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The Senate Committee on Finance and Assembly Committee on Ways and Means (Committees) have requested that the Office of Science, Innovation and Technology (OSIT) report on the expenditures of the federal funds related to broadband. Specifically, the Committees have requested information regarding funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), State Fiscal Recovery Fund (SFRF), ARPA Capital Projects Fund (CPF) and the Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) fund. This report covers the period of October 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025, and will provide the requested information about each program individual.

The recent COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated how important universal access to high-speed, reliable broadband and a connected device is for work, education, healthcare, and civic participation. Access to high-quality broadband should no longer be considered a luxury. Essential government services, educational and economic opportunities, business services, telemedicine, public safety, and staying connected with family and friends are all increasingly reliant on broadband networks. While many Nevadans are unable to access the Internet due to lack of connectivity infrastructure, others are unable to access the Internet because they cannot afford it or do not have a computer or laptop. Nevada cannot afford to leave any community, rural or urban, behind as we work to close the digital divide.

The Office of Science, Innovation and Technology (OSIT) is designated as the State Broadband Office and is responsible for the creation and implementation of the State's broadband goals and objectives, including the implementation of federal broadband programs. Following significant and robust local community engagement, OSIT created the **High-Speed Nevada (HSNV) Initiative**. The objective of HSNV is universal access to modern broadband infrastructure that provides all Nevadans, at their home or business, access to an affordable, reliable, and scalable high-speed internet connection. While the federal government has allocated significant funds for broadband, needs in Nevada are also significant due to our geography, rough terrain, the remoteness of our population centers, and the lack of modern broadband infrastructure. The High-Speed NV Initiative will combine federal, State, local, and private funding to begin to close the digital divide in Nevada and bring 21st Century infrastructure to every part of the state. OSIT will use available funds to invest in long-term, life-changing infrastructure assets that will benefit Nevadans in their homes, schools, and places of business for years to come.

The High-Speed Nevada Five-Year Action Plan establishes Nevada's vision for broadband deployment and digital equity, the goals and objectives, and the priorities, strategies, and activities the State will take to realize our vision. The Nevada Final Proposal further outlines how this program will be carried out.

ARPA SFRF

Funding Amount: \$203.6 million

Funding Purpose: Construction of fiber to Government Facilities and Community Anchor Institutions (CAIs)- In Phase I of the High-Speed Nevada Initiative (HSNV), OSIT will build fiber to selected unserved and underserved State and local government facilities, schools, and libraries. This project has two goals. First, fiber will provide better connectivity to government facilities and CAIs to provide essential services to students, families, clients, constituents, and patrons. Second, OSIT desires to extend fiber deeper into the ecosystem in preparation for bringing BEAD dollars to serve unserved and underserved residential locations and CAIs. Additionally, OSIT will use ARPA SFRF dollars as needed to supplement BEAD dollars to ensure that every unserved or underserved location, and every CAI, is served.

Summary of Progress (Phase I - Middle Mile): In Phase I of HSNV, OSIT solicited bids from internet service providers to bring fiber based broadband transport services to ~ 400 State and Local Government Facilities, Schools and Libraries, and other community anchor institutions. These facilities are located throughout the state. OSIT issued RFPs for 10 regions and solicited bids to serve every facility in the region. Regionalizing the bidding process ensured increased competition for services, that rural and remote facilities would not be left behind, and that the State, local governments, and community anchor institutions benefit from bulk pricing. The purpose of leading with government facilities and community anchor institutions in Phase I was to ensure unserved and underserved government and community anchor institutions have the bandwidth and security to effectively provide essential services to constituents and community members while also efficiently using State and federal funding to bring fiber infrastructure to communities where modern, reliable, scalable infrastructure does not exist today. Once fiber is brought to a government or school facility, other federal funding streams will be used to extend connectivity to surrounding areas. OSIT released the Phase I RFP on September 19th, 2022, and the bidding period closed on December 19th, 2022. Over the course of the bidding period, OSIT held several webinars and an in-person bidder workshop to respond to questions. OSIT responded to over 100 questions in an FAQ document. When bidding closed, OSIT received bids in every region. OSIT established a four-step process to evaluate proposals in each region. Step one is an administrative review of the proposals. In this step, proposals are reviewed for completeness and that the requirements of the RFP have been met. Step two is a technical review of the proposals. In this step, a thorough evaluation of the technical details of the application, including financial, engineering, and risk, will be conducted. Step three is a merit/programmatic review of the proposals. In this step, evaluators will conduct a thorough, consistent, and objective examination of proposals based on the criteria established in the RFP. In step four, upon completion of the evaluation process for each region, OSIT issued 5 awards. Though OSIT's efforts to use ARPA SFRF funds to leverage other federal funds, OSIT has secured an additional \$46,063,225.64 beyond ARPA to complete the projects in Phase I. Following approval of the awards, subawardees commenced the planning, engineering and design process. Engineering is a prerequisite for permitting. Once necessary permits have been granted, providers can commence construction. OSIT has assigned a construction project manager for each project to monitor safety and compliance, serves as a liaison to federal, state, and local stakeholders, and monitors progress. As of December 31, 2022, segments totaling 3,000,000 feet are complete, 4,300,000 feet are under construction, segments totaling 776 feet have received a permit and are in pre-construction, and segments totaling 6,200,000 feet are in permitting.

Summary of Progress (Phase III-Last Mile): In Phase III of the High-Speed Nevada Initiative, OSIT conducted a fair, open and competitive subgrantee selection process for all unserved and underserved locations, starting in late summer 2024 and concluding in mid-2025. Based on the results of the bids OSIT received, OSIT subawarded approximately \$100 million in SLFRF funds to two subrecipients. Remaining unserved locations will be covered by other funding sources. During the months of October, November and December 2025, pre-construction activities addressing engineering and submission of permits continue.

Funding Committed to Date (as of 12/31/2025): \$203,580,768

Funding Expended- Subawards (as of 12/31/2025): \$41,711,371

Funding Expended- Administrative and Program Development (as of 12/31/2025): \$3,869,994

Planned Future Expenditures – OSIT will continue to expend subawarded funds through 12/31/2026

ARPA CPF

Funding Amount: \$135,603,020

Funding Purpose: The Capital Projects Fund (CPF), part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), provides \$10 billion nationally and \$135 million to Nevada to fund critical broadband capital projects that enable work, education, and health monitoring in response to the public health emergency. Together with State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and State funds, Nevada's CPF dollars will move the State closer to its goal of universal access to high-speed internet that is affordable, reliable, and scalable. Nevada's CPF plans are a part of the larger High Speed Nevada Initiative- a statewide effort to deploy broadband infrastructure that will help close the digital divide.

Summary of Progress (Phase I- Middle Mile): Many rural residents in Northern Nevada are unable to access affordable, reliable, and scalable high-speed broadband because local providers that wish to serve these residents have few options to obtain the middle mile transport bandwidth they require. After meeting with community, government, and private provider stakeholders, OSIT determined that without affordable middle mile infrastructure, last-mile fiber-to-the-home subsidies alone would not result in fast and affordable internet options for these Nevadans. The Northern Nevada Middle Mile program focuses on unserved and underserved areas along the rural portion of the I-80 corridor in Northern Nevada, stretching the entire width of the state. The program will build ubiquitous, open access, middle mile infrastructure along the I-80 route with robust, redundant pathways to major internet exchange points, a range of lit middle mile services offered at affordable pricing comparable to that available in metropolitan areas, and long-term dark fiber IRUs available to competing companies. OSIT estimates that the project will result in improved access for approximately 42,500 rural locations. OSIT solicited bids in fall, 2023 for a vendor to construct, maintain, and market the middle mile network, and finalized the award in May 2024. All engineering and design work has been completed for the route, all relevant permits are essentially complete and finishing completion of final surveys and easements agreements. Close out of construction on some segments has begun and construction on new segments is ongoing with construction of all segments on track for completion end of 2026.

Summary of Progress (Phase III- Last Mile): In Phase III of the High-Speed Nevada Initiative, OSIT conducted a fair, open and competitive subgrantee selection process for all unserved and underserved locations, starting in late summer 2024 and concluding in 2025. Based on the results of the bids OSIT received, OSIT subawarded approximately \$52 million in CPF funds to 5 subrecipients. Remaining unserved and underserved locations will be served by other funding sources. During October – December 2025,

pre-construction activities continued with all subawardees; permits are submitted and engineering continues. Construction has been started in both southern and northern Nevada. Projects remain on track.

Funding Committed to Date (as of 12/31/2025): \$135,603,020

Funding Expended- Subawards (as of 12/31/2025): \$7,836,863

Funding Expended- Administrative and Program Development (as of 12/31/2025): \$1,857,903

Planned Future Expenditures – OSIT will continue to expend subawarded funds through 12/31/2026.

BEAD

Funding Amount: \$416 million

Funding Purpose: Created by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program provides federal funding to all fifty states for broadband planning, mapping, and deployment. The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) is the federal agency responsible for administering the BEAD Program. The IIJA allocated \$42.5 billion to the BEAD Program and Nevada was allocated \$416 million. The Nevada Governor's Office of Science, Innovation and Technology (OSIT) is responsible for realizing Nevada's broadband vision: every Nevadan has access to high-speed internet that is affordable, reliable, and scalable. Part of OSIT's work to realize that vision is administering the BEAD Program in Nevada. The BEAD Program is an important part of the High-Speed Nevada Initiative.

Summary of Progress: The Nevada Governor's Office of Science, Innovation & Technology (OSIT) conducted a fair, open, competitive, technology-neutral subgrantee selection process consistent with the state's NTIA-approved Initial Proposal Volume II (IPv2) as modified by the BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice. In Nevada's approved IPv2, OSIT outlined High Speed Nevada (HSNV) Phase III, a subgrantee selection process that was designed to connect all unserved and underserved Nevadans and meet OSIT's requirements under the BEAD Program. Starting late summer 2024 and continuing through fall 2024, OSIT administered Round I of HSNV Phase III Round 1 (Round 1). At the conclusion of Round 1, OSIT made awards utilizing BEAD, CPF, and SFRF funds. Following the release of the BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice (RPN) by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) on June 6, 2025, which contained new bidding requirements for all states, NTIA rescinded Nevada's previously approved Final Proposal and OSIT rescinded previously awarded BEAD awards (CPF and SFRF funded projects have continued without interruption), modified the HSNV Phase III application requirements, and conducted the Benefit of the Bargain round, which included providing new application materials, templates, and instructions to bidders, rebidding the remaining, unawarded unserved and underserved project areas, evaluating and scoring applications, publishing those awards for public comment and resubmitting the Final Proposal to NTIA for review and approval. NTIA conducted further review of awards and the Final Proposal and as of December 31, 2025, had not granted approval of Nevada's Final Proposal. Approval of the Final Proposal by NTIA was received January 8, 2026. Will require approval from NIST as well.

Funding Committed to Date (as of 12/31/2025): \$416,666,229.74

Funding Expended- Subawards (as of 12/31/2025): \$0

Funding Expended- Administrative and Program Development (as of 12/31/2025): \$3,470,134.

Planned Future Expenditures – OSIT will commence the expenditure of subawarded funds upon approval of its Final Proposal by NTIA and NIST, an anticipate funds to be received in late February 2026.

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Middle Mile	Awardee	Project Start Date	Project Completion Date	Current % of Project Completion	ARPA SFRF	Amount Paid Through 12/31/2025	Amount Remaining	Number of Remaining Permits	Status of Each Permit	Construction Status
	Zito Media	10/24/2023	10/30/2026	Completed less than 50%	\$ 33,288,236	\$ 14,701,295	\$ 18,586,941	2	Zito has two outstanding permit from BLM - one in Elko and one in Lovelock. Both permits have been pending approval and are expected to be approved. Construction completion date is late-summer.	Permit was received for ~200 miles in Humboldt county in late September, 2025. Construction commenced October and trenching, boring and jetting completed in 30 days. Splicing ongoing. Finalizing BLM permitting in Elko and sage grouse clearance. Contractor anticipates start of construction in February depending on Elko weather. Lovelock permit pending. Anticipate approval January. Construction on the Jackpot route has been completed. Construction on the Ruby Valley project is in progress. Construction on remaining routes in Elko - estimated conclusion of trenching/boring, in mid summer, splicing & finalizing end of August. SWAPP & NDEP permits received; SWAPP inspections are being completed on a monthly basis.
	SkyFiber Internet	8/14/2023	7/30/2026	Completed 50% or more	\$ 27,333,383	\$ 20,273,230	\$ 7,060,153	0	95A Yerington to Silver Springs BLM permit approved. Pending approval of SHPO and NDOT.	Construction is ongoing throughout the project area. Construction was completed on a critical portion of the project in Lyon County following the conclusion of migratory bird season Region 6) US 95 BLM required additional survey work which was completed. BLM and SHPO finalizing in December/January. Anticipate receiving approval to start construction in Region 7 late January/early February. 90 miles of 130 miles complete. Anticipate construction completed by July 2026
	Valley Electric Association, Inc.	10/11/2023	9/30/2026	Completed less than 50%	\$ 8,311,845	\$ 1,228,445	\$ 7,083,400	2	VEA has two outstanding permits: BLM and NV Energy. Anticipated approval is 03/2026. Construction timeline after BLM and NVE approval: 90 days.	Construction has been started in areas where a federal permit is not required, such as within cities or on private land. Construction is mostly aerial. BLM permit still in environmental review. VEA's engineering for pole loading 98% complete and contine to work with NV Energy on Make Ready Costs and pole replacements. Working on BOM for other materials. Awaiting agreements with Clark County; Upon permit clearance, construction timeline: 75 days.
	Zayo	8/8/2023	3/31/2026	Completed 50% or more	\$ 7,107,122	\$ 3,267,473	\$ 3,839,649	0	N/A	Construction is largely complete, vendor continues to initiate construction new segments and complete prior ones. Final splicing and testing are next steps. Awaiting final invoices.
	State Middle Mile Equipment			Completed 50% or more	\$ 9,879,429	\$ 6,615,287	\$ 3,264,142	0	N/A	Awaiting delivery of last two equipment orders; payment to follow.
	Total Middle Mile				\$ 85,920,015	\$ 46,085,730	\$ 39,834,285	4		

Last Mile	Awardee	Project Start Date	Project Completion Date	Current % of Project Completion	ARPA SFRF	Amount Paid Through 12/31/2025	Amount Remaining	Number of Remaining Permits	Status of Each Permit	Construction Status
	SkyFiber Internet	4/1/2025	11/1/2026	Completed less than 50%	\$ 11,566,991	\$ -	\$ 11,566,991	4	SkyFiber has four outstanding permits: BLM, NDOT, and pole attachments for two pole owners. BLM permits are a small part of the project and construction can commence in other areas while the BLM permit is approved.	Route design, survey work, and engineering has been completed. Materials have been purchased. Contractor is ready to begin construction as permits are obtained. Anticipates construction completed Q4 2026
	Stimulus Technologies of Nevada, LLC	6/1/2025	11/30/2026	Completed less than 50%	\$ 88,408,588	\$ -	\$ 88,408,588	3	Stimulus has three outstanding permits: BLM, County, and Pole Attachments with VEA and NVEnergy. The BLM permit is very small and only affects one small area of the total project. County permits are expected to be issued quickly. Pole Attachment agreements with VEA signed. License agreement not signed.	Route design and survey work complete. Both high-level and low-level engineering design is complete. Stimulus has signed pole attachment agreement with Valley Electric and NV Energy; Awaiting License Agreement, VEA pole inventory information, VEA fee and make ready costs.
	Total Last Mile				\$ 99,975,579	\$ -	\$ 99,975,579	7		