**ConnectME Authority Broadband Resources**

* ConnectME – [Broadband Infrastructure Grants](https://www.maine.gov/connectme/grants) – The Authority makes grants for "last mile" infrastructure to provide high-speed internet access to customers in unservedareas of Maine. Specifically, such grants provide a percentage of the cost, matched with funding from an internet service provider, of bringing affordable access from an existing location to unserved homes and businesses.
* ConnectME – [Broadband Planning Grants](https://www.maine.gov/connectme/grants) – The authority provides funds for broadband planning grants to municipalities, groups of municipalities or nonprofit local or regional community organizations that are providing local or regional economic development programs to develop plans to expand the availability of broadband services in unserved and underserved areas in Maine.
* ConnectME – [Speed Test](http://www.speedtest.net/) – Tool to test the speed of your broadband connection.
* ConnectME – [Communities & Resources](https://www.maine.gov/connectme/communities-resources) – This section of the ConnectME Authority’s website is intended for use regardless of where you are in the broadband process.
* Office of the Public Advocate – [Ratewatcher Telecom Guide](https://www.maine.gov/meopa/utilities/telephone/index.html) – A Telecom publication that provides information to consumers about regulated and unregulated utilities. Including comprehensive broadband information & education.
* [Broadband USA](https://www2.ntia.doc.gov/) – Promotes innovation and economic growth by supporting efforts to expand broadband connectivity and digital inclusion across America.
* USDA – [Community Connect Grants](https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-connect-grants) – This program helps fund broadband deployment into rural communities where it is not yet economically viable for private sector providers to deliver service.
* NTCA – [Smart Rural Community](https://www.ntca.org/member-services/programs/smart-rural-community) – Promotes rural broadband networks and applications that communities can leverage to support innovative economic development, education, health care, government services, public safety and other vital public functions.

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