

State Broadband Activities Targeting COVID-19 Needs



- Public Education Department's **Homework Gap Team**
 - DoIT Homebase for Thousands of Chromebooks, Hundreds of Hotspots & Cradle-Points
 - Mapped Hotspots: <http://www.nmbbmapping.org/>
 - PED Resources: <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/safe-healthy-schools/covid-19-coronavirus/>
- \$900K NM State Library **USDA Distance Learning Grant** (Desktop Equipment for 66 Rural Libraries)
- **Statewide Rural Broadband Study** Near Completion: Identifying Current-Day Gaps, Funding Opportunities, and Updating the NM Broadband Program's Strategic Plan & Geospatial Resources
- **Approximately \$90 Million in New NM Rural Broadband Projects** to Service Thousands of Users with Continued Funding Prospects (e.g. CARES Act, USDA Loans & Grants, RDOF, EDA Grants, etc.)
 - Up to \$5 Million per Year in Public Regulation Commission Internet Service Provider Infrastructure Grants
 - \$23 Million in USDA Reconnect Funds Awarded in May 2020 to: Plateau, Penasco (PVT), and Pueblo of Acoma
 - \$63 Million in Developing Rural Broadband Projects via DoIT: **Navajo Nation** E-rate Fiber Project Application Submitted with State Matching Funds, **Sierra County** USDA Reconnect Fiber Project Application Submitted with State Matching Funds, and **Pueblo of Cochiti** Fiber to the Home/Institutions using State Funds
- Economic Development Dept. & DoIT Partner to **Support Businesses Coming to New Mexico**