Preparation for Last-Mile Infrastructure Grants (LMIG) Committee

Members will meet with understanding of the program, which includes the evaluation criteria:

- Preference Group #1 (Highest need)
  - Project areas containing a majority (>50%) of Least Served potential subscriber locations (service below 25/3) will receive the highest preference for grants

- Preference Group #2
  - Project areas with a majority (>50%) of Unserved potential subscriber locations (service below 100/20) will receive the next highest preference

- Within each preference group, applications are judged based on the weighted cost-benefit of the proposed project based on four factors:
  - Density of the project area
  - Total financial commitment
  - Project timeline
  - Subscription price

- The lowest weighted cost-benefit is the most competitive application within the preference group.

The Grants Approval Plan, includes the voting members:

- Review all grants above $250k (or elevated by the Staff Grants Committee) for approval
  - Grants approved at or below $5 MM are then moved to Board level for ratification
  - Grants approved above $5 MM are then moved to Board level for review and approval
  - LMIG Committee has the ability to refer any grant to Board level if deemed appropriate

- Attendance:
  - Quorum: A majority of members are required for a quorum
  - Any potential conflicts of interest disclosed:

Recommendations from the Staff Grants Committee

- Recommendation report
  - Recommendation Summary Table lists projects in order of preference group & ranking
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LMIG COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Welcome & participant introductions - Carlos B (<5min)

2. Recap - Connect the Ready - Cohort One - AB (<5min)
   a. CTR home page

3. Recap - Approval process inc. use of Executive Session - SMac/DW/EB
   a. Review team - MCA, Tilson (SMac - 5min)
      i. Group 1 - Least Served > 50%
      ii. Group 2 - Unserved > 50%
   b. Staff Grant Committee - met last week (SMac - covered in #4 below)
   c. Role of LMIG Committee (DW - 5min)
   d. Guidance on confidential topics (SMac/DW/EB - 5min)

4. Recommendations Report & Approvals - SMac (5min)
   a. Overview of recommendations - PUBLIC
      i. Recommendation Report
   b. MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION (when relevant - 20-25min)
      i. Motion that this Committee enter an executive session as authorized by the Maine Freedom of Access Law (Title 1 of the Maine Revised Statutes (MRS), section 405) to consider matters designated as confidential information exempt from public disclosure. The executive session is needed to enable the Board members to review and discuss information designated confidential under ConnectMaine Authority ME law and rules pursuant to Title 1 MRS sections 402(3)(A), 405(6)(F), and Title 35-A MRS section 9207 and ConnectMaine Authority Rule Chapter 101, section 4). This information includes confidential data collected and mapped by ConnectMaine from mandatory reporting by communications service providers concerning both existing and planned infrastructure deployment, pricing and revenue data, service area and types of service.
   c. PROCESS POST EXECUTIVE SESSION
      i. Chair of the meeting to reiterate for the record that BoD conducted executive session, considered no other matters than in the motion to enter executive session, and took no final decision or vote on the matter during the executive session
   d. Motion to Approve Grants, subject to future Board Ratification (<5min)
      i. Grants between $250k – $5 MM
      ii. Motion to approve the following grants as presented in preference groups one and two, subject to future Board Ratification
         1. Town of Bowerbank
         2. Town of Clifton
         3. Town of Abbot
4. Brooks and Waldo Maine
5. Town of Arrowsic - Arrowsic Broadband Authority
6. Town of Bradford
7. Town of Greenville
8. Town of Willimantic
9. Town of Vienna
10. Town of Swan’s Island

e. **Motion to Recommend Grants for Board Approval (<5min)**
   
   i. Grants above $5 MM, **AND**
   
   ii. Grants elevated for board approval due to size (>-$5 MM), plus conditional recommendations from the staff grant committee
   
   iii. Motion to recommend approval and move to final approval at MCA Board on January 20th for the following grants as presented in preference groups one and two
       
       1. Town of Fayette
       2. Greater East Grand Economic Council
       3. Town of Skowhegan
       4. Waldo Broadband Coalition
       5. Town of Wilton
Connect the Ready Grant Program
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Connect the Ready is a competitive grants program that will encourage proactive partnerships and collaborative efforts to design, fund, and build broadband infrastructure projects in eligible areas.

Program Principles
1. Leverage Investments
   a. Work across silos and sectors to correct market failures due to low premise density
2. Seek Regional Equity
   a. Emphasize geography that enables network-approach
   b. Scale for speed of connecting as many as possible
3. Favor Future-Proof Networks
   a. Enable innovation and new-value from public-private partnerships

Program Objectives
- Expand universal broadband service throughout large least served and un(der)served areas
  - Recommended awards to reach approximately 17,000 potential subscriber locations
  - Grant necessary to reach locations
  - Geography that supports regional equity
- Collaborate with applicants on the scope of projects and readiness of project partners
  - Local private-public partnerships ready
  - Network design ready with possible interconnections, also supporting regional equity
  - Cost-benefit of state funds toward projects maintained at about $2,000 per location

Program Information
- Budget = up to $70 MM across up to two cohorts
  - Proposing $51.5 MM of grant approvals in Cohort One (including conditional approvals)
- Disbursements to follow the procurement & grants policy
  - 25% in advance at closing
  - Remainder of funds disbursed on reimbursement basis
- Funding source = Capital Projects Fund (ARPA)

Timeline - Program
- Applications open = October 11, 2022
- Application deadline = November 04, 2022
- Review open = November 10, 2022
- Review deadline = January 16, 2023
- Program end date = December 31, 2024
Program Information (continued)

- Key application information (application questions) and criteria for evaluating applications is described on the [website](#) page and in [Guidance](#).
  - Program Principles & Objectives drove program requirements
    - MCA Strategy and CPF performance standards
  - Applicant & location eligibility and technical & financial standards
    - State and CPF requirements and performance standards

Review Team

- Stephenie MacLagan, Broadband Impact Director - LEAD
- Brian Allenby, Communications Director
- Meghan Grabill, Geospatial Data Analyst
- Additional outside support from Tilson

- Support and advice – as needed
  - Andrew Butcher, President
  - David Wedick, CFO
- Approval authority = Staff Grant Committee (SGC)

Review Information

- Total applications = 29
  - Total request amount = $102,821,994
- Total applications approved = 15
  - Total amount recommended for awards = $51,505,971
    - Group 1 = 11 awards totaling $26.1 MM
    - Group 2 = 4 awards totaling $25.0 MM
  - Estimated potential subscriber locations = 21,730
  - Estimated cost-benefit of state funds per location = $2,370
  - Total communities = 38
Review summary statement

These 15 approved applications represent projects that are:

- ready with network designs to be built before 2025; and
- supported by ready, committed partners in need of funds to complete these projects.

Of these, all 11 in the least served (majority <25/3) preference group and all 4 in the second preference group (majority <100/20) are recommended for award or conditionally recommended. The total $51,505,971 of Connect the Ready Grants recommended would expand broadband service in 10 counties across Maine. The 8 ISPs involved represent diversity in size and type of internet companies. Both community-owned (non-ISP owned) and privately-owned networks proposed are recommended.

Due to so many eligible applications, the MCA team (via the Staff Grants Committee) has decided to recommend $51 MM in grants for Cohort One, larger than originally envisaged. Total All-In Program funds have been strategically allocated to a future Cohort Two of ~$20 MM for Connect the Ready.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephenie MacLagan
# Connect the Ready Grant Program

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## Recommendation Summary Table

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Recommend to Fund

**App ID = CTR-0000000053**

- Recipient Name = Premium Choice Broadband
- Partner Name = Town of Bowerbank
- Weighted cost-benefit = 832
- Total Financial Commitment = $546,650
- Recommended grant amount = $705,866
- Geography = Bowerbank & Sebec
- Total potential subscriber locations = 382

**Decision statement:** Project meets standards. The total financial commitment is much greater than the minimum amount required. The anticipated completion date is ambitious but realistic. These factors weighted the cost-benefit, resulting in a high ranking. Of the locations included in this project, 29% are in areas of low and moderate income and/or least in valuation.

**App ID = CTR-0000000054**

- Recipient Name = Premium Choice Broadband
- Partner Name = Town of Clifton
- Weighted cost-benefit = 1126
- Total Financial Commitment = $826,600
- Recommended grant amount = $1,137,842
- Geography = Clifton Area
- Total potential subscriber locations = 400

**Decision statement:** Project meets standards. The total financial commitment is much greater than the minimum amount required. The anticipated completion date is ambitious but realistic. These factors weighted the cost-benefit, resulting in a high ranking.
App ID = CTR-0000000052

- Recipient Name = Premium Choice Broadband
- Partner Name = Town of Abbot
- Weighted cost-benefit = 1150
- Total Financial Commitment = $786,200
- Recommended grant amount = $1,556,059
- Geography = Abbot Area
- Total potential subscriber locations = 536

Decision statement: Project meets standards. The total financial commitment is much greater than the minimum amount required. The anticipated completion date is ambitious but realistic. These factors weighted the cost-benefit, resulting in a high ranking. Of the locations included in this project, 78% are in areas of low and moderate income and/or least in valuation.

App ID = CTR-0000000098

- Recipient Name = Direct Communications
- Partner Name = Towns of Brooks & Waldo
- Weighted cost-benefit = 1183
- Total Financial Commitment = $1,027,250
- Recommended grant amount = $3,040,838
- Geography = Brooks & Waldo
- Total potential subscriber locations = 837

Decision statement: Project meets standards. The subscription price for broadband service is significantly less than $60 per month. This factor weighted the cost-benefit, resulting in a high ranking.
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**Decision statement**: Project meets standards. This project area has a very low density of potential subscriber locations per mile. The total financial commitment is much greater than the minimum amount required. The anticipated completion date is ambitious but realistic. The subscription price for broadband service is significantly less than $60 per month. These factors weighted the cost-benefit, resulting in a high ranking. This will be a community-owned network, one of only seven projects submitted.

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**Decision statement**: Project meets standards. The anticipated completion date is ambitious but realistic. This factor weighted the cost-benefit, resulting in a high ranking.
App ID = CTR-0000000050

- Recipient Name = Premium Choice Broadband
- Partner Name = Town of Greenville
- Weighted cost-benefit = 1402
- Total Financial Commitment = $1,218,675
- Recommended grant amount = $2,172,890
- Geography = Greenville Area
- Total potential subscriber locations = 600

**Decision statement:** Project meets standards. This project area has a very low density of potential subscriber locations per mile. The total financial commitment is much greater than the minimum amount required. The anticipated completion date is ambitious but realistic. These factors weighted the cost-benefit, resulting in a high ranking. In addition to the Town of Greenville, the township of Beaver Cove also financially commits to this project.

App ID = CTR-0000000051

- Recipient Name = Premium Choice Broadband
- Partner Name = Town of Willimantic
- Weighted cost-benefit = 1529
- Total Financial Commitment = $607,550
- Recommended grant amount = $1,247,609
- Geography = Willimantic Area
- Total potential subscriber locations = 301

**Decision statement:** Project meets standards. This project area has a very low density of potential subscriber locations per mile. The total financial commitment is much greater than the minimum amount required. The anticipated completion date is ambitious but realistic. These factors weighted the cost-benefit, resulting in a high ranking.
App ID = CTR-0000000057

- Recipient Name = Town of Vienna
- Partner Name = Axiom Technologies
- Weighted cost-benefit = 3486
- Total Financial Commitment = $400,000
- Recommended grant amount = $2,229,396
- Geography = community/region covered
- Total potential subscriber locations = 402

**Decision statement:** Project meets standards. This project area has a very low density of potential subscriber locations per mile. The anticipated completion date is ambitious but realistic. These factors weighted the cost-benefit, resulting in a high ranking. This will be a community-owned network, one of only seven projects submitted.

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App ID = CTR-0000000085

- Recipient Name = Consolidated Communications
- Partner Name = Greater East Grand Economic Council
- Weighted cost-benefit = 4886
- Total Financial Commitment = $981,400
- Recommended grant amount = $8,133,267
- Geography = Greater East Grand Lake Region
- Total potential subscriber locations = 1705

**Decision statement:** Project meets standards. This project area has a very low density of potential subscriber locations per mile. The anticipated completion date is ambitious but realistic. These factors weighted the cost-benefit, resulting in a high ranking. Of the locations included in this project, 77% are in areas of low and moderate income and/or least in valuation.
App ID = CTR-0000000100

- Recipient Name = Consolidated Communications
- Partner Name = Town of Skowhegan
- Weighted cost-benefit = 733
- Total Financial Commitment = $8,429,700
- Recommended grant amount = $8,827,148
- Geography = Skowhegan Area
- Total potential subscriber locations = 9290

**Decision statement:** Project meets standards. The anticipated completion date is ambitious but realistic. This factor weighted the cost-benefit, resulting in a high ranking. This project includes nearly 10,000 potential subscriber locations.

App ID = CTR-0000000041

- Recipient Name = Town of Swan's Island
- Partner Name = TDS
- Weighted cost-benefit = 2070
- Total Financial Commitment = $1,196,508
- Recommended grant amount = $1,697,997
- Geography = Swan's Island
- Total potential subscriber locations = 310

**Decision statement:** Project meets standards. The total financial commitment is much greater than the minimum amount required. The anticipated completion date is ambitious but realistic. These factors weighted the cost-benefit, resulting in a high ranking.
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Recommend to Conditionally Fund

App ID = CTR-0000000078

- Recipient Name = Waldo Broadband Corporation
- Partner Name = Sebago Fiber
- Weighted cost-benefit = 1418
- Total Financial Commitment = $4,590,000
- Recommended grant amount = $11,172,720
- Geography = Southwest Waldo County
- Total potential subscriber locations = 3172

Decision statement: Project meets standards; however, the grant amount recommended will be conditional upon clarifying the roles and responsibilities of the partners identified, given the limited history of both the ISP company and the regional broadband group. The total financial commitment is much greater than the minimum amount required. The anticipated completion date is ambitious but realistic. These factors weighted the cost-benefit, resulting in a high ranking. This project would also represent another unique ISP, and another community-owned network among only seven submitted.

App ID = CTR-0000000062

- Recipient Name = Matrix Design Group
- Partner Name = Town of Fayette
- Weighted cost-benefit = 1519
- Total Financial Commitment = $1,394,898
- Recommended grant amount = $2,569,094
- Geography = Fayette
- Total potential subscriber locations = 778

Decision statement: Project meets standards; however, the grant amount recommended will be conditional upon clarifying the roles and responsibilities of the partners identified, given the limited history of the ISP company operating in Maine. The total financial commitment is much greater than the minimum amount required. This factor weighted the cost-benefit, resulting in a high ranking.
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**Decision statement**: Project meets standards; however, the grant amount recommended will be conditional upon clarifying the roles and responsibilities of the partners identified, given the limited history of the ISP company operating in Maine. The total financial commitment is much greater than the minimum amount required. This factor weighted the cost-benefit, resulting in a high ranking. This will be a community-owned network, one of only seven projects submitted.
Recommend not to Fund

App ID = CTR-0000000107

- Applicant Name = Comcast
- Partner Name = unspecified
- Reason = Readiness

**Decision statement:** Project doesn’t meet program standards for eligibility. Broadband service could be expanded through line extensions and will be considered for Reach Me Incentives.

App ID = CTR-0000000067

- Applicant Name = Town of Charlotte
- Partner Name = Pioneer Broadband
- Reason = Program Fit

**Decision statement:** Project doesn’t meet program standards for eligibility. Broadband service could be expanded through either future Reach Me proposals or leveraging future middle-mile infrastructure.

App ID = CTR-0000000109

- Applicant Name = Direct Communications
- Partner Name = Town of Thorndike
- Reason = Program Fit

**Decision statement:** Project doesn’t meet program standards for scope. Broadband service could be expanded through line extensions and will be considered for Reach Me Incentives.
App ID = CTR-0000000036
- Applicant Name = FirstLight Fiber
- Partner Name = Town of Bethel
- Reason = Uncompetitive

**Decision statement:** Project was uncompetitive given that it fell outside of preference group 2. Broadband service could be expanded through future Reach Me proposals and/or a more competitive Connect the Ready application.

App ID = CTR-0000000033
- Applicant Name = Direct Communications
- Partner Name = Town of China
- Reason = Uncompetitive

**Decision statement:** Project was uncompetitive given that it fell to preference group 3. Broadband service could be expanded through leveraging future middle-mile infrastructure and/or a more competitive Connect the Ready application.

App ID = CTR-0000000063
- Applicant Name = Caribou Utilities District
- Partner Name = Pioneer Broadband
- Reason = Uncompetitive

**Decision statement:** Project was uncompetitive given that it fell to preference group 3. Broadband service could be expanded through a more competitive Connect the Ready application in the future.
App ID = CTR-0000000060 & 61

- Applicant Name = GoNetspeed
- Partner Name = Enfield & Howland
- Reason = Uncompetitive

**Decision statement:** Project was uncompetitive given that it fell outside of preference group 2. Broadband service could be expanded through line extensions and could be considered for Reach Me Incentives.

App ID = CTR-0000000042

- Applicant Name = Town of Wayne
- Partner Name = Axiom Technologies
- Reason = Uncompetitive

**Decision statement:** Project was uncompetitive given that it fell to preference group 3. Broadband service could be expanded through leveraging future middle-mile infrastructure and/or a more competitive Connect the Ready application.

App ID = CTR-0000000055

- Applicant Name = Maine Internet Development Corporation
- Partner Name = GWI
- Reason = Uncompetitive

**Decision statement:** Project was uncompetitive given that it fell outside of preference group 2. Broadband service could be expanded through a more competitive Connect the Ready application.
App ID = CTR-0000000047

- Applicant Name = Town of Lubec
- Partner Name = Axiom Technologies
- Reason = Uncompetitive

**Decision statement:** Project was uncompetitive given that it fell to preference group 3. Broadband service could be expanded through leveraging future middle-mile infrastructure and/or a more competitive Connect the Ready application.

App ID = CTR-0000000112

- Applicant Name = GWI
- Partner Name = Town of Baldwin
- Reason = Uncompetitive

**Decision statement:** Project was uncompetitive given that it fell outside of preference group 2. Broadband service could be expanded through a more competitive Connect the Ready application.

App ID = CTR-000000034 & 45

- Applicant Name = Consolidated Communications
- Partner Name = Dexter & Harrison
- Reason = Uncompetitive

**Decision statement:** Projects were uncompetitive given that they fell to preference group 4. Broadband service could be expanded through future Reach Me proposals, leveraging future middle-mile infrastructure, and/or more competitive Connect the Ready applications.