Hawaii Broadband

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Brøadband Strategy 2020 - Beyond

Carrier **Neutral Cable** Landing Station (CLS) -Help to reduce barrier to entry for trans-Pacific fiber optic cables landing in Hawaii.

Terrestrial Backhaul **Connectivity** -Encourage cost competitive options for terrestrial backhaul prices.

Kauai

Oahu **Interisland Fiber -** Wailuku **Small Cell** Hawaii **Deployment** -Support initiatives throughout the state to deploy small cell and wireless technologies.

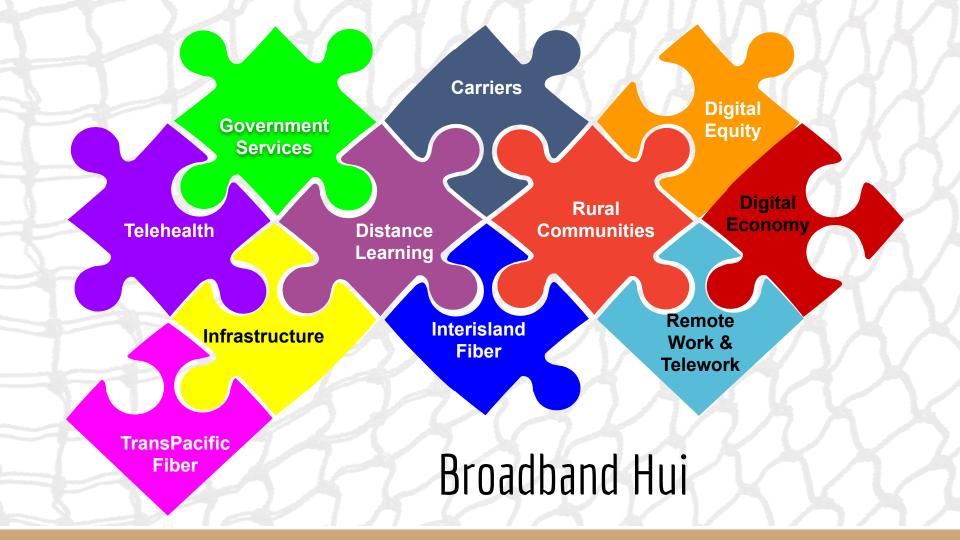
Explore options to

build a more robust, resilient inter-

Island fiber network.

Rural Broadband -

Support funding opportunities for rural broadband and community network projects



Guiding Star Digital Equity Declaration

Policy Coordination

Funding

Livelihood

- Wifi on WheelsGeo/Data Mapping
- Community Networks

Access

- Cable Landing
- Cloud Infrastructure
- Wireless spectrum
- Refurbished Computers
- Carrier Programs
- Lifeline

- Digital Assessment
- CS in Education

Literacy

- Workforce Dev
- Computer Literacy

- Digital Economy
- Distance Learning
- Telehealth
- Remote Work
- Data Gathering
- Cloudforce Development
- Creative Industries

Digital Equity Declaration

This Digital Equity Declaration compiles the collective priorities articulated through months of thoughtful Broadband Hui conversations and, in alignment with the 2020 Hawai'i Broadband Strategic Plan, sets a foundation for collective action among private- and public-sector partners by providing a vision and goals that will move Hawai'i toward a more equitable digital future. This Declaration is a call to address this critical need by advancing the following three pillars of digital equity:

- 1. Access: Affordable, quality broadband for all;
- 2. Literacy: A baseline of digital competence for all; and
- 3. Livelihood: Societal systems effectively leveraging digital opportunities to improve lives.

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2020 Hawaii Broadband Strategic Plan

Overarching Strategic Goals

- Ensure Robust Broadband Infrastructure to All Hawaii Residents
- 2. Expand Digital Inclusion and Adoption to Achieve Digital Equity
- 3. Enable Hawaii to Thrive in a Digital Economy
- 4. Strengthen Community Resiliency through Broadband

Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021

Honolulu

- 1. At least \$30 million in funding for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands;
- 2. \$3.2 billion nationally in an Emergency Broadband Benefit to help low-income Americans get connected or remain connected to broadband;
- 3. \$250 million nationally for a new telehealth pilot program;
- 4. \$300 million national grant program to fund broadband in rural areas; and
- 5. \$65 million to improve U.S. broadband maps.





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