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# LET'S GET GOING BROADBAND PROGRAM

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## The Goal

A comprehensive introduction to all of the things a community needs to understand local connectivity challenges, evaluate options, and chart an achievable path to concrete goals.

## The Program

An 8-week program in leveraging existing assets, financing, partnerships models, individualized advice and assistance, and access to a cohort of communities for support and mutual learning.

## Who We Are

The Community Broadband Networks Initiative at ILSR promotes locally rooted, democratically accountable broadband networks that provide all Americans with fast, affordable, reliable Internet access.

## What We Do

Considered national experts on local broadband solutions, ILSR has more than 15 years of experience helping national leaders and local communities solve complex technological, legal and economic issues, with many models for broadband network solutions.

# PROGRAM

8 weeks

Individualized, expert guidance in



1. Broadband 101
2. Identifying the Problem
3. Infrastructure Challenges
4. Building a Broadband Coalition
5. Infrastructure Solutions
6. Digital Equity Solutions
7. Funding Programs
8. Wrapping Up and Next Steps

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**Cohort Building** - An opportunity for a local broadband team to join a eight-week cohort with other communities in a customized curriculum to develop expertise in solving broadband challenges and taking advantage of funding opportunities.

**Trainings** - 90-minute interactive webinars focused on understanding - in a commonly accessible manner - broadband technologies, challenges, and how similarly situated communities have addressed these problems.

**Technical Assistance** - Eight 2-hour technical assistance sessions rooted in local needs

**Community Progress Reports and Research** - Develop an information-gathering project with diverse community stakeholders to define digital inclusion problems.

Cost: \$15,000 per community for 3-5 participants