instructions for the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund for States, Territories, and Freely Associated States.
- (g) Capital Projects Fund Statute or Statute: Refers to Section 604 of the Social Security Act, which was added by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. It governs the Capital Projects Fund.
- (h) Grant Management System (GMS) Report: A GMS report is a comprehensive and customizable document generated using the Arizona Commerce Authority, Grant Management System platform, providing insights and information on grants, funding opportunities, applications, awards, expenditures, and other relevant data for streamlined grant management.
- (i) Expenditure: The amount of money that has been spent or incurred by an entity as a liability, indicating that the service or good has been delivered.
- (j) Grant Agreement: A standardized agreement between an eligible recipient and the U.S. Department of the Treasury, outlining the terms, conditions, and requirements of the grant funding.



- (k) Obligations: Refers to orders placed, contracts and subawards made, and other similar transactions that create a legal obligation for the recipient to make payments.
- (I) Outcome: The desired result or impact that a program aims to achieve.
- (m)Payment Reimbursement Package: A payment reimbursement package refers to a set of documents and processes that outline the terms, conditions, and procedures for reimbursing expenses incurred by an individual or organization, typically related to business or travel expenses, in order to provide financial compensation for those expenditures.
- (n) Program: One or more capital projects with common characteristics for which a recipient is seeking funding under the Capital Projects Fund.
- (o) Project Costs: The costs incurred by a recipient in relation to the administration of Capital Projects Fund awards, technical assistance provided to potential subrecipients, and compliance with grant administration and audit requirements.
- (p) Reporting Period: A specific timeframe for which information is requested in project and expenditure reports or performance reports.
- (q) Subrecipient: An entity that receives a subaward from a Capital Projects Fund recipient and carries out a capital project on behalf of the recipient.
- (r) Treasury: The U.S. Department of the Treasury, which oversees various financial matters and grant programs.
- (s) Tribal Government: The recognized governing body of any Indian or Alaska Native tribe, band, nation, pueblo, village, community, component band, or component reservation, as identified by relevant legislation.
- (t) Uniform Guidance: Refers to the Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, found in Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations (2 CFR Part 200). It provides guidance on the use and management of federal funds.