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The ConnectME Authority Announces a Broadband Infrastructure Grant Opportunity

Applications and related materials are on the ConnectME's website
<https://www.maine.gov/connectme/grants>

Infrastructure Grant Program

ConnectME awards grants for “last mile” infrastructure to provide broadband to customers in unserved areas of Maine. Specifically, such grants provide a percentage of the cost, matched with funding from an internet service provider. Prospective applicants indicate in their application that they have communicated with nearby existing broadband service providers for current and future plans for expansion in the proposed project area. The intent of this contact is to minimize overlap and to prevent ConnectME Authority funds from being used in areas where private investment is or will deliver broadband service.

Eligible for grant funding will be any area that receives no broadband service or service less than 25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload. Projects approved for funding must provide service levels of 10 Mbps download and 10 Mbps upload.

To date ConnectME has awarded 147 grants totaling \$11.8 million and making broadband available to over 39,000 households. With contribution by private sector internet providers' total funds expended exceed \$23 million.

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