

Community Readiness Assessment Questionnaire

[Questionnaire link](#)

Purpose: to help Connect Humanity gauge the level of support communities need to conduct the planning grant process and develop their Digital Equity Connectivity Plans.

Timing: Before a Planning Grant is awarded.

Action: Community to provide information [via this link](#) or in writing via email to grants@connecthumanity.fund. Disclaimer that form completion will require significant effort, this is not a 'passive process'.

Evaluation (what are we trying to ascertain?):

- What, if any, broadband planning has already taken place?
- Does the community have the resources and knowhow to gather the necessary data to build a good plan?
- Is the potential grantee well positioned to
 - lead/coordinate the planning process?
 - Take action/execute the plan once developed?
- What is the general boundary of the service area the plan should cover?
- Have any funds already been committed for digital equity?
- What components of the Digital Equity Connectivity Plans are still needed?

Assessment Questions:

- Your Email
- Your Name (first, last)
- Your organization/entity name
- Type of organization/entity
 - Co-op
 - Municipality
 - Non-profit organization
 - For-profit / privately owned operator
 - Other (please describe)
- Location (City, State)
- If you are in an Appalachian Subregion, as defined by the Appalachian Regional Commission, please select which subregion: [\[PDF link\]](#)

- Northern
- North Central
- Central
- South Central
- Southern
- Not in an Appalachian Subregion
- I don't know

Big Picture

- What digital equity challenge(s) is your community trying to solve?
- What local partners and allies are supportive of this project?
- Have there been any broadband planning activities already started? If so, please describe.

Community Actors

- Who makes decisions in your town/city/municipality? (eg the City Council, Board of Selectmen, Mayor, County Commissioners)
- Whose support would you need to build a network? How many of them are you already in touch with?
- What relationship do you have with the local municipality and the county government?

Community Connectivity

- What type of connectivity currently exists in the community? For example, do people have the Internet at home through a cable provider?
- Has the community mapped who has connectivity and who does not? If yes, approximately what percentage of the community is connected?
- How much is affordability a challenge? Is connectivity expensive in your community?
- Have you compiled existing GIS information of parcels, right-of-way areas, etc of the community?
- What is the demographic profile of the community that will benefit from this project? Please use the [census.gov](https://www.census.gov) to provide the following information:
 - Median household income:
 - Persons in poverty, percent:
 - Percent non-white:

Technical & Financial Information

- Do you already know the ownership or governance model for the intended network? If yes, please briefly describe.
- Do you have an idea of what type of network your community needs or would most benefit from? (e.g. fixed wireless, fiber (aerial or buried), cable, or Wi-Fi)
- What is the general area of the community that you want to connect?

- Is there a map?
- Number of households and/or businesses?
- Number of people?
- Do you already know the financial model for the intended network? If yes, please describe.
- Has your community received or put aside any funding for building networks?
- Do you have 2 years of audited financials?
- How many years of experience do you have in this space?

Digital Equity Planning Grant Checklist

Please indicate which of the following you have:

- Articulation of community broadband needs
- Digital equity goals
- Digital equity assessment (e.g. digital literacy and device access)
- Market assessment (e.g. data on existing broadband infrastructure and services)
- Proposed network design/architecture
- Financial model (e.g. costs, construction/installation timeline, services/pricing)
- Business Plan (e.g. staffing plan, analysis of operator models)
- Risks and mitigations (e.g. cybersecurity plan, policy & governance assessment)

Is there anything else you think we should know?
