



Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program Update

November 12, 2024



Agenda



1. Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program Overview and Updates
2. TBCP Announcements and Team Structure
3. Tribal Broadband Leaders Network
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5. Looking Ahead



Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Total Funding pool
\$3.00B

A program to deploy high-speed Internet in tribal communities.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) added \$2 billion to the existing TBCP and relaxed time requirements of the original program. The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 created the TBCP and allocated \$980 million for high-speed Internet deployment in Tribal communities.

TBCP NOFO2 closed on 3/22 :

- ☆ Approximately 160+ eligible applicants
- ☆ Applications represent \$2B request for Infrastructure Deployment and \$200M+ Use/Adoption



1. Through TBCP NOFO1, 227 awards have been made to date representing:
 1. Over \$1.86 billion in total funding obligated across 390+ Tribes and Tribal Organizations
 2. New broadband connections to over 140K+ households through Infrastructure Deployment and 1,400+ community anchor institutions served.
2. Extensive application of lessons learned through NOFO2 technical assistance including 13 webinars, 14 in-person sessions, and 69 individual TA sessions for Tribes.
3. Implementing updated methods and procedures for application data gathering and processing, curing, application review & quality assurance, and deduplication review for the 160+ TBCP NOFO2 applications.

Announcements



The Osage Nation hosted national and state leaders in the broadband industry on Monday, March 4, 2024, for Wahzhazhe Connect's groundbreaking on its National Telecommunication Information Administration (NTIA) broadband expansion projects. The event held at Wakon Iron Hall in Pawhuska kicked off construction funded by a \$40.6M federal grant to the Osage Nation.

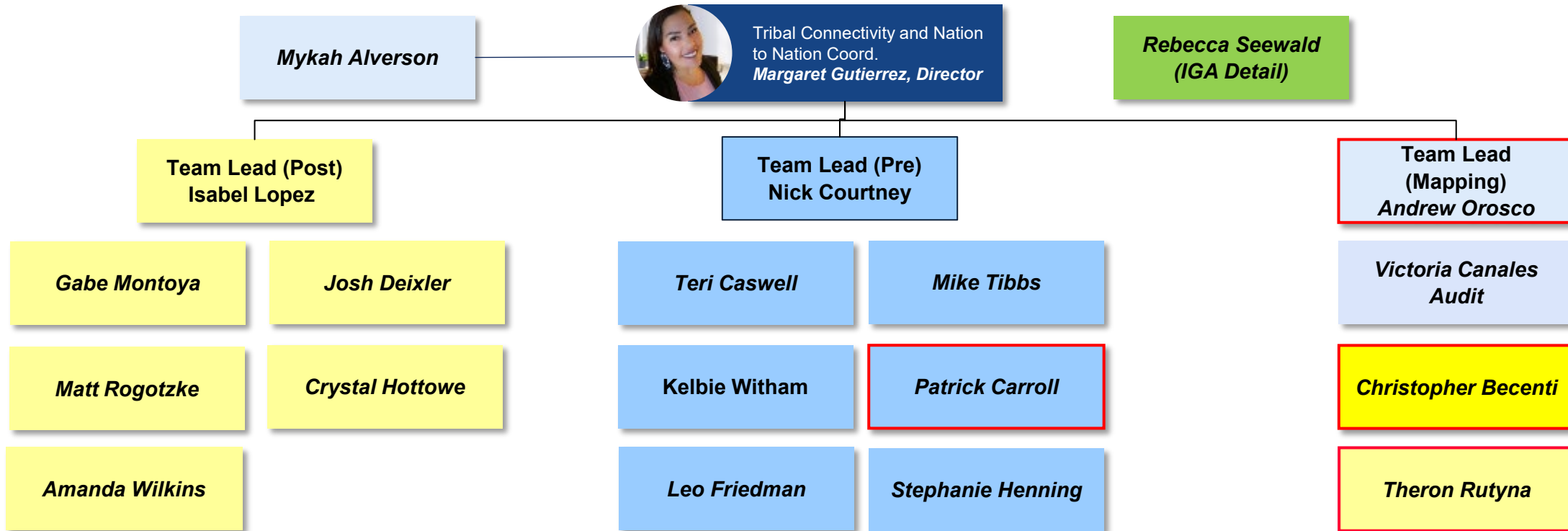


TBCP Team

Tribal Connectivity and Nation to Nation Coordination



■ Pre-Award ■ Post-Award ■ Mapping ■ Detailee



Tribal Broadband Leaders Network

- Started October 2022 and announced by Secretary Raimondo at National Tribal Broadband Summit
- Monthly online convenings for Tribal leaders
- Meetings are strictly for representatives of Tribal governments

TBCP 2

- TBCP 2 applications received:
 - More than 160 applications received
 - \$2.64 billion in total funding requests
 - Approximate \$980 million available from NOFO II
 - Press release available

- The Programmatic Review process is underway
- Watch your inbox for emails from tbcпноfo2@ntia.gov
 - Note, curing turn-a-round windows continue to be very tight and very strict
 - Targeting Q4 for the first wave of award announcements

Mapping

2024 and Beyond

- Monthly TBLN Calls
- TBCP 2 Awards begin late in 2024
- Post Award Technical Assistance Office hours (monthly)
- TBLN in person occurred in Portland (September 15-17) in conjunction with the SBLN and DELN cohorts