



ConnectME Authority Broadband Resources

- ConnectME - [Maine Infrastructure Grants](#) - Expanding affordable broadband through creative solutions for affordable broadband service to the unserved areas of Maine and promote the policies of the State related to broadband service.
- ConnectME – [Maine Community Broadband Planning Grants](#) - Awarded to communities to produce plans that define local broadband needs, goals and encourages adoption of identified best practices by participating municipalities and organizations.
- ConnectME – [Speed test](#) – Tool to test the speed of your broadband connection and resource requirements.
- [FirstNetME](#) – FirstNet responder broadband network in Maine - FirstNetME is a statewide program to prepare Maine for the design, deployment and operation of the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN), the nation’s first dedicated high-speed wireless broadband network for public safety.
- [Maine Broadband Coalition – Community Broadband Guide](#) - Basic understanding of Broadband and how it can be leveraged to meet economic and social goals, tools necessary to successfully plan the pursuit of broadband improvements, and the resources to explore options for funding broadband improvements.
- [Ratewatcher Telecom Guide](#) - Maine Public Advocate Broadband Issue publication. Comprehensive source of broadband education, providers, Wi-Fi, and VOIP.
- [Broadband USA](#) – Provide assistance to communities that want to expand their broadband capacity and promote adoption.
- USDA - [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.
- Smart Rural Community is an initiative of NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association. [Smart Rural Community](#) comprises programming relating to and promoting rural broadband networks and their broadband-enabled applications that communities can leverage to foster innovative economic development, commerce, education, health care, government services, public safety and security and more efficient energy distribution and use.
- [Maine Model Cable TV Franchise Agreement](#)

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