

Monterey County Broadband Strategic Plan

Project Overview

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Action Plan Goals



Connectivity

Targets **100% connectivity** for all Californians at minimum speeds of 100 Mbps



Affordability

Access to affordable broadband and the devices to connect—closing the digital divide



Training

Access to training, equipment and support to enable use of the internet – digital inclusion

The Monterey County Broadband Strategic Plan aims to develop a countywide actionable plan that integrates ongoing initiatives toward meeting the CA Broadband For All goals.

State and Federal Legislation

Executive Order N-73-20



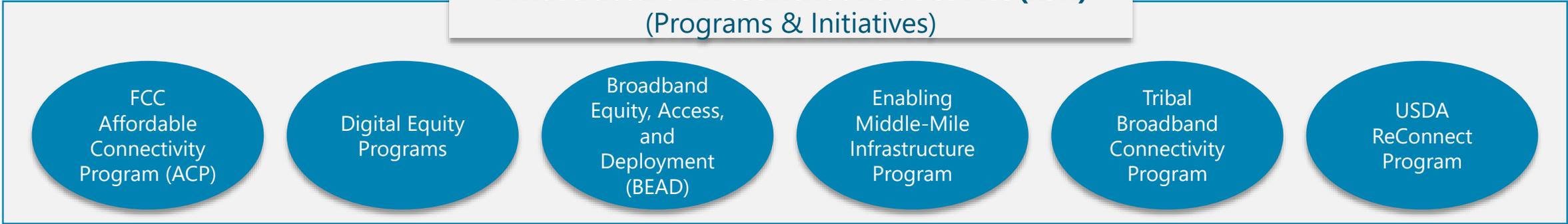
Broadband for All Action Plan



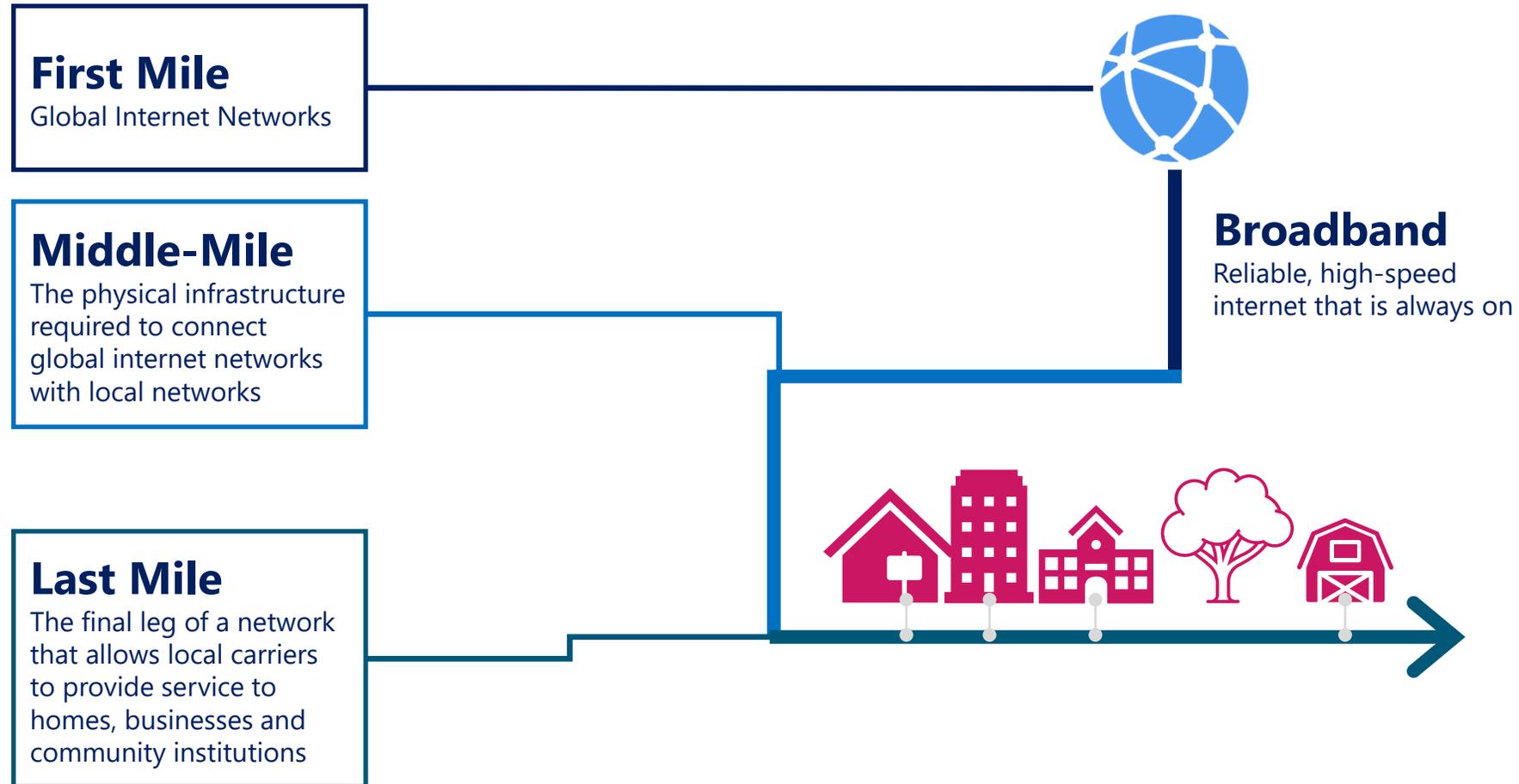
Senate Bill 156 (SB-156)
(Programs & Initiatives)



Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)
(Programs & Initiatives)



Broadband Infrastructure Overview



Digital Equity Planning

- The State of California is developing **statewide plans to access funding** from two programs established by the IJA: **BEAD and Digital Equity Programs**

BEAD Plan

- Required by NTIA to allocate BEAD funds to states (\$42.5 billion)
- Led by **CPUC**
- Objective is to Identify gaps, avoid duplication and define rules to assign funds locally
- The BEAD Program is closely linked to the Digital Equity Act
 - *BEAD Five-Year Plans fully incorporate State Digital Equity Plans*

Statewide Digital Equity Plan (SDEP)

- Required by NTIA to allocate funds for the Capacity Grant Program (\$1.44 B) and the Competitive Grant Program (\$1.25 B)
- Led by **CDT**, funded through the Digital Equity Grant Program
 - Statewide Planning Group (SPG)
 - Outcome Area Working Groups (OAWGs)
 - California Digital Equity Surveys
 - Regional and Local Events (20 in the State organized by the CETF)

When completed, both plans will be integrated to achieve CA Broadband for All goals.

What Else Does CPUC / CA Fund?

Additional funding sources are identified in the table below



Infrastructure Investments

Loan Loss Reserve Fund	\$750 M
Last Mile Federal Funding Account	\$2 B
Open-Access Middle-Mile	\$3.25 B



People Investments

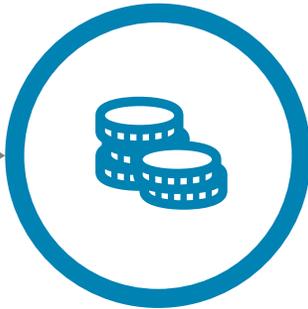
Broadband Adoption Account	\$20 M
Broadband Public Housing Account	\$15 M

The Broadband Strategic Plan for Monterey County



GSFA & Monterey County MoU

- Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA) is a JPA that develops economic development programs in 36 counties in California.
- In June 2021, Monterey County signed a MoU, supporting GSFA Application to the U.S. Department of Commerce **Economic Development Administration** (EDA) for funding to support a **Broadband Strategic Plan**.



EDA Grant

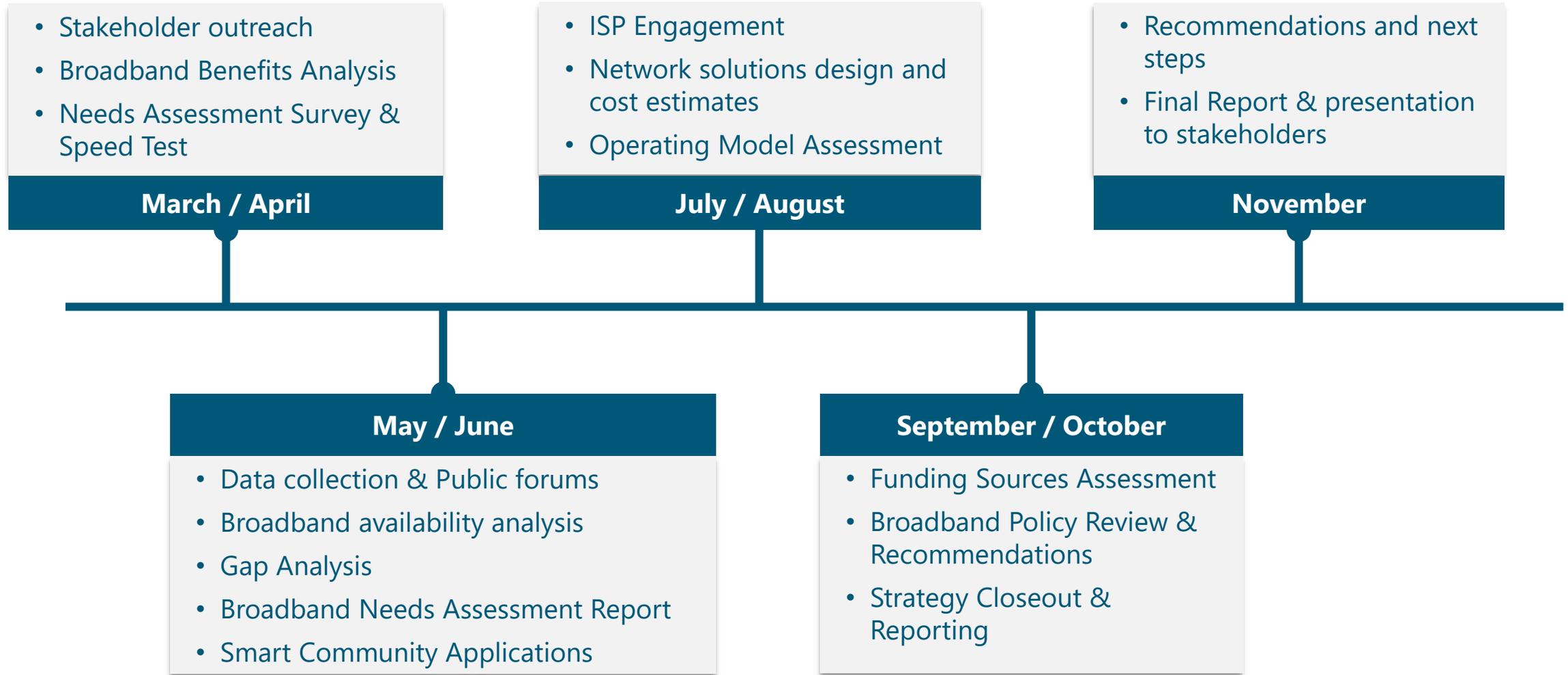
- In August 2022, the EDA awarded \$2.7M in grant funding for the development of broadband strategic plans in 27 rural California counties, including Monterey County.
- **TeleworX** selected as the **consultant** to develop the Strategic Plan for Monterey County



Monterey County Broadband Strategic Plan

- Identify **broadband needs, barriers and assets**
- Develop **solution scenarios** and strategies in alignment with ongoing initiatives and CEDS
- Alignment with **California Broadband for All** and statewide planning efforts

Project Scope and Timeline



Q&A

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