

(H.360/S.118) Some Finance Committee Decision Points (Very High Level)
Questions and Options for Consideration
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What are the goals for 2021 legislation?

Expand fixed broadband access

Expand cellular coverage



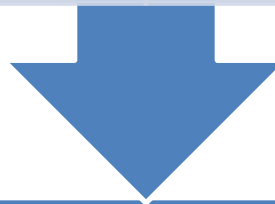
What programs are needed to accomplish the goals?

Preconstruction

Construction

Digital Inclusion
 - Affordability
 - Adoption

Workforce
 Development



What are the funding sources?

ARPA

Universal Service
 Charge (0.4%)

General Fund

Potential Future
 Federal Funds?

How should projects be financed/supported?

Grants	Loans	Admin/Tech. Support	Property Tax Exemption	Broadband Corp
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What entities are eligible for support?

CUDs (alone, or with a partner)	Indep. Telephone Co.'s	"Small" ISPs	ISPs	Electric Co.'s
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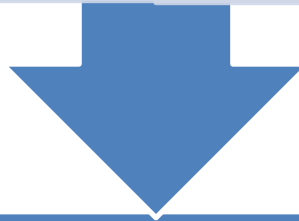


What conditions attach to public financing? (Requirements or Priorities?)

<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Minimum Speed Requirements* Unserved and Underserved Locations* Plan for Universal Coverage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Affordable Service Options* Supports Low-income or Disadvantaged Communities* Promotes Geographic Diversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Shared Access to Infrastructure* Leverages Federal or PPP Resources* Overbuilding okay?* Maintenance?
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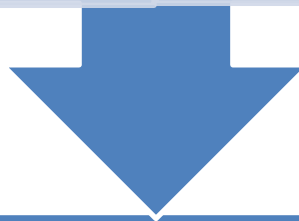
What accountability provisions are needed?

Payment when work completed	Field testing	Public Inventory	Recoupment/Public Assets
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Who oversees/administers the programs?

DPS	ACCD	DCF, Economic Services Division	New Entity
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If a new entity is created, need to address:

Organization	Sunset	Powers/Duties	Telecom Plan? Mapping? Network Resiliency?
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Additional Considerations around timing:

What are the timing constraints?

What programs should be implemented within next 6 months (prior to organization of a new entity, if one authorized)

What funds appropriated before FY 2022 budget adjustment?

If a new entity is established, and it sunsets, how should that be reconciled with its time-limited duties (short-term planning)? And rulemaking authority?