

Broadband Planning Grants One-Pager

Planning Grants are grants to help produce plans that define local broadband needs and goals. **Phase I** includes community organizing, needs and objectives, provider engagement, digital inclusion and possible funding. **Phase II** includes engineering and network design.

- ▶ No match is required but additional points are given if you do have a match
- ▶ The scoring criteria has changed slightly, so it is important for you to review. The scoring criteria includes engagement & participation, project focus, project preparation & financial commitment.
- ▶ There is no appeal process.
- ▶ One year to complete the project unless an extension is approved by the Board.
- ▶ Routine reporting & check-ins are required to receive grant payments.
- ▶ All grant related documents are on our website <https://www.maine.gov/connectme/grants>.