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Office of eHealth Innovation

eHealth Commission Meeting

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

January 8, 2025

January Agenda



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Title	Start	Duration
Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roll Call and Introductions• Approval of Meeting Minutes• January Agenda and Objectives <i>Kaakpema “KP” Yelapaala, Chair</i>	12:00	5 mins
Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcoming Remarks• OeHI Updates-eHealth Commission Updates• Decision Items & Action Items <i>Dianne Primavera, Lt. Governor and Director of the Office of Saving People Money on Health Care</i> <i>Stephanie Pugliese, Director, Office of eHealth Innovation (OeHI)</i> <i>eHealth Commission Members</i>	12:05	5 mins
Bridging the Digital Divide in Colorado <i>Brandy Reitter, Executive Director, Colorado Broadband Office</i>	12:10	30 mins
Public Comment Period	12:40	5 mins
Closing Items <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Closing Remarks• Open Discussion• Recap Action Items• Adjourn Public Meeting <i>Kaakpema “KP” Yelapaala, Chair</i>	12:45	5 mins

Thank you, Rachel and Michael!



Rachel and Michael have both served as commissioners since December of 2021. We are grateful for the collaboration and support they have provided to OeHI during their tenure as commissioners and wish them the best as they continue their journeys.

Thank you and well done!

- Team OeHI



Data Governance Workgroup

- Data Governance workgroups will be held monthly beginning January 23rd.
- If you are interested in joining, please contact Kim Taylor at kimberly.taylor@state.co.us

Roadmap Updates

- Applications for healthcare organizations are now closed. Awardees will be notified by January 10th.
- Listening sessions will be held January 20th- February 10th
- The Draft 2025 Health IT Roadmap will be available for public comment soon.

January 2024



COLORADO
Governor's Office of
Information Technology

Bridging the Digital Divide in Colorado

Brandy Reitter, Executive Director Colorado Broadband Office

On the road to 99%



On the road to 99%: Broadband coverage as of Nov. 2024*

131,000 Colorado households lack access to quality high-speed internet (previously reported 160,000 households)

Goal: Households Connected
94.8%

Current Status:
95.4%

Goal: Rural Households Connected
70%

Current Status:
75.2%

How are we Getting there



Funding Sources:

- State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds - HB21-1289
 - Allocated \$75M for digital inclusion, deployment and middle mile projects
 - Connected 12,529 locations
- Capital Projects Fund
 - Allocated \$113.5M for last mile fiber to the home in rural Colorado
 - Connected 18,000 locations
- Broadband, Equity, Access and Deployment
 - Allocated \$826.5M for last mile fiber and alternative technologies
 - Gap is 131,000 locations
- Digital Equity Act Capacity Grant
 - Allocated \$12M - Coming in 2025

Advance-CPF Awards



- \$113 million awarded from Capital Projects Fund (CPF)
- 26 broadband projects
- Projects will connect more than 18,000 households in 24 counties
- All grant agreements are executed and projects are underway
- Projects must be completed by the of 2026

Legend

- Awarded Project
- Tier 1 County
- Tier 2 County

Capital Projects Fund (CPF) Updates



- Earlier this year, we awarded \$113,500,000
- Additional funding awarded to the Southern Colorado Economic Development District in Crowley County to connect 1,753 homes and businesses in some of the most rural and underserved communities in Colorado
- Award details are on the [Advance-CPF website](#)
- First Coloradans connected to high-speed internet in Kiowa and Elizabeth

Colorado's BEAD Applications Summary

Funding Requested

\$1.78 billion total BEAD funding requested
+ More than **\$500 million** in matching funds
= **\$2.3 billion** in total for the proposed projects

Impact to Coloradans

- Total number of eligible locations applied for: 111,896
- No of unserved locations: 67,559
- No of underserved locations: 44,337

Every Colorado county has at least one application!

Technology

- Priority Broadband Project Application: 139
- Other Last-Mile Broadband Project Application: 46

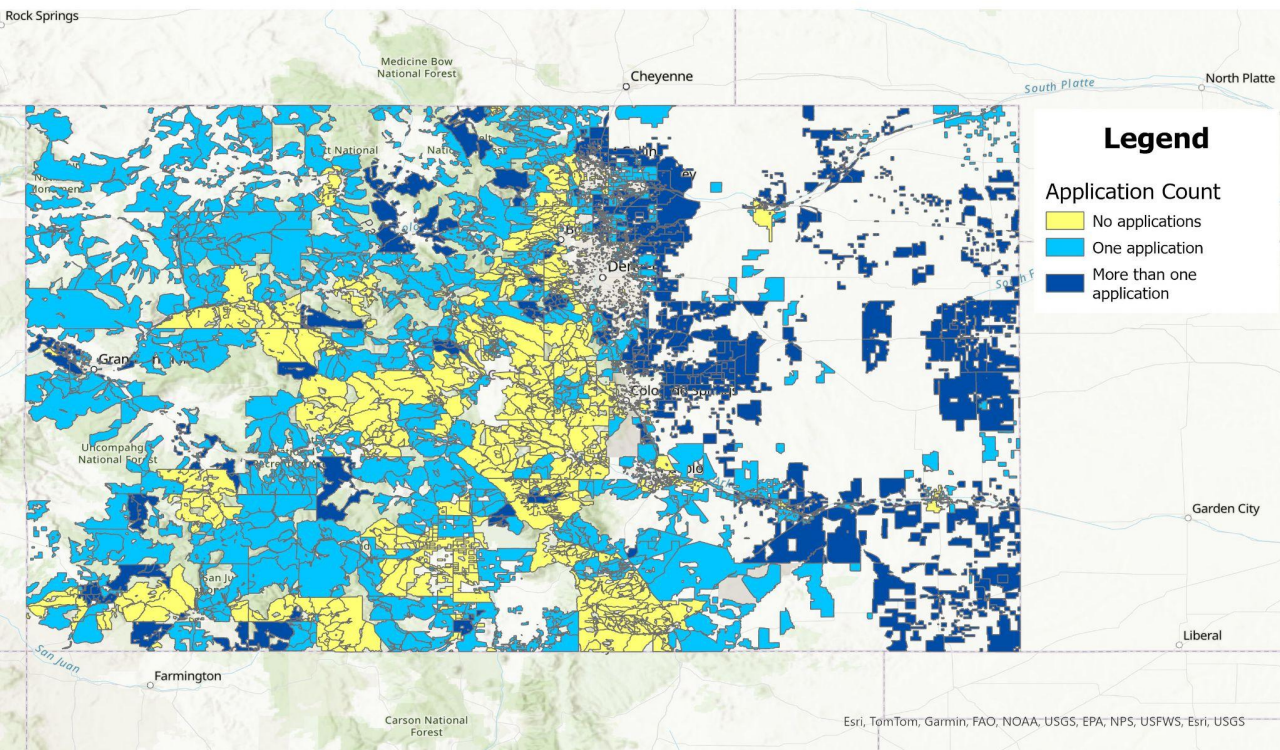
Who Applied

- Non-Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) service provider 76%
- Other 8%
- Municipality/Local Government 5%
- Public or Private Utility 5%
- Tribal Government 3%
- ILEC service provider 3%
- Electric Cooperative 1%



Advance-BEAD Application Intake Summary

Number of Applications Received by Project Area



Legend

Application Count

- No applications
- One application
- More than one application

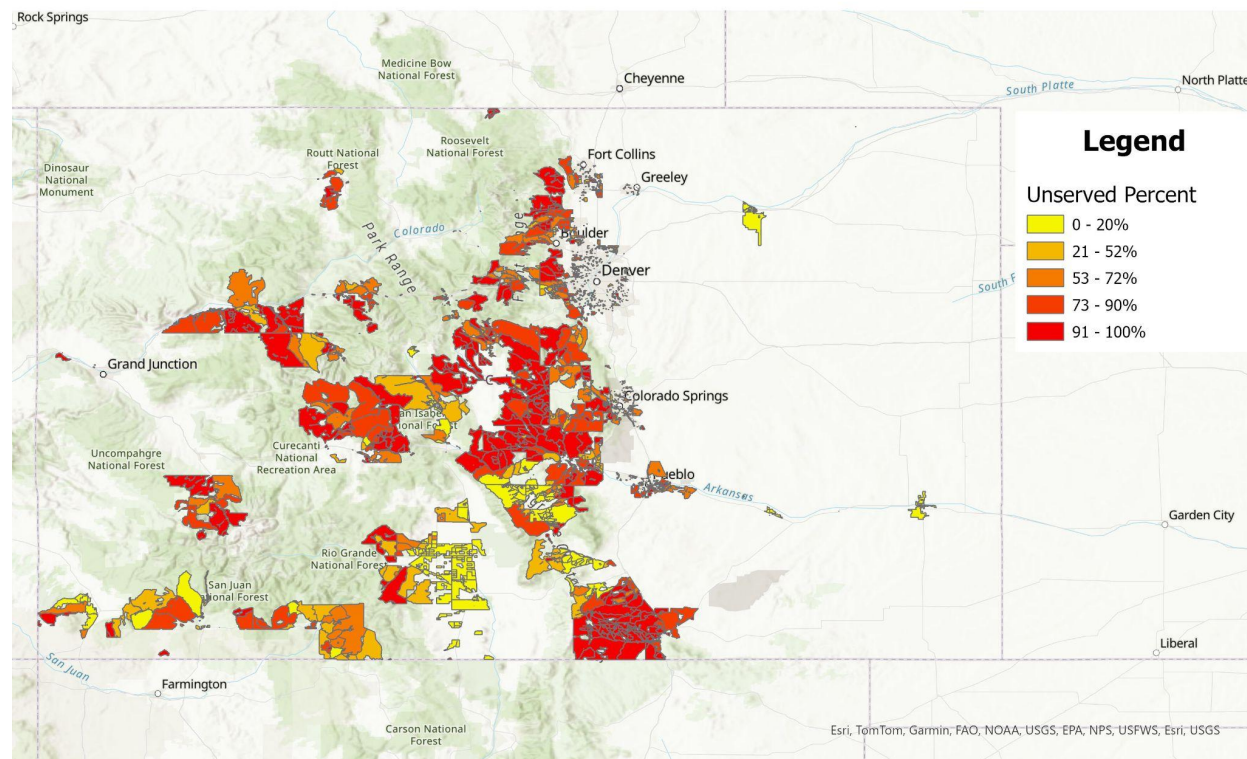
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Advance-BEAD Application Intake Summary

Percent of Unserved vs. Underserved Eligible Locations for Project Areas without Applications



Legend

Unserved Percent

- 0 - 20%
- 21 - 52%
- 53 - 72%
- 73 - 90%
- 91 - 100%

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BEAD Program Next Steps



	Next Steps	BEAD Program Activities
1	Review Round 1 Applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reach out to ISPs adjacent to Project Areas with no-bids and request that they serve those remaining areas• Remediate high cost areas from current applications based on EHCPLT
2	Update Project Area Maps	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create a new Project Area Map that includes remaining Project Areas and EHCPLT locations• Map will be available for ISPs to bid on
3	Second Grant Round: Alternative Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open second grant round with Project Area Map for 30 days
4	Second Grant Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open to all applicants using the same scoring criteria• Expecting to cover the remaining Project Areas
5	Develop and Submit Final Proposal to NTIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Select and make preliminary awards for inclusion in the Final Proposal to the NTIA• Initiate public comment process

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State & Local Dollars

Advance State & Local Dollars Grant Program



[HB24-1336](#) was enacted on May 22, 2024

- Repeals the Broadband Deployment Board
- Requires the CBO to establish a grant program criteria and guidelines for awarding HCSM funding:
 - A two tier grantmaking structure:
 - Tier One - 60 percent of funding
 - Broadband Middle Mile Projects
 - Tier Two - 40 percent of funding
 - Other unfunded broadband and telecommunication needs
 - Solicit input from the general public and various stakeholders
 - Create a work group
 - Establish a formal appeals process

Advance State & Local Dollars Grant Program



- NEW grant program under the Advance Colorado Broadband Grant Program, called [State & Local Dollars](#), or Advance-Local for short
- Award money from a state-funding program called the High-Cost Support Mechanism (HCSM) Fund to middle mile, last mile, short-term construction, and non-deployment projects
- Fill the gaps left by federal funding
- CBO published the [Program Guidelines](#) and [Appeal Policy](#) with a 30 day public comment period closed on Dec. 6

Advance Colorado Broadband State & Local Dollars Timeline



**Draft Guidelines
to be completed**

Oct. 1, 2024



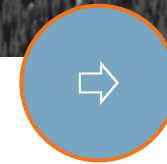
**Open for Public
Comment**

**Nov. 5-Dec. 6,
2024**



**Publish Grant
Guidelines**

Dec. 20, 2024



**Implementation
Begins**

Jan. 1, 2025



**Stakeholder
Work Group
Launches**

Fall 2025

Digital Equity Program Timeline



**Colorado's
Digital Access
Plan approved
by NTIA in April
2024**



**Application for
Digital Equity
Act Capacity
funds submitted
May 28**



**Colorado
receives \$12
million in
funding in by
end of 2024**



**Implementation
begins early
2025**



**Additional
funding
opportunities
expected in
2025 & 2026**

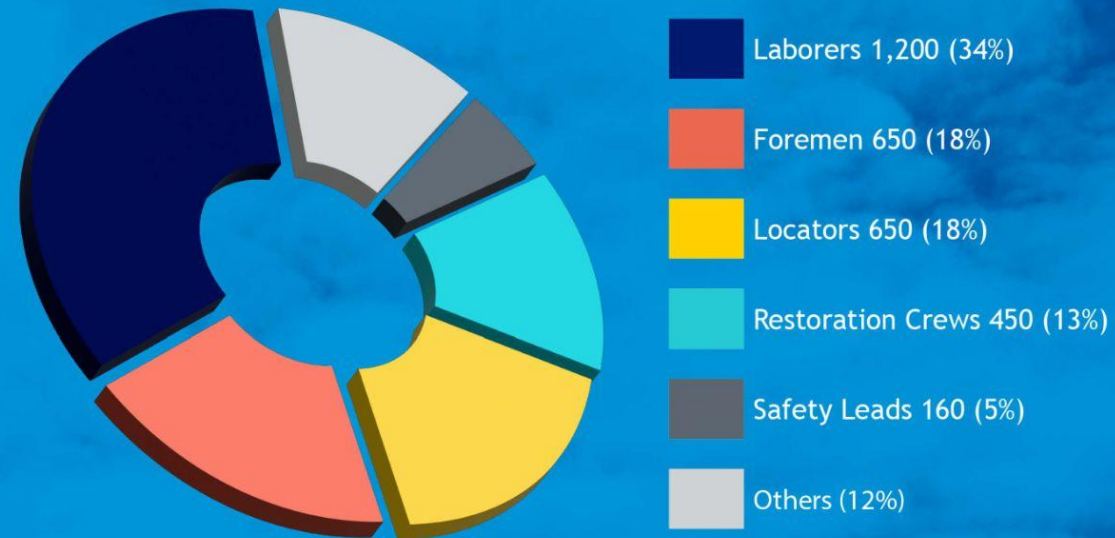
Other Initiatives



Perceived Broadband Workforce Gaps

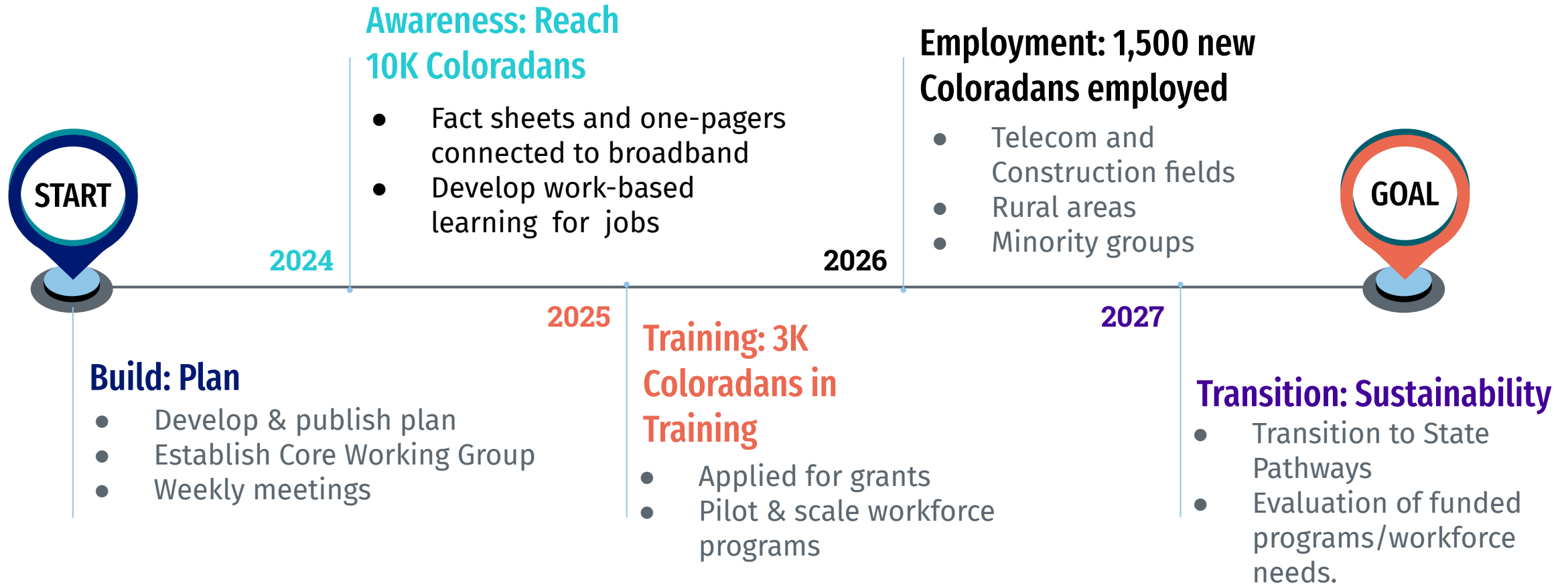
Manual roles are typically the occupations where the largest gaps are expected.

Roles with highest 2026 gaps (Gap in 2026, % of total gap).



Labor could potentially cross the state lines to address gaps.

Workforce Milestones





Legislation in 2025

The Cell Phone Interim Study Committee

Implemented by HB24-1265

- Bill 1: Single Point of Contact Wireless Services
- Bill 2: Wireless Telephone Infrastructure Deployment Incentives
- Bill 3: Local Government Permitting Wireless Telecom Facilities

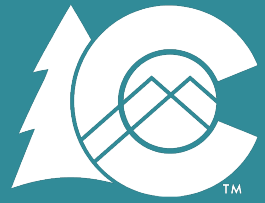
Stakeholder Outreach



- Community & Industry Leaders Roundtable Calls
- Weekly Broadband Legislative Stakeholder Calls
- Advance Consult Group
- CBO Advance-Local Program Webinar
- BEAD Weekly Office Hours



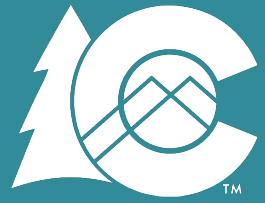
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Public Comment Period



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Closing Remarks