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Biden-Harris Administration Announces More Than \$18.0 Million to New Jersey to Increase Digital Inclusion Efforts

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WASHINGTON – The Department of Commerce’s National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) today announced that New Jersey can apply to receive \$18,094,857.62 to empower individuals and communities with the tools, skills, and opportunities they need to benefit from meaningful access to high-speed Internet.

As part of the “Internet for All” initiative, a key component of President Biden’s “Investing in America” agenda, NTIA announced today the availability of more than \$800 million nationally in funding from the Digital Equity Act’s State Capacity Program.

“President Biden is committed to ensuring everyone in New Jersey and across America has access to affordable, reliable high-speed Internet service,” said U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo. “Commerce’s work building high-speed Internet infrastructure is only part of the equation. Families in New Jersey need the tools and skills required to make the most of that Internet connection, and that’s the \$18.0 million opportunity we’re announcing today. President Biden’s digital equity initiative will make the promise of the Internet come alive for everyone in New Jersey, no matter where they live or what their background is.”

States will use this funding to begin implementation of their [digital equity plans](#). Through community collaboration, these digital equity plans outline the state's approach to empowering communities with equitable access and opportunities to adopt a high-speed Internet connection and develop essential digital skills to fully participate in society and the digital economy.

The state's funding was calculated based on a formula defined in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and specified in the Notice of Funding Opportunity. The formula takes into account the relative population of the state (50%), the relative size of the covered populations residing in the state (25%), and the comparative lack of availability and adoption of broadband (25%).

Details and a national news release related to this announcement are available on [InternetForAll.Gov](#).

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About the National Telecommunications and Information Administration

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), part of the U.S. Department of Commerce, is the Executive Branch agency that advises the President on telecommunications and information policy issues. NTIA's programs and policymaking focus largely on expanding broadband Internet access and adoption in America, expanding the use of spectrum by all users, advancing public safety communications, and ensuring that the Internet remains an engine for innovation and economic growth.

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