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Biden Administration Releases \$45B for Broadband to States.

Guidance for the infrastructure program says states must make affordable broadband available to the middle class, too, and cannot exclude cities from being considered for the funding.

The Biden administration on Friday made \$45 billion in broadband funding from the bipartisan infrastructure act available to the states, emphasizing that they make sure any internet service that's built is affordable not only to those with low incomes but to the middle class as well.

"The internet is absolutely essential to every American's success," Deputy Commerce Department Secretary Don Graves told reporters on a call. "That's why it's unacceptable that in 2022, millions of Americans are still without it."

In addition, the department's National Telecommunications and Information Administration emphasized in its [notice of funding opportunity](#) that states should make the dollars available to cities and nonprofits, like farm cooperatives, that want to start a broadband service to compete with private companies.

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