

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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High Speed NV is a comprehensive plan that will deliver universal access to affordable, reliable and scalable internet service for all Nevadans by 2029. The first phase involves a \$200 million expenditure, using a mix of state and federal funds. The overall initiative will be a \$500 million investment.

## WILL THIS MEAN EVERY NEVADAN WILL HAVE ACCESS TO HIGH SPEED INTERNET?

Our goal is universal access to high speed internet that is affordable and reliable. We are developing scalable infrastructure throughout the state to ensure every Nevadan seeking home internet service is able to access it with a connected device well into the future.

## HOW WILL UNIVERSAL HIGH SPEED BE ACCOMPLISHED?

We're working with stakeholders across the state to identify underserved areas and create the partnerships needed to bring them connectivity infrastructure. This includes efficiently using the available funds while putting an emphasis on digital equity, leveraging additional federal funding, establishing strong partnerships and collaboration in every community, and making investments for the long-term.

## HOW LONG WILL THIS TAKE?

The High Speed NV initiative has already begun. Nevada has identified priority locations and has begun issuing Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for services. The next round of RFPs will be issued this summer. Work will continue over the next five years. Most of the work will be completed by the end of the Governor's second term.

## WHERE WILL THE FUNDS BE TARGETED?

- Unserved and underserved residential and business locations in both rural and urban areas of Nevada
- State and local government facilities
- Community anchor institutions like schools and libraries that lack the connectivity needed to serve students, patrons, and residents
- Digital equity initiatives and programs that help Nevadans afford internet services, acquire a connected device, and become digitally literate

## WHAT HAPPENS IF NEVADANS CAN'T AFFORD HOME INTERNET?

We believe Nevadans who cannot afford home internet are just as disconnected as those who live in the most remote parts of the state. The federal Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) provides a \$30 per month discount to any Nevadan at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. Any household with someone already enrolled in SNAP, Medicaid, the School Lunch Program, Housing Assistance, WIC, Lifeline, or another federal program is eligible for the ACP. The State is working with stakeholders in every county to make eligible Nevadans aware of the program and encourage enrollment. Currently, 33 percent of eligible Nevadans are enrolled.