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**Broadband Contract Program and
Broadband Matching Grant Initiative**

Capital Projects Fund

2026 Report

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New Hampshire Counties

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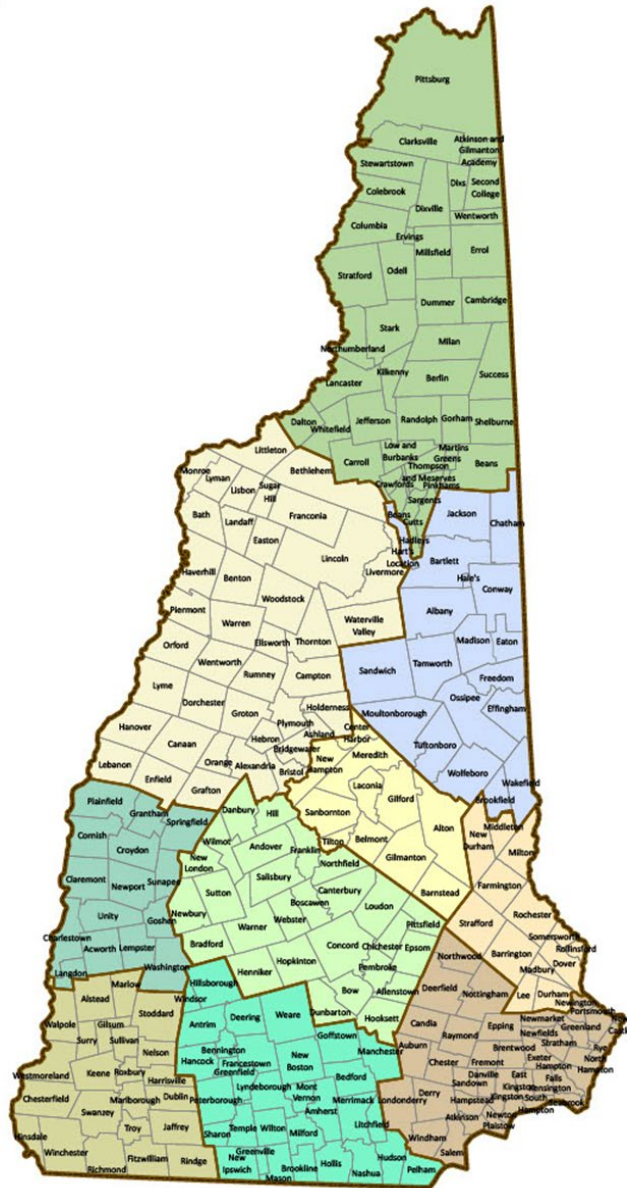


Figure 1. New Hampshire Counties. Source: NH Dept. of Administrative Services

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Program Information

Broadband Contract Program Plan Number	CPF_GP-000123
Broadband Matching Grant Initiative Program Plan Number	CPF_GP-000141
Program Start Date	September 22, 2022
Program End Date	December 31, 2026
Actual CPF funds allocated to Broadband Contract Program	\$92,096,771
Actual CPF funds allocated to the Broadband Matching Grant Initiative	\$23,866,072
Total CPF funds allocated to the State of New Hampshire	\$122,066,151

Executive Summary

Internet connectivity is integral to many facets of modern life, providing access to telehealth-care, remote education, professional opportunities, and social connection. These digital necessities depend on robust broadband infrastructure to connect homes, businesses, and community anchor institutions to quality networks. Expanding access to this infrastructure remains a critical priority for New Hampshire, particularly in rural and hard-to-reach communities previously without adequate service options.

The COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated an urgent need to close digital access gaps across New Hampshire, as demand for reliable internet service became increasingly pertinent. In response, funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund (CPF) Program was directed towards building broadband infrastructure that will close the urban-rural digital divide, providing communities in every part of the state access to high-capacity internet service.

New Hampshire's Department of Business and Economic Affairs (BEA) Office of Broadband Initiatives administers ARPA CPF funding through two programs: the Broadband Infrastructure Contract program (BIC), designed to make broadband access possible in geographically dispersed communities, and the Broadband Matching Grant Initiative (BMGI), which uses matching funds to encourage private investment in communities across the state. Eligible communities were either previously underserved, with service options delivering speeds of under 100/20 Mbps, or unserved, with options of under 25/3 Mbps.

From July 1st, 2025, to June 30th, 2026, three projects have been completed and all additional projects under both programs have begun or have prepared to begin construction. Within the

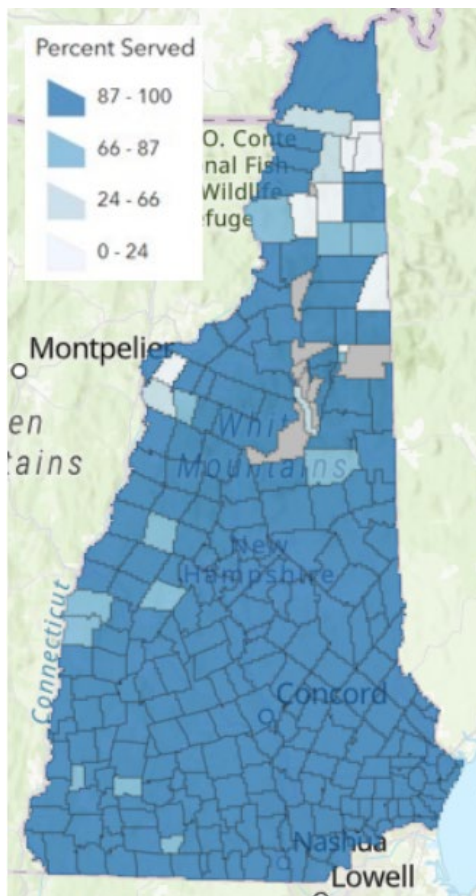


Figure 2. New Hampshire Municipalities, Percent Served. Source: New Hampshire Broadband Mapping Initiative

same time period, 6,129 additional addresses have been passed using CPF funds, for a total of 48,429 completed passings out of just over 50,000 expected locations. Both programs are on track for closeout by the end of the CPF period of performance on December 31, 2026. BEA additionally awarded a third round of CPF funding in June 2026 through the BIC program, to connect locations that remained unserved or underserved. These projects are also projected to complete buildout by the end of the period of performance.

As construction advances toward completion, many locations are already active and providing quality high speed internet service to subscribers. These investments are already demonstrating tangible benefits across New Hampshire, strengthening local economies, expanding access to telehealth and remote education, and supporting new opportunities for workers and businesses alike. Together, these improvements are elevating the quality of life for Granite Staters and contributing to the long-term vitality and resilience of their communities.

Town Testimonial

"We're delighted that fiber internet has come to Freedom, a milestone that will revolutionize connectivity for our residents," said a town representative for Freedom to the Carroll County Communications District. "For years, many in our community have faced challenges with unreliable and slow internet, but Fidium's expansion ensures fast, dependable, and affordable access for all. With this new connectivity, we're empowering local businesses, supporting remote work and education, and enhancing the overall quality of life for our residents. This is a giant leap forward in making our town more connected, innovative, and future-ready."

BEA measures progress on BIC and BMGI using several qualitative and quantitative metrics. BEA collects information on project buildout percentage and individual passings completed monthly to track progress completion, as well as take-rate, which refers to the number of passings that are subscribed to active service, to assess community impact. BEA also conducts quarterly subrecipient monitoring and reporting requests, detailed later in this report, ensuring that

projects are compliant with state and federal policy. Project progress is reported publicly to BEA's public-facing dashboard¹ and the New Hampshire Broadband Mapping Initiative's interactive map.²

This report will cover the five sections required by the Treasury's most recent revision of the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund Compliance and Reporting Guidance for States, Territories, and Freely Associated States: uses of funds, addressing critical needs, labor, community engagement, and civil rights compliance.³

Uses of Funds

New Hampshire is a predominantly rural state, with almost half of the population (47%) living in rural areas and with a large majority (84%) of the landmass considered rural.⁴ Rural communities often lack necessary broadband infrastructure due to various challenges which make private sector investment in these areas economically unviable. Geography inhibits construction as the cost per passing increases when building to remote areas or between widely distanced locations. Construction costs rise further due to difficult terrain in these remote areas, such as New Hampshire's rocky ground, mountain ranges and dense tree-cover.⁵ Providers are also disincentivized to build in rural locations as the lack of potential subscribers in less populated areas can lead to a low return on already high initial investments. For example, the town of Freedom, NH has a population density of 50 persons per square mile, in comparison to 697 persons per square mile in the state's capital, Concord, NH. For each mile of fiber cable passed in this rural town, there are fewer residents who may subscribe to services than in urban areas.⁶

¹ New Hampshire Department of Business and Economic Affairs, Office of Broadband Initiatives, "Capital Projects Funds Completed Passings Dashboard," March 13, 2025. [CPF Dashboard v16 3-13-2026 2.pdf](#)

² NH Broadband Mapping Initiative, "Broadband Mapping Applications." [Broadband Dashboard and Web Map](#)

³ US Department of Treasury, "Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund Compliance and Reporting Guidance for States, Territories, and Freely Associated States." August 2025. <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Revised-CPF-State-Guidance.pdf>

⁴ US Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration, "III.B. Overview of the State – New Hampshire – 2022." <https://mchb.tvisdata.hrsa.gov/Narratives/Overview/9510ebf8-ac54-4449-ab5c-eb868c982cbe>

⁵ National Telecommunications and Information Administration, "Economics of Broadband Networks." [Economics of Broadband Networks](#)

⁶ Economic + Labor Market Information Bureau, "GraniteStats." <https://www2.nhes.nh.gov/GraniteStats/index.jsp>

The State has previously relied on federal funding such as the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Connect America Fund and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to incentivize providers to serve rural areas despite these challenges. With Capital Project Funds, New Hampshire is directing funds towards remaining locations without sufficient internet service, to reach the State's overarching goal of 100% broadband coverage statewide.

BEA follows the U.S. Treasury Department's reporting guidelines to monitor the use of funds for each subrecipient. As previously outlined, BEA collects monthly data from subrecipients, including the number of completed locations passed, the miles of fiber deployed and the take-rate per project, to ensure projects are on track for closeout and services are received by communities. BEA further requests quarterly reporting and monitoring through a series of tools organized to provide BEA with the information necessary to make updates in the Treasury's Quarterly Project and Expenditure (P&E) report and allow an in-depth perspective on project progress and potential challenges. The Contractor/Subrecipient Reporting Tool and the Project Monitoring Form aid providers in reporting project progress, project budgets, financial management processes, financial risks, risks to labor or construction, and community engagement efforts. BEA additionally conducts transaction testing of project transactions, thus safeguarding against fraud, waste, or abuse of CPF funds.

Broadband Contract Program

The Broadband Infrastructure Contract program (BIC) is New Hampshire's initial Capital Project Fund Broadband program. BIC is designed to incentivize local internet service providers to serve every town in New Hampshire by funding the development of broadband infrastructure where it may otherwise be financially disadvantageous. The cost of building to the most rural parts of the state can outweigh the potential profit for providers, as previously described, making this program crucial for keeping Granite Staters connected and developing rural economies. BIC funds the deployment of broadband capable of delivering reliable internet access of at least 100/100 Mbps symmetrical speeds, catalyzing community development across the state as online professional, educational and social opportunities reach residents.

The BIC program was approved by the Treasury in September of 2022, and the first round of

subrecipients were contracted shortly after. \$90 million in CPF funds were allocated to provide broadband access to 48,016 locations through two contracts determined by a competitive bidding process. One contract awarded \$50 million to the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC), to serve 23,259 locations; the other contract awarded \$40 million to Fidium – previously referred to as Consolidated Communications (CCI) – to serve 24,757 locations. In June 2026, a third round of CPF funding was awarded to both NHEC and Fidium through another competitive bidding process under the BIC program. This round allocated \$1,169,890 in remaining CPF program funds to provide quality, high-speed broadband access to an additional 91 locations. Construction for these two projects is scheduled for completion by the end of 2026, consistent with the ARPA CPF period of performance.

Since the last annual report, each subrecipient has made substantial progress towards project closeout and is on track to complete construction within the upcoming year. In July of 2025, NHEC reported 19,571 total locations served, and now reports 21,663 locations served, nearing

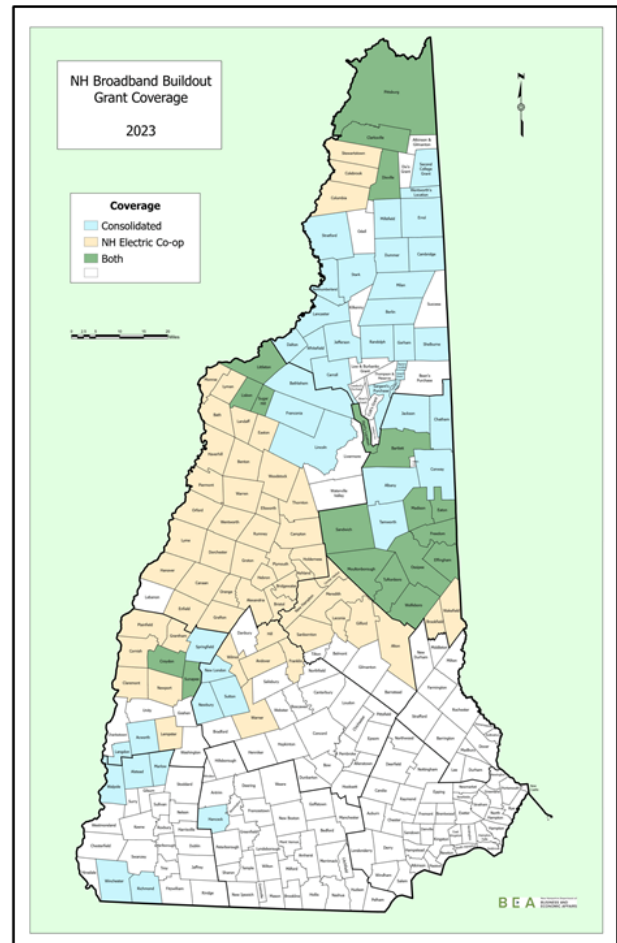


Figure 3. NH Broadband Contract Program Planned Buildout Coverage. Source: BEA

95% project completion.⁷ NHEC has active service in 21 substations; Fairgrounds, Rumney, Haverhill, Lisbon, Monroe, Bridgewater, Thornton, Goose Pond, Meredith, Colebrook, Center Harbor, Moultonborough, Corliss Hill, Melvin Village, and Tuftonboro went active in 2024, and Tamworth, Alexandria, Webster, Sunapee, Cornish and Alton went active within the last year.⁸ Of the passed locations, NHEC reported a 15.9% take-rate, demonstrating that services are increasingly adopted by subscribers as access expands.⁹ Make ready construction has been completed for the remaining substation in Bartlett, and construction is projected to be completed by Q3 of 2026.¹⁰

In July of 2025, Fidium reported 21,205 locations served, and now reports 24,694, exceeding 99% project completion.¹¹ Fidium activated service for 23 substations; Alstead, Berlin, Bethlehem, Center Harbor, Center Ossipee, Chatham, Croydon, Errol, Franconia, Gorham, Groveton, Hancock, Jefferson, Littleton, Madison, and Milan, went active in 2024 and Moultonborough, Newbury (Sunapee), Pittsburg, Richmond (Winchester), Tamworth, Whitefield, and Winchester went active in Q3 of 2025. Of the passed locations, Fidium reported a 34% take rate¹². The final 20 locations that are expected to be served by Fidium were impacted by permitting delays due to winter weather conditions and are projected to be completed by Q3 of 2026.

As project construction is completed and individual subscribers begin to receive access to internet service, town leaders have expressed satisfaction with the services received. Network deployment has already demonstrated measurable impact on the well-being of Granite Staters and their communities across New Hampshire.

Town Testimonial

“In my tenure one of the most frequent disappointments I’ve heard from citizens has been the lack of high-speed internet availability. Even where there has been access, there has been very limited options and competition. I am extremely pleased that essentially everyone will now have affordable, high-speed access to the internet, which for many is a basic necessity in today’s world. This brings our community in line with all the rest already being served by Fidium fiber and makes us competitive and realistic as an ideal place to live.” – Town administrator for the town of Ossipee, New Hampshire.

⁷ NHEC Contractor Reporting Tool, Q2 2026.

⁸ NHEC Project Monitoring Form, Q2 2026.

⁹ NHEC Contractor Reporting Tool, Q2 2026.

¹⁰ NHEC Project Monitoring Form, Q2 2026.

¹¹ Fidium Project Monitoring Form, Q3 2025.

¹² Fidium Monthly Data Request, June 2026.

Broadband Matching Grant Initiative

The Broadband Matching Grant Initiative (BMGI) also works to alleviate the financial barriers for private sector providers and municipal governments investing in necessary broadband infrastructure for hard-to-reach, rural towns. Under BMGI, the State provides CPF funds to subsidize up to 75% of broadband project costs, ensuring internet connection can reach all New Hampshire residents without reliance on alternative funding mechanisms such as municipal bonding. Service providers provide the remaining project funds and ensure that local community leaders are proactively engaged in project approval and implementation. Under this program, \$23,866,072 has been obligated to subsidize project costs to serve 3,083 addresses.

Three subrecipients were awarded BMGI funds at program launch. Hub66 was awarded \$8,410,592 to serve 958 locations with seven projects across eight towns, Comcast was awarded \$3,581,664 to serve 592 locations with four projects across thirteen towns, and Fidium was awarded \$11,873,815 to serve 1,503 locations with one project across ten towns. Within the last year, three projects have been completed; Hub66's Bristol project was closed out in Q4 of 2025, Hub66's Bridgewater project was closed out in Q2 2026, and Fidium's Barnstead et al. project was closed out in Q1 of 2026. These project completions are in addition to the two projects that were closed out at the time of the last annual report, Hub66's Gilford project and Comcast's Lyndeborough project.

Completed Projects Spotlight: Hub66 Bristol

In addition to the completion of Hub66's Gilford Project under BMGI in 2025, Hub66 has successfully closed out the Bristol project in Q1 2026, providing 39 locations with high-speed internet access. Bristol is a town of 3,300 year-round residents and 6,500 summer residents, on the southern tip of New Hampshire's scenic Newfound Lake. The town took up a community revitalization initiative in 2008, refurbishing downtown areas, investing in small business opportunities and building new parks & housing.¹³ The introduction of strong, reliable broadband crowns Bristol's dedicated effort to create the ideal town for community members.

¹³ Bristol, NH, "Story of Bristol Reborn." [Story of Bristol Reborn | Bristol, NH](#)

Completed Projects Spotlight: Fidium Barnstead et al.

Fidium has successfully completed the Barnstead et al. Project under BMGI, providing high-speed internet access to 1,503 locations across seven New Hampshire towns; Belmont, Lancaster, Barrington, Epsom, Farmington, Greenfield, Pittsfield. These towns are located across multiple counties throughout the state, and each poses their own challenges for broadband construction. Lancaster and Greenfield are the least densely populated, each at 64/square mile.¹⁴ Construction in Lancaster poses additional challenges as the town sits at the foot of New Hampshire's White Mountains, resulting in areas of particularly rocky and elevated terrain. These combined challenges demonstrate the necessity of public funds to provide Lancaster with modern broadband infrastructure.

All remaining BMGI projects for Comcast¹⁵ and Hub66¹⁶ are scheduled to be completed by the close of the CPF period of performance. Construction has begun for Hub66's Alton and Cornish-Plainfield projects, as well as Comcast's Candia et al., Claremont and Milton projects, with more than half of construction complete for Milton. Subscribers have already started to take up service at passed locations within all three of Comcast's projects as construction continues.¹⁷ The remainder of Hub66's projects are closing the make-ready engineering and permitting processes, with construction set to swiftly follow.

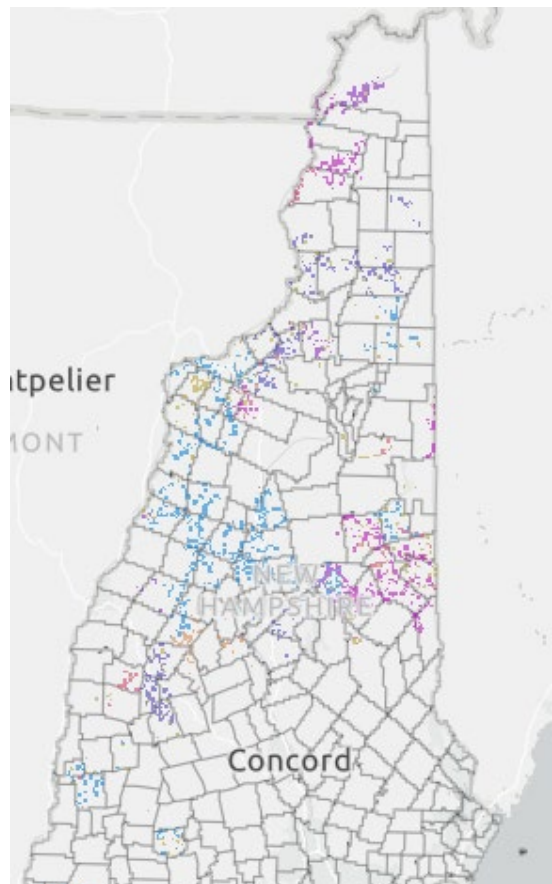


Figure 4. Capital Projects Fund Future Build Locations as of 12/1/2025. Source: New Hampshire Broadband Mapping Initiative

¹⁴ Economic + Labor Market Information Bureau, "GraniteStats." <https://www2.nhes.nh.gov/GraniteStats/index.jsp>

¹⁵ Comcast Project Monitoring Form Q1 2026.

¹⁶ Hub66 Project Monitoring Form Q1 2026.

¹⁷ Comcast Monthly Data Request, June 2026.

Program	Provider	Project	Addresses to be served	Addresses passed (as of June 30, 2026)	Status (As of June 30, 2026)
Broadband Contract Program	NHEC	-	23,259	21,663	More than 50% complete
	Fidium	-	24,757	24,694	More than 50% complete
Broadband Matching Grant Initiative (BMGI)	Comcast	Lyndeborough	56	56	Complete
		Candia et al	206	79	Less than 50%
		Claremont	116	30	Less than 50%
		Milton	214	158	More than 50%
	Fidium	Barnstead et al	1,503	1,503	Complete
	Hub66	Alton	199	0	Planning
		Bridgewater	85	85	Complete
		Bristol	39	39	Complete
		Canaan	166	0	Planning
		Cornish/ Plainfield	295	0	Less than 50%
		Enfield	52	0	Planning
		Gilford	122	122	Complete

Figure 5. Capital Projects Fund Project Statuses as of 6/30/2026. Source: Contractor Reporting Tools, Q2 2026 and Subrecipient Reporting Tools, Q2 2026 prepared by NHEC, Fidium, Hub66, and Comcast.

Addressing Critical Need

CPF programs allow providers to invest in hard-to-reach communities where broadband deployment is most needed. As previously discussed, federal funding is crucial to incentivizing private investment in rural regions where complex geography and sparse population discourage providers from administering service. Locations were eligible for CPF funds only if they were previously unserved or underserved at the time of funding and thus lacked the internet connectivity necessary to meet the demands of internet usage in the modern age. CPF funding delivers critical infrastructure investments where they otherwise may not be advantageous for internet service providers, allowing New Hampshire to maximize the number of individuals with access to the reliable, quality internet service they need.

Internet Service Provider Testimonial

“The most common feedback we get from towns is, “When are you coming?” Our most rural neighbors tend to be the most grateful to finally have fast and reliable internet and to have an alternative to their very expensive copper phone service.” – New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, *Broadband Infrastructure Contracts Recipient*

Increasing access to internet service for community members requires efforts beyond infrastructure. As construction comes to a close, program impact is dependent on whether community members are informed of service offerings and encouraged to subscribe. The State works with internet service providers to ensure individuals know how to access internet service once infrastructure is in place through advertising efforts that are tailored to rural communities.

NHEC raises awareness of services through digital advertising campaigns as well as email and direct mail delivered to community members. They maintain a monthly newsletter and an active social media presence which allows customers to both stay up to date on the company and provide feedback online. NHEC proactively reaches out to customers after services have been administered to ensure the promise of high-speed internet service has been realized.¹⁸

Fidium runs a communications campaign to community members from 60 days before construction starts to 280 days after services are available, utilizing direct mail, door hangers, door to door sales, email, text message, outbound calling, social media posts, and local press releases to reach as many individuals as possible.¹⁹ Comcast also employs direct communications to potential customers, sending mailers to announce upcoming services and proactively reaching out to assist community members with signing up for services.²⁰ Hub66 attends town hall meetings and works with town leadership to advertise services to potential customers, along with social media and website advertisement.²¹ With these efforts, CPF program implementation does not end with broadband deployment but encompasses thorough efforts to engage individuals with service offerings.

Town Testimony

“Shout it from the mountain tops! Fidium is about to complete its final step in Tamworth,” said a resident of Tamworth, and town representative to the Carroll County Communications District. “Years ago, Consolidated Communications was the only company to bring us internet service over their copper network, and now they are bringing Fidium’s state of the art high-speed internet over their fiber optic network. I’m so pleased that my neighbors and I will be able to stream, game and work with reliability and speed, for less money!”

Providers' commitment to engaging potential subscribers includes affordability and digital literacy programs that expand digital access for all. Many of our providers participate in the

¹⁸ NHEC Project Monitoring Form, Q1 2026.

¹⁹ Fidium Project Monitoring Form, Q3 2025.

²⁰ Comcast Project Monitoring Form Q1 2026.

²¹ Hub66 Project Monitoring Form Q1 2026.

federal Lifeline Program, which allows eligible individuals to apply for subsidized service costs. Hub66 offers additional discounted offerings including a low-cost option of 100/100 Mbps for \$59 a month, a \$10/month discount for Veterans and a \$30/month discount for customers that were previously subscribed under the now inactive Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP).²² Comcast’s nationwide Internet Essentials Partnership Program offers low-cost Wi-Fi, unlimited data, equipment and installation support, digital skills training programs and discounted devices for eligible participants.²³ The program provides registered entities such as municipalities with informational program materials to share with potential subscribers, available in up to 35 different languages, free of charge. Per each BIC contract, Fidium and NHEC are required to provide at least one low-cost high-speed option for households. NHEC also sponsors a digital skills curriculum created by Senior Planet, which helps seniors transition from cable to streaming services.²⁴

Beyond providing access to individuals, CPF broadband programs increase quality service availability for businesses and community anchor institutions such as schools, libraries and hospitals. Connectivity strengthens the digital capabilities of community fixtures and expands the breadth of professional and educational remote opportunities available to individuals. Broadband access increases the amount of local business development and drives income growth, resulting in economic growth and community development in rural regions of the state.²⁵

Town Testimonial

The Sandwich Fair is an agricultural fair held every October in Sandwich, New Hampshire. In previous years, vendors and visitors repeatedly asked to take credit cards, but the fair didn’t have the connection needed to support it. That changed when NH Broadband expanded fiber into Sandwich. “When NH Broadband came into our area, we really had that opportunity to get a faster connection. An ATM transaction now takes seconds,” shared the fair’s IT Manager. In 2025, the fair connected more than 300 vendors to NH Broadband without interruptions. “Each year we do our best to continue to expand and improve,” shared the Concessions Manager; a goal made possible by broadband expansion.

²² Hub66 Project Monitoring Form, Q1 2026.

²³ Comcast Project Monitoring Form Q1 2026.

²⁴ NHEC Project Monitoring Form, Q1 2026.

²⁵ Center for Rural Innovation, “Beyond connectivity: The role of broadband in rural economic growth and resilience.” September 30, 2024. [Report: The role of broadband in rural economic growth and resilience - Center on Rural Innovation](#)

Labor

BEA honors state and national labor standards across all CPF programs. Quarterly monitoring and reporting tools require subrecipients to provide information on labor costs, procurement processes and construction safety measures, to guarantee that all projects adhere to the required labor guidelines.

CPF subrecipients report that labor is compensated at or above the national and regional prevailing wage, with benefits included. Subrecipients further support workforce reliability and performance by executing competitive procurement processes for contractors, maintaining pre-qualified contractor pools, and onboarding supplemental vendors as needed to meet project demand and timelines with adequate staffing capacity.

Safety oversight is embedded throughout project implementation to ensure contractor compliance with federal, state, and municipal construction requirements. These include site-specific safety compliance requirements consistent with the National Electric Safety Code and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) policy. As inclement weather, seasonal limitations and difficult terrain conditions can pose safety risks throughout construction, providers adhere to strict policies protecting the safety and wellbeing of workers.

State licensure requirements establish clear education, certification, and experience standards to promote consistent quality of work and workplace safety. Oversight and accountability are supported through the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification (OPLC), which provides established mechanisms for reporting potential violations. New Hampshire mandates licensure requirements for a wide array of professionals, including electricians, gas fitters, plumbers, heating equipment technicians, architects, landscape architects, asbestos and lead abatement specialists, elevator and lift mechanics, engineers, explosives workers, and well contractors and installers.

The State recognizes that supply chain and labor shortages are possible as broadband funding continues to be a priority of the federal government with the continued progress of the Broadband, Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) program. Increased competition for resources along with global energy and commodity cost pressures hold the risk of driving upwards prices across broadband related supply chains. However, as project construction reaches final milestones, providers continue to draw from stand-by labor contracts and materials reserves to complete construction without delays.

Our providers prioritize relationship-building with local communities, and report making efforts to work with local construction subcontractors. Throughout project build, the CPF labor force has had a positive impact on communities, both in their dedicated effort to providing timely

broadband infrastructure with care and in their interactions with local community members and economies.

Internet Service Provider Spotlight

“NH Broadband is employing numerous workers for the construction of our broadband network, which in turn stimulates the local economies of the communities we are working in. We have heard directly from local businesses how these workers are spending on meals, lodging and purchasing other goods that are having a positive impact on their businesses.” – New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Broadband Infrastructure Contracts Recipient

Community Engagement

In addition to the advertising initiatives previously outlined, providers make intentional efforts to engage with communities throughout the construction and implementation of broadband. The BMGI program is designed to prioritize community engagement, by requiring providers to work with municipal governments to obtain approval of the project plan before construction can begin, ensuring aligned priorities between providers, local governments and potential subscribers.

Across both CPF programs, each provider engages with municipal leaders and community members in multiple ways. NHEC project leadership makes in person visits to towns prior to and during construction, to gather feedback from town officials, residents and business owners. In the fourth quarter of 2025, visits included Bristol, Sunapee, Andover, Meredith, Canaan, and more.²⁶ Prior to construction, Fidium also visits with town leadership in person, attending select board meetings and broadband specific meetings.²⁷ In person engagement continues as project milestones are reached, including a construction kickoff presentation for residents as construction progresses to each town.

Comcast also met in person with every town they are serving under CPF funding during the BMGI application phase.²⁸ Each town was also provided with the contact information of a local Government Affairs representative for any feedback or concerns. Hub66 regularly engages with town managers and select boards of partner municipalities to provide updates for the town leadership and residents and align the project plan with community needs.²⁹

Community engagement is integral in every step of the project process to prioritize community needs throughout construction and incorporate community feedback within implementation.

²⁶ NHEC Project Monitoring Form Q4 2025.

²⁷ Fidium Project Monitoring Form, Q3 2025.

²⁸ Comcast Project Monitoring Form Q1 2026.

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Municipalities are at the center of CPF programs, serving in informal partnerships with the State and providers to bridge communication with potential subscribers within communities. With this continued engagement, community members can anticipate expanded service offerings even before broadband arrives, ensuring a swift uptake of services once construction closes.

Town Spotlight

"In 2023, Barrington residents voted, by an overwhelming majority, to support partnering with Fidium to bring fiber internet to the premise throughout our community," said the town administrator for the town of Barrington. "We worked quickly and collaboratively with our State partners and Fidium to secure federal grant funds to bring this multi-million-dollar infrastructure investment to Barrington at no expense to local taxpayers. Access to high speed and high bandwidth internet is essential from a community and economic development standpoint to ensure our residents and businesses stay connected in an increasingly digital world. As a bedroom community with strong rural character, our advocacy and the support from Fidium was necessary to ensure Barrington homes and businesses had access to this cutting-edge technology."

Civil Rights Compliance

BEA enforces comprehensive compliance and oversight requirements to ensure that all broadband contractors operate in accordance with federal nondiscrimination laws and the proper use of federal funding. BEA requires execution of the standardized New Hampshire P-37 contract for Broadband Infrastructure Contract Program recipients, and includes a provision in each grant agreement for Broadband Matching Grant Initiative recipients, both of which explicitly formalize requirements for Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Pub. L. 88-352), Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, (Pub. L. 92-318, Pub. L. 93-568, and Pub. L. 94-482), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Pub. L. 93-112), the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (Pub. L. 94-135), and Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Pub. L. 90-284). Execution of these agreements binds contractors to adhere to established policies and procedures and to comply with all relevant federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and directives governing broadband delivery, including equal employment opportunity requirements. Throughout the contract term, providers are prohibited from discriminating against employees or job applicants on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, age, sex, disability, sexual orientation, or national origin and are required to implement affirmative measures to prevent discrimination. Collectively, these requirements maintain BEA's continued compliance with all federal nondiscrimination provisions as required by the U.S. Department of the Treasury

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