

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Notice of Technical Amendments to the Third Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program Notice of Funding Opportunity and the Native Entities Grant Program Notice of Funding Opportunity

ACTION: Notice

The third Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program (TBCP 3), authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Division N, Title IX, Section 905(c), Public Law 116-260, 134 Stat. 1182 (Dec. 27, 2020) (Act), as amended by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Division F, Title II, Section 60201, Public Law 117-58, 135 Stat. 429 (Nov. 15, 2021) (IIJA) (codified at 47 U.S.C. §1705), provides federal funding for grants to Eligible Entities to expand access and adoption of broadband service on Tribal Lands or for programs that promote the use of broadband to access remote learning, telework, or telehealth resources.

The Native Entities Grant Program (NEGP), authorized by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021, Division F, Title III, Public Law 117-58, 135 Stat. 429, 1209 (November 15, 2021) (codified at 47 U.S.C. §1701, 1721, et seq.) (the “Digital Equity Act of 2021” or “Act”), implements two programs that set aside funds for Indian Tribes, Alaska Native entities, and Native Hawaiian organizations (collectively “Native Entities”): the “State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program” and the “Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program.” To reduce administrative burden and cost, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) is releasing the funds for both programs through a single application process.

On June 17, 2026, NTIA issued a TBCP 3 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and NEGP NOFO to describe the requirements under which it will award grants for the respective programs. The NOFOs originally established a 3-month period through September 17, 2026 for Eligible Entities to submit applications for program funding.

On July 29, 2026, NTIA issued this Notice describing certain technical amendments it made to the TBCP 3 and NEGP NOFOs. Specifically, NTIA amended the TBCP 3 NOFO and NEGP NOFO to extend the original applications’ submission deadline, identified in Section IV.G. of the TBCP 3 and NEGP NOFOs, from September 17, 2026, to November 17, 2026. Additionally, NTIA resolved inactive links and citation dates.