Why We Exist

Mission
We are committed to enabling the development of a statewide communications infrastructure through public-private partnerships to meet the growing demand for broadband access for

- public safety
- education
- healthcare
- transportation
- all Coloradans
Overview

Leadership
- Chair DORA Broadband Development Board
- Coordinate with DOLA grant programs
- Align objectives across state agencies
- Enable regional solutions and partnerships

Alternate funding
- Federal grant/loan programs (USDA, FCC)
- Community resources (money/in-kind)
- Private investment

Information and education
- Communities and local organizations support
- Analysis and insight on investment priorities
- Technology education and outreach

Advocacy
- Policy to accelerate deployment
- Encourage private sector investment
- Coordinate with federal agencies and US congressional delegation on investment
Progress Since 2018

- Rural household access to broadband improved from 77 to 86%
- 98% of school districts meet the FCC per student bandwidth goal
- DOLA awarded $2.4 million in grants
- DORA awarded $10 million in grants
- Three USDA ReConnect Program applicants totaling $27.3 million
- Project THOR launched
- Increasing involvement by rural electric co-ops
- Successful state legislative session
Federal Programs

FCC (Administered by Universal Service Administrative Corporation (USAC))
- High Cost
- LifeLine
- E-rate - Schools and Libraries
- Rural Health Care (RHC)
  - Healthcare Connect Fund Program
  - Telecommunications (Telecom) Program
  - Connected Care Pilot NPRM

USDA Rural Telecommunications Programs
- Rural Broadband Direct Loan and Loan Guarantee Program
- Community Connect
- Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program
- ReConnect Program
October 2019 Data Cycle
- Important Dates
  - **07/15/2019** - OIT begins data call
  - **08/30/2019** - Data submission deadline
  - **10/04/2019** - New data published to the Broadband Map

Broadband Mapping Resources
- Broadband Map: [http://broadband.co.gov/map](http://broadband.co.gov/map)
- Broadband Speed Test and Survey: [http://maps.co.gov/surveytest/](http://maps.co.gov/surveytest/)
- OIT Broadband Survey: [https://tinyurl.com/oitbroadbandsurvey](https://tinyurl.com/oitbroadbandsurvey)
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