West Virginia Department of Economic Development, Office of Broadband (WVDED) is launching its Broadband Workforce Development Grant Program in early 2025 to ensure that West Virginia has the talent it needs to meet the State's ambitious broadband deployment goals.

Wrap-around services address barriers that may prevent individuals from enrolling in or completing training programs. These services can include **transportation**, **caregiver support**, **employment assistance**, **educational resources**, **food security**, and **health and safety measures**. WVDED has compiled the following resources to help applicants design workforce development programs that include support services and connections to state and local organizations offering related resources.

Transportation

Services: Transportation planning, stipends, travel to trainings

Resources: <u>West Virginia Public Transit Association</u> tracks statewide public transit and maintains updated contact information. <u>Transit Systems in West Virginia</u>

<u>West Virginia Department of Transportation</u> hosts a directory of public and specialized transportation by county. <u>Transportation Providers Directory</u>

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Caregiver Support

Services: Care subsidies, childcare options, senior services, in-home care

Resources:West Virginia Child Care Resource and Referral Agenciesprovide information on community resources, childcare
options, and manage the subsidy program.Resource and Referral Agencies



Caregiver Support Resources (cont.):

West Virginia Area Agencies on Agingconnect withcounty aging providers for senior services.Bureau for Senior Services Area Agencies on Aging

West Virginia Department of Human Services provides information on childcare provider locations, processes, and financial assistance. Division of Early Care and Education Childcare Provider List

<u>West Virginia Department of Health</u> connects to communitybased resources and services. <u>Services and Resources</u>

Employment Assistance

- Services: Trainings, skills support, equipment, employment opportunities
- **Resources:** <u>WorkForce West Virginia</u> Workforce Development Boards provide workforce development and training services. <u>Regional Workforce Development Boards</u>

The **Department of Labor's Job Corps** program provides career planning and other assistance for eligible participants. West Virginia Centers: <u>Charleston</u> and <u>Harpers Ferry</u>

Jobs & Hope West Virginia collaborates with statewide agencies for recovery and career training opportunities. Job Training Opportunities











Educational Resources

Services: Tutoring, remediation, mentorship, financial aid

Resources: <u>West Virginia Department of Education</u> provides student support, employer partnerships, and education resources. <u>Adult Education Classes by County</u>

> <u>College for West Virginia</u> provides resources to navigate financial aid and college application processes. <u>West Virginia Grants & Scholarships</u> and <u>Funding Sources</u>

<u>West Virginia Digital Equity Asset Map</u> tracks current programs in West Virginia. Certain participants may benefit from relevant digital equity trainings on computer skills or cybersecurity. <u>West Virginia Digital Equity Asset Map</u>







Food Security

- Services: Food, subsidies, planning
- Resources: <u>West Virginia Bureau for Family Assistance</u> administers the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in West Virginia for eligible households. <u>SNAP Requirements and Assistance</u>

<u>Mountaineer Food Bank</u> is the largest emergency food provider in the state, distributing meals in 48 counties. <u>Mountaineer Food Bank Programs</u>









Health and Safety

Services: Connections to health and safety resources

Resources: <u>West Virginia 211</u> runs a service hotline and maintains a database of health and human services, disaster services, intake requirements, and more. <u>West Virginia 211 Database</u>

> West Virginia Family Resource Networks respond to community needs through partnerships with public and private organizations. Resource Library

> <u>West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services</u> coordinates on disability-related issues across the state. <u>Offices by District</u>

West Virginia Department of Veterans Assistance hosts service officers across the state to advise veterans and their families on benefits, assistance, and more. Veterans Benefits Offices by County









APPLICATION ASSISTANCE

Questions can be submitted through the Workforce Grant Program Question Submission Form.

<u>West Virginia Grant Resource Centers</u> assist eligible applicants in developing proposals and supporting grant writing for programs throughout all 55 counties.







For updated application information, deadlines, and FAQs, visit broadband.wv.gov