# Broadband for Island and Coastal Sustainability Planning Grant

Island Institute is proud to offer Broadband Planning Grants, through the Tom Glenn Community Impact Fund, to support community-driven broadband projects in Maine's coastal and island communities. High-speed, reliable internet service is essential, to ensure equitable access to education and healthcare, to support civic engagement and aging in place, and to spur economic diversification and prosperity.

## Who is eligible?

We encourage applications from local or regional broadband working groups of Maine coastal and island communities that are in regular communication with Broadband staff of the Island Institute. Recipients of planning grant funds must be a Maine municipality, local institution, or nonprofit.

## What is the size of the grants?

The amount of a grant may range from $5,000 to $15,000. An application for a grant serving a large region of communities may request a larger amount. Matching funds are required, and any application with an amount requested that is more than $15,000, or without a 1:1 match, will be considered only if significant need and impact is demonstrated. Neither grant nor matching funds may be used to procure services that would otherwise be provided by the Island Institute free of charge to the applicant, broadband working group, or their community.

## How and when do I apply?

With a Broadband Planning Grant application form, the applicant will demonstrate how the grant will be used to overcome barriers to establishing or expanding broadband infrastructure. Island Institute welcomes applications on a rolling basis. Please submit the application electronically (see top of the page). A report on how funds were used is required at the completion of the work, and if applicable also one year from the award date.

# Broadband Planning Grant Application

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## APPLICANT INFORMATION

| Name: | Community: |
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| Email: | Phone: |
| Role in broadband working group: | Grant amount requested: |
| Signature (or "by email"): | Date of request: |

## RECIPIENT INFORMATION

| Entity name: | Contact name: |
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| Community: | Email or phone: |
| Mailing address: | Relation to broadband project: |

## APPLICATION CONTENT

Please keep your application to two pages.

What is the community's vision for its future? How would broadband help realize that vision?

List your broadband work with the Island Institute to-date, any other partnerships, and dates of broadband working group meetings and milestones:

Please provide the list of broadband working group members, their backgrounds and roles:

Summarize the project for which funding is sought, including the timeline:

Please provide a project budget, showing the breakdown of costs and which expenses are covered by this funding, cash and in-kind matches, and any other funding sources:

What area(s) of the community would be impacted by the proposed project?

How has the community been engaged, and what is the community support for the project?

List any other anticipated social, economic or environmental benefits of the project:

Island Institute reserves the right to request additional information deemed necessary to properly evaluate the application.