



BROADBAND FUNDING PRINCIPLES

- 1. Technology Neutrality:** Allow all technologies [and providers] to compete for funds to serve truly unserved areas, prohibit duplicative funding, and establish funding programs without existing Section 254 limitations, such as existing ETC requirements.
- 2. Collocation:** Support collocation by enabling funds to be used for leasing tower space in addition to capital expenditures.
- 3. Speed to Market:** In a COVID environment, speed matters and funding should be distributed to those who can stand up broadband network quickly.

HOMEWORK GAP PRINCIPLES

- 1. Funding Source:** Fund out of general appropriations, not universal service contributions.
- 2. Program Design:** A separate program from E-rate, but to the extent FCC finds useful it can borrow E-rate rules.
- 3. Targeted and Temporary:** The program should last for only the duration of the national emergency and be targeted to low-income households without a home broadband connection or in jeopardy of losing their broadband connection (including related equipment and/or a computer (laptop, tablet, or desktop computer)
- 4. Technology Neutrality:** Allow any technology.
- 5. Eligibility:** Limited to; 1) connectivity (wired or wireless), 2) service equipment (e.g. modems, routers, hotspots), and 3) devices (e.g. tablets/computers/smartphones).