



# PLANNING ALERT!

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Michigan

## Program Name

Realizing Opportunities in Broadband Infrastructure Networks (ROBIN)

## Funding Amount

Up to \$238.7 million from ARPA Capital Projects Fund (CPF)

## Key Dates

Michigan High Speed Internet Office (MIHI) anticipates opening the 60-day ROBIN grant application window in mid-December 2022

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## Eligible Applicants

- Internet service providers
- Entities licensed under the MI Telecommunications Act
- Franchise holders under the Uniform Video Services Local Franchise Act
- Any entity currently providing broadband service in the state
- Governmental entities may apply for grants only as a public-private partnership with an internet service provider
  - Public-private partnerships must demonstrate a competitive bidding process and comply with applicable state laws

## Eligible Areas

Unserved locations are homes, businesses, and institutions without internet service available at a speed of at least 100/20 Mbps from at least one internet service provider

## Eligible Projects

Projects to expand high-speed internet service to unserved locations in the state

## Scoring Criteria

Final grant criteria are still being developed by MIHI, but will include, at a minimum:

- Applicant's experience and financial wherewithal
- Readiness to build, operate, and maintain the project
- Long-term project viability
- Network scalability
- Demonstrated community support
- All ROBIN grantees must participate in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program

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## Buildout Requirements

- Symmetrical end-user internet connection
  - Unless significant topographic, geographic, or financial impracticability exists in the project area
- All program funds must be expended by the end of the 2026 calendar year

## Middle Mile

Up to 35% of ROBIN funds can be used for middle-mile projects that support deployment of broadband service to unserved areas

## Eligible Costs

Generally based on Capital Projects Fund Guidelines

## Ineligible Costs

Generally based on Capital Projects Fund Guidelines

## Links & Email

- [ROBIN Fact Sheet \(govdelivery.com\)](https://govdelivery.com)
- [US Treasury Guidance for the Capital Projects Fund](#)
- [MIHI - Michigan High Speed Internet Office](#)
- Please direct any questions to the MIHI Office at: [LEO-MIHighSpeedInternet@michigan.gov](mailto:LEO-MIHighSpeedInternet@michigan.gov)

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