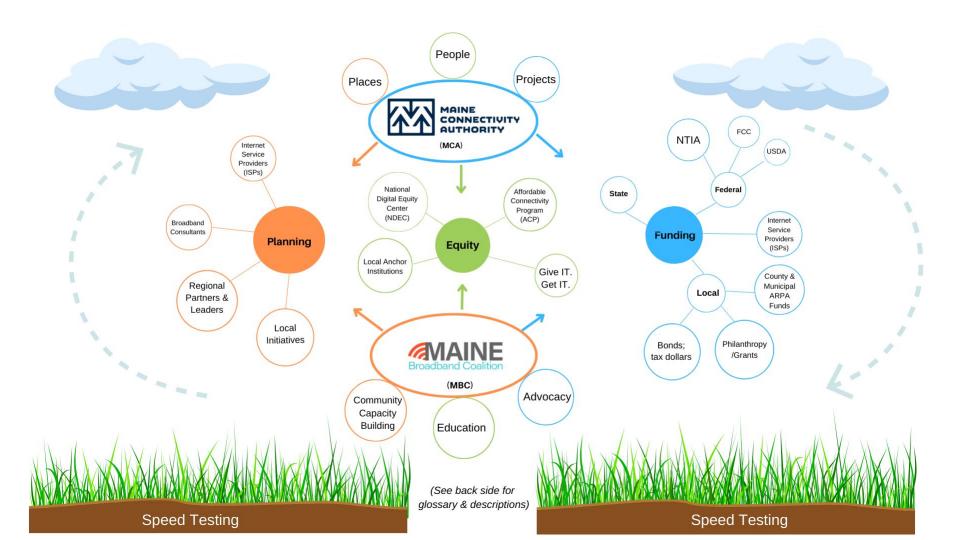


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# Getting Connected: Community Broadband Strategies & Resources







#### PROBLEM: Insufficient internet access.

**High speed internet is essential** to modern society, and has the potential to dramatically improve Mainers' quality of life

Private investment alone is insufficient to ensure that Mainers get access to secure, affordable, reliable, competitive and sustainable forward-looking internet infrastructure

#### **SOLUTION:** The Maine Connectivity Authority.

A quasi-governmental agency charged with planning, deploying, investing, and enabling universal access of affordable high-speed broadband



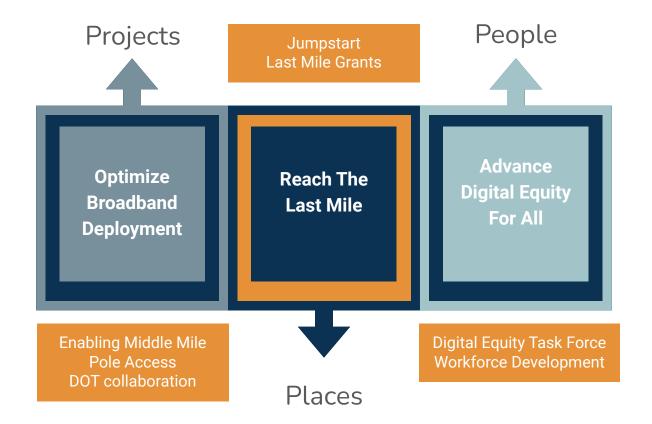
#### **ALL-IN** Goals

- 1. Everyone who wants a **connection** can get one **by the end of 2024**
- 2. High speed internet must be **affordable** for everyone
- 3. Community-driven solutions at a **regional scale** ensure sustainable investments
- 4. Scale and **Public Benefit** through Public Private Partnerships
- 5. Consistent and clear processes through data driven decision making







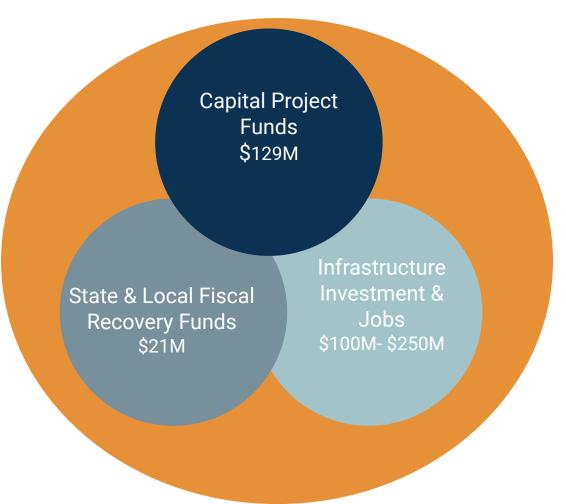






How do we get the most overlap for the most impact?

We go ALL IN





### **Two Authorities - One Mission: Broadband For All**





**CONNECTMAINE** 

## What's Cooking

- 1. Integration with Connect Maine
- 2. Getting money on the street (Spring grants +)
- 3. Reaching the most rural & trying new approaches (Jumpstart)
- 4. Enabling affordable and diverse options for the future (Middle Mile)
- 5. Accelerating regional capacity (Utility Districts)
- 6. **Integrated planning** (digital equity, master planning, community capacity)
- 7. **Expanding Intelligence** (refinement of broadband intelligence platform)



