



Treasury approves Rhode Island's plan to invest \$25 million of CPF funding in broadband infrastructure projects that will provide high-quality internet to locations that lack access to adequate service.

Rhode Island Capital Projects Fund Program Overview

- Program Summary: \$25 million for Broadband Infrastructure (22% of CPF allocation)
- Locations to Be Served: 7,500 (estimated)
- Program Description: The ConnectRI Broadband Deployment Program is a competitive grant program designed to fund last mile broadband infrastructure projects in areas that currently lack access to internet at speeds of 100/20 Mbps.

As reported by Rhode Island, estimates show that investments made using the Capital Projects Fund will serve ~**30% of locations** still lacking high-speed internet access in the state.

- The program is designed to provide internet service with speeds of 100/100 Mbps upon project completion.
- Each of the internet service providers funded by the program will participate in the FCC's
 <u>Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)</u> a \$30 per month subsidy for low-income families.
- Key State Contact: The Rhode Island Commerce Corporation

