

Covered Population Definitions	
Term	Definition
Aging Individuals	An individual who is 60 years of age or older.
Covered Household (Referred to in this plan as "Low-income household")	A household, the income of which for the most recently completed year is not more than 150 percent of an amount equal to the poverty level, as determined by using criteria of poverty established by the Bureau of the Census.
Incarcerated Individuals (Referred to in this plan as "Justice-involved")	Incarcerated individuals, other than individuals who are incarcerated in a Federal correctional facility.
People with disabilities	With respect to an individual, a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities of such individual, a record of such an impairment, or being regarded as having such an impairment.
People with language barriers	Individuals with a language barrier, including those who are English learners or have low literacy levels.
Racial and ethnic minorities	Members of racial or ethnic minorities as defined by the U.S. Census
Rural inhabitants	Any area other than a city or town that has a population of greater than 50,000 inhabitants, any urbanized area contiguous and adjacent to a city or town that has a population of greater than 50,000 inhabitants and In the case of a grant or direct loan, a city, town, or incorporated area that has a population of greater than 20,000 inhabitants.
Veterans	A person who served in the active military, naval, air, or space service, and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable.
Additional Terms and Definitions	
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AARP	American Association of Retired Persons
ACP	Affordable Connectivity Program: An FCC benefit program that helps ensure that households can afford the broadband they need for work, school, healthcare, and more
ACS	American Community Survey
Advisory Council	A group of respected leaders in the public and private sectors invited to represent Kansans from all covered populations and all areas of the state
APDS	American Prison Data Systems
ARPA	American Rescue Plan Act: Federal stimulus bill to aid public health and economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic provided \$350 billion in emergency grant funding for state, local, territorial and tribal governments, known as the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
AT	Assistive Technology
ATK	Assistive Technology for Kansans
BAG	Broadband Acceleration Grant
BEAD	Broadband Equity, Access, and Development

Term	Definition
BEAD-FP	Broadband Equity, Access, and Development Final Proposal
BEAD-IP	Broadband Equity, Access, and Development Initial Proposal
BPAG	Broadband Partnership Adoption Grant: A program created to drive immediate access and long-term impact through expanding broadband infrastructure and supporting internet access related to telehealth services, remote learning, and remote work, while also investing in the state of Kansas for future generations.
Broadband	Refers to high-speed Internet access that is always on and faster than traditional dial-up access. Broadband includes several high-speed transmission technologies, such as fiber, wireless, satellite, digital subscriber line and cable
BSLs	Broadband Serviceable Locations
BTA	Broadband Technical Assistance
CAF	Connect America Fund
CERG	Connectivity Emergency Response Grant
CAI	Community Anchor Institution: A public school, a public or multi-family housing authority, a library, a medical or healthcare provider, a community college or other institution of higher education, a State library agency, and any other nonprofit or governmental community support organization.
Community Needs Assessment	Systematic process of identifying the needs or gaps in service of a neighborhood, town, city, or state, as well as the resources and strengths available to meet those needs
Covered Population	For the purpose of this plan, the term low-income will be used
CPF	Capital Project Fund
CPF-DCT	Capital Project Fund Digital Connectivity Technology
CPRF	Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation
CSAS	Career Standards and Assessment Services
CTE	Career and Technical Education
CTSO	Career and Technical Student Organizations
Digital Equity (or "DE")	Digital equity: A condition in which all individuals and communities have the information technology capacity needed for full participation in our society, democracy, and economy
DE Plan	State Digital Equity Plan
DEA	Digital Equity Act: An FCC program that provides \$2.75 billion to promote and create programs that reflect digital equity and inclusion
DECK	Digital Equity for Connecting Kansans
DI	Digital Inclusion: Ensuring that individuals and communities have access to robust broadband connections; Internet-enabled devices that meet their needs; and the skills to explore, create and collaborate in the digital world
Digital Divide	The gap between those of a populace that have access to the Internet and other communications technologies and those that have limited or no access

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Digital Literacy	The ability to leverage current technologies, such as smartphones and laptops, and Internet access to perform research, create content and interact with the world
Digital Navigator	Trusted guides who assist community members in internet adoption and the use of computing devices. Digital navigation services include ongoing assistance with affordable internet access, device acquisition, technical skills, and application support
Digital Skills	Any skills related to operating digital devices or taking advantage of digital resources
DOC	Department of Corrections
E-Rate	Program for Schools and Libraries
ED	Economic Development
EDD	Economic Development Districts
EMMBI	Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
FLON	Future Leaders Outreach Network
FPO	Federal Program Officer
FYAP	Five-Year Action Plan
HUD	U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development
IJA	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
IKE	Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program
Incarcerated Individuals	For the purpose of this plan, the term Justice-Involved will be used
Infrastructure	Any cables, fiber optics, wiring, wireless broadcasting technology, or other permanent equipment that is capable of providing access to internet connections to individual locations
IOT	Internet of Things
IRC	International Rescue Commission
ISP	Internet Service Provider
Justice - Involved	Incarcerated individuals, other than individuals who are incarcerated in a Federal correctional facility
KANREN	Kansas Research and Education Network
KARSP	Kansas Association of Retired School Personnel
KBOR	Kansas Board of Regents
KCDD	Kansas City Digital Drive
KCK	Kansas City Kansas
KCMO	Kansas City Missouri
KDADS	Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services
KDC	Kansas Department of Commerce
KDCF	Kansas Department of Children and Families
KDE	Kansas Department of Education
KDHE	Kansas Department of Health and Environment
KDOC	Kansas Department of Corrections

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KDOT	Kansas Department of Transportation
KHF	Kansas Health Foundation
KISO	Kansas Information Security Office
KLA	Kansas Library Association
KOBD	Kansas Office of Broadband Development
KPI	Key Performance Indicators
KSDE	Kansas State Department of Education
KSHL	Kansas Silver Haired Legislature
KSU	Kansas State University
KU	University of Kansas
Lifeline	FCC support for Affordable Communications that can apply to monthly telephone and/or broadband services
LIHEAP	Medicaid, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
LINC	Lasting Infrastructure and Network Connectivity
Low-Income	A household, the income of which for the most recently completed year is not more than 150 percent of an amount equal to the poverty level, as determined by using criteria of poverty established by the Bureau of the Census.
MARC	Mid-America Regional Council
MDU	Multi-dwelling Unit
NAAAP	National Association of Asian American Professionals
NAACP	National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
NDIA	National Defense Industrial Association
NTIA	National Telecommunications and Information Administration
OITS	Kansas Office of Information Technology Services
PPMC	Public Policy and Management Center
Roadshow	The 2023 KOBD series of sessions across Kansas, facilitated by the WSU Public Policy & Management Center, designed to help KOBD share information about DE planning and learn about the experiences and needs of Kansans as they relate to broadband and digital equity
S&T	Science + Technology
SDOH	Social Determinants of Health: The conditions and factors in which people are born, grow, live, work, and age that significantly influence their overall health and well-being.
SFRF	State Fiscal Recovery Funds
SNAP	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
SPARK	Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
TAP	Telecommunications Access Program
Telemedicine	The use of high-speed, high-capacity Internet to support long-distance healthcare services, patient and provider education and enhanced healthcare administration

Term	Definition
TSC	Topeka and Shawnee County - Get Digital Coalition
UFCW	United Food and Commercial Workers International Union
USF	Universal Service Fund
WIC	Wichita Indochinese Center
WIOA	Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
WSU	Wichita State University