

WEST VIRGINIA BROADBAND ENHANCEMENT COUNCIL / OFFICE OF BROADBAND

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the West Virginia Broadband Enhancement Council?

The West Virginia Broadband Enhancement Council (Council) is a governmental instrumentality of the state, created by the State Legislature in 2017. The Council represents diverse internet users, including residential and business users located throughout the State. The duties and responsibilities are listed in [W.Va. Code §31-G-1A](#).

What are the primary goals of the Council?

The Council and the West Virginia Office of Broadband work collaboratively toward the following primary goals to develop a more connected West Virginia, including:

- Encouraging the development of broadband infrastructure in the State;
- Evaluating and mapping broadband infrastructure and service systems through an Interactive Mapping Program and other data collection methods;
- Eliminating barriers to broadband infrastructure development within the State;

- Engaging expertise, funding, and partners to facilitate the creation of reliable and affordable broadband service; and
- Expanding economic development and representing the State in matters related to broadband infrastructure development.

How does the West Virginia Office of Broadband assist the Council?

In 2021, the West Virginia Legislature amended *West Virginia Code §31G* to outline specific duties and authorities to be shared among West Virginia Broadband Enhancement Council and the newly created Office of Broadband. The Office of Broadband is located within the West Virginia Department of Commerce, Division of Economic Development. The Office of Broadband provides administrative and technical support services to the WVBEC to ensure coordination of broadband expansion efforts in West Virginia.

For more detailed information about the West Virginia Broadband Enhancement Council and the West Virginia Office of Broadband, click [here](#).