

# OVERVIEW OF TRIBAL BROADBAND PROGRAMS

During the Wisconsin Tribal Nations Broadband Workshop, participants discussed their current broadband projects. They shared whether their projects were just starting, in progress, or well-developed. The projects were divided into three main areas: completing broadband networks, digital equity programs, and workforce programs that support broadband development or benefit from better connectivity. Participants could choose to share their information or not, so this list isn't complete. As projects grow and new funding is obtained, the situation will change.

#### **BROADBAND NETWORK**

Early Stages	Launched and Learning	Mature
Lac du Flambeau Band- applied	<u>Lac du Flambeau</u> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Fire	Forest County Potawatomie-
for USDA ReConnect 5 to reach	Communications LLC	Self Funded FTTH project
areas on the LDF reservation		covering 95% of the homes on
NOT reached by the NTIA		the reservation
broadband grant		
Sokaogon Chippewa- BEAD LOI	Red Cliff- NTIA FTTH, 6 miles	Red Cliff- PSC grant for AT&T
		cell tower. Completed in 2017
Sokaogon Chippewa-NTIA	Menominee Nation- NTIA TBCP	Menominee - 5 towers via
grant application	state broadband grants, FCC	AT&T in 2023
	RDOF	
	Oneida Nation- working w/	
	outside consultant on Fixed	
	wireless access	
	Oneida Nation- NTIA grant	
	round 1	
	Oneida Nation- partner with	
	Nsight for fiber to the home	
	NTIA round 2 (FUNDED)	

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Part of the Wisconsin Tribal Nations Broadband Workshop Resources

### **DIGITAL EQUITY PROGRAMS**

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Sokaogon Chippewa- Digital		
Equity Capacity		
Sokaogon Chippewa- Digital		
Equity Competitive		
<u>Lac du Flambeau</u> - NTIA Digital		
Equity Competitive grant		
(Digital devices, telehealth,		
education, digital training,		
construction of a digital skills		
center)		

## **WORKFORCE PROGRAMS**

Early Stages	Launched and Learning	Mature
Lac du Flambeau- creating	<u>Lac du Flambeau</u> - Broadband	
curriculum to train care	Technician training- 10 learners	
providers and elders in laptop	in progress (currently	
use for telehealth visits.	candidates for open positions	
	at 8 <sup>th</sup> Fire)	