AGENDA

This event is co-hosted by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, and the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity – Utah Broadband Center

Virtual Access Link

Moderator: Rebecca Dilg, Director, Utah Broadband Center

9:30 – 10:00 am **Welcome and Keynote Addresses**
- **U.S. Senator Mitt Romney** *(Video)*
- **Jim Grover**, Managing Director of Incentives and Grants, Utah Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity
- **Doug Kinkoph**, Association Administrator, Officer of Internet Connectivity and Growth, NTIA
- **Sen. Chris Wilson,** Utah Senate, District 25 and Co-Chair, Utah Broadband Center Advisory Commission
- **Dustin Jansen**, Division Director, Utah Division of Indian Affairs

10:00 – 10:40 am **Overview of Federal Broadband Funding Programs**
Federal representatives will provide overviews of the various federal broadband funding programs.

- **Susan Walters**, Regional Director – West, NTIA
- **Sherry Ross**, Attorney Advisor, Wireline Competition Bureau, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, FCC
- **Brad Clausen**, General Field Representative, Colorado and Utah, Telecommunications Program, Rural Utilities Services, Rural Development, USDA

10:40 – 11:10 am **Utah Broadband Center Update**
Representatives from the Utah Broadband Center will discuss the development of its Statewide Digital Connectivity Plan, Connecting Utah outreach and strategy and timing for implementation of the BEAD and DE grant programs.

- **Rebecca Dilg**, Director, Utah Broadband Center
- **Claire Warnick**, Program Manager, Utah Broadband Center

- **Teri Mumm**, Program Manager, Utah Broadband Center

11:10 – 11:25 am   **Information Table Engagement**

11:25 am – 12:20 pm   **Lightning Talks from Broadband/Digital Access Local Planning Grant Awardees**
Awarded organizations will present a high-level overview of their local plan, communities where they are seeking input and engagement, and any requests for support or partners.

- **Bear River Association of Governments**
- **Utah Education and Telehealth Network**
- **San Juan County**
- **Davis School District**
- **United Way of Utah County**
- **Salt Lake Community College**
- **Utah Center of Economic Opportunity & Belonging**
- **Club Ability**
- **Utah Commission on Aging**

12:20 – 1:20 pm   **Lunch and Networking**
- **Mayor Michelle Kaufusi**, City of Provo
- **Representative John Curtis,** U.S. House of Representatives, District 3 *(Video)*

1:20 – 1:50 pm   **Inspirational Storytellers**
This session features speakers representing different communities sharing their challenges and successes with connecting and using the Internet to improve their life.

AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS
Breakout sessions will take place from 2:00 – 3:15 pm. Rooms will be labeled by session topics; please proceed to the session you are most interested in.

2:00 – 3:15 pm   **Breakout Session 1: Middle and Last Mile Solutions for the BEAD Program (Ballroom ABC)**
This breakout includes a primer and discussion on different types of solutions (i.e., middle and last mile) and technologies (i.e., fiber, fixed wireless, satellite), and their roles in connecting communities with high-speed internet, including through the BEAD and TBCP programs.

Moderator: Lynne Yocom, Fiber Optics Director, Utah Department of Transportation
- **Roger Timmerman**, Executive Director, UTOPIA Fiber
- **Brad Welch**, Chief Operation Officer, CentraCom

- **Sen. Chris Wilson,** Utah Senate, District 25 and Co-Chair, Utah Broadband Center Advisory Commission

Breakout Session 2: Digital Inclusion Best Practices & Resources (Exhibit Room A)
This breakout will invite a panel of experts to share their experiences developing local digital inclusion initiatives and services. Speakers will share their best practices for creating sustainable digital equity programs in a panel discussion and Q&A.

Moderator: Liz Gabbitas, Digital Access Program Manager, Utah State Library Division
- **Michell Morton**, Deputy Director of Digital Equity Program, NTIA
- **Paul Hill**, Program Director and Extension Professor, Utah Rural Online Initiative
- **Jaleen Johnson**, Program Manager, Northwest Regional Telehealth Resource Center
- **Ali Abid**, Digital Equity Specialist, Catholic Community Services of Utah
- **Betsy Brown**, Librarian, Tooele City Library

Breakout Session 3: Affordable Connectivity Program (Exhibit Room B)
This breakout will include an overview of the FCC's Affordable Connectivity and Lifeline Programs and a panel discussion on opportunities, challenges, and best practices around helping more Utahns access these benefits.

Moderator: Sophie Dasaro, Digital Access Outreach Specialist, Utah Broadband Center
- **Sherry Ross**, Attorney Advisor, Wireline Competition Bureau, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, FCC
- **Niki Jamer**, Case Manager, Five County Association of Local Governments
- **Deneiva Knight**, External Affairs Director – Utah, Comcast
- **Adam Fordham**, Technology Specialist, Salt Lake County Regional Development

3:15 – 3:25 pm	**Break**
3:25 – 4:05 pm	**Feedback Activity** *The Utah Broadband Center will begin public comment on its Digital Connectivity Plan, which includes both its BEAD Five Year Action Plan and State Digital Equity Plan, and conduct feedback activities to provide comments on both plans.*

4:05 – 4:15 pm **Closing Remarks**
- **Rebecca Dilg**, Director, Utah Broadband Center

4:15 – 5:00 pm **Networking & Office Hours with Utah Broadband Center and NTIA**