

## February Results

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Academic Institution		As inspired by or somewhat taken from the Michigan Public Service Commission's Mission Statement: Michigan offers its residents reliable and accessible internet service at free or reasonable rates.	Michiganders will have a measurable increase in their standard of living i.e. low level of kids in poverty, high graduation rates; low crime rates; high employment rates.	1) Significantly lowering the costs of internet service for residents through agreements with internet providers, etc. 2) Install publicly owned internet infrastructure across the state that serves everyone and is maintained by a fund or taxation (similar to our roads)- eventually eliminating private internet service providers, or at least minimize the stranglehold they have on the sector.
American Electric Power (AEP)		Digital Equity for everyone; meaning, everyone has access to high speed internet (Universal Access to Internet).	They will be able to received online Telehealth, Education, and basic services that many take for granted.	Serving the Community and providing jobs to the State.

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association executive		Where all residents have access to reasonable priced high speed internet service.	Residents will see students, parents, grandparents and business owners have access to the information world when they want, via a device in their homes or business. It will be an interactive world.	Creating a fair grant program, where large and small companies can apply for and compete fairly for BEAD grants. Address cost barriers/prohibitions for grant applicants - pole attachments, state and local government permit fees including rights of way, job training/retention for provider companies, delays for MISSDIG flagging, personal property tax on infrastructure.
community based ISP		Vulnerable areas and populations (Black, Brown, youth, seniors, etc those living in areas prone to outages, flooding, etc) have internet access that is high quality, reliable, fast and affordable for their contexts.	equitable internet - i.e. residents in one city are not paying the same price for poor quality, unreliable and slow internet as those in more affluent areas with high quality internet	priority 1 - fund and resource those organizations already doing this work (i.e. have infrastructure and people but need \$ to scale). priority 2 - fund those with current workforce capacity to continue digital literacy workshops.

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Consultant	DOCSIS 4 to all	Just like clean dining water and Power. It will give them things no one thought of before until it happens	Disadvantaged should have the same speeds and connections as the top 10% . Its needs to be like uninsured motorists Shared through the whole systems .. The current ideas are like unpaved roadways for all... But Not making sure everyone has access to the Main roadways	

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Consultant		<p>All inhabitable, or places of work/CAIs, are connected to highspeed fiber internet. Not only is 1G possible, but above 1G for future connectivity needs and expectations of higher and higher data needs. Even further, options (competition) for those in challenging environments (low income typically or rural) drives more connections and more economic results for the state. Further, this connection should be secure meaning that primarily underground connections will drive future prospects and protect the state from interruptions from unpredictable weather.</p>	<p>All Michiganders can do everything online from vote, register for public documents (license, etc.), use telehealth services, and are connected in a way that is secure and not subject to interruptions from extreme weather.</p>	<p>The first priority should be connecting the high majority (80-90%, maybe 95%) of under served households with the second priority of connecting all under served CAIS so those at the extremes, still have a nearby highspeed internet access. There will be some locations that are extremely costly to reach with fiber and may not be the best use of public funds so this needs to be considered carefully. Further, there may even be some places that do not want to be connected right now with high speed internet and public funds shouldn't be spent to connect those.</p>
Consultant		<p>Easily available and quality access, digital literacy training, affordable high quality equipment and software -- where income and region is no longer a barrier.</p>	<p>All Michigan diverse populations have accessibility to resources, ability to communicate, and ability to use the technology whether through literacy training or easy access to computers.</p>	<p>Free easy access public broadband usage, digital literacy.</p>

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Consultant		When all Internet users (Michiganders) are able to access the Internet at speeds that allow them to connect comfortably for them throughout the state (home/school/work/out and about) as they go about their days/nights at low to no cost, then we have achieved a connected future in Michigan.	While we may not have achieved racial equity, or wealth equity, or any other type of equity amongst people that differ in some way, DIGITAL EQUITY is something that we can achieve. It is the beginning of a great future for the state of Michigan, the nation, and the WORLD.	We should not be reinventing the wheel so I would expect to see some of the funding used to identify where gaps exist (and do not). For instance, we know that in Hubbard-Richard and Corktown (Detroit communities), Rocket Fiber achieved 100Mbps years ago - although they did NOT provide this to all in the community as "their" Internet is at cost and if you cannot pay (and could not get on their specialized "list"), you were unable to access "their" Internet. BEAD and DEA funding should know that this is the opposite example of what to do (or, alternately, an example of WHAT NOT TO DO). Ford Motor Company also entered our community by way of acquiring the Michigan Train Depot station and has plans for our communities (vested partners/interests) so we should be aware of how they are distributing Internet, as well.

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Economic development, workforce development, and/or regional planning organization		Access to broadband to a many people as possible including rural undeserved communities	Have equal access to work, learning, and medical communication from their home.	Bringing broadband to rural communities.
Economic development, workforce development, and/or regional planning organization		Adequate Affordable broadband access for all and education for all on how to best utilize internet as a resource for education, work, health, quality of life	Online access for work, education, helathcare, entertainment, worldwide communication	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Infrastructure so that equal access is available throughout state</li> <li>2. Affordability assistance</li> </ol>
Economic development, workforce development, and/or regional planning organization		access to internet providers for all Michigan residents, to participate in reliable virtual connections.	All students, K-12 through Higher Ed, will be able to study remotely at will and in their homes without having to travel to access or afford internet capabilities.	Encourage better service provider competition, provide greater diverse options in disadvantaged areas.
Economic development, workforce development, and/or regional planning organization		High quality broadband (new definition) service availability throughout the state.	Greater opportunities to access services and resources which will allow for a more equitable society in Michigan.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please bring clarity to this sector. Is it a private or public responsibility to provide and maintain broadband infrastructure??</li> <li>2. Provide robust support to local units of government for engaging with the private sector.</li> </ol>

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Economic development, workforce development, and/or regional planning organization		Strong availability covering 95% of the population with 100/100 connection at a reasonable price. Community institutions with fiber gigabit connections. Digital literacy programs available on demand and in-person. Internet enabled devices available at affordable prices.	Telehealth visits, distance learning/education from home.	Telehealth and educational access, and broadband availability.
Economic development, workforce development, and/or regional planning organization		Actual last mile access - treat broadband as a utility. Everyone deserves it.	Improved education for students, more business opportunity, higher tourism activity.	Last mile, affordability.

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Economic development, workforce development, and/or regional planning organization		<p>A connected future looks like one where, even if people don't need access to the internet, they have the option of getting access at any time and any place. Nobody is paying exorbitant prices for internet service, and everyone has the same baseline speed to make daily tasks easy to achieve. People also have access to the internet regardless of where or how they live, and have technology that is suitable to their everyday needs.</p>	<p>Education, work, telehealth, e-commerce, standard definition video streaming, and online communication are all possible at the same consistency without latency issues or internet cutoffs. Regardless of their background or environment, they can get online and take care of the same activities and tasks with the same level of knowhow and confidence as everybody else. They will also see that an internet plan is affordable and does not compete with other regular expenses like rent, transportation, and utilities.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Make sure that funding is not only going to unserved or underserved households, but to those where internet is currently very expensive. Prices should be commensurate with the speed of the internet, and action should be taken to make sure that people are not paying more for the same level of service simply because they live in a more rural or lower income area.</li> <li>2. Make sure that the planned broadband infrastructure is future-proofed, and will not lose pace with the rapid development of technology. Certain technologies today may have been appropriate when the definition of broadband was set at 25/3 Mbps, or even 4/1 Mbps, but are not capable for the purported 100/20 or even 100/100 Mbps speeds that a more online society needs today. Any funded construction and deployment of broadband</li> </ol>



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Economic development, workforce development, and/or regional planning organization		A state that has the infrastructure, accessibility and access for all residents, businesses and community anchor institutions with a focus on digital equity and inclusion.	access to good jobs, healthcare, and education	infrastructure and access for all.
Economic development, workforce development, and/or regional planning organization		It will provide opportunities and efficiencies previously unavailable	Greater informational access - ease of access will "open doors"	Provide to the unserved- Provide technology training
Economic development, workforce development, and/or regional planning organization		Every household (full-time occupied housing unit) that wants access to broadband has reliable, affordable access of sufficient bandwidth for education and the vast majority of remote work jobs.	Work from wherever they want to, be able to do homework at grade school and college level, and easily obtain (order/access) a variety goods and services that are currently not available in rural areas. This includes telehealth.	Provide terrestrial broadband, ideally fiber, to as many households as possible that currently only have fixed-wireless or LTE service. Target price range for gig service to be no higher than around \$70/month.

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Economic development, workforce development, and/or regional planning organization		Universal access to broadband in every part of the state. EASY affordable access for households who would otherwise choose NOT to adopt services.	Access to reliable quality internet anywhere, anytime where electricity is available today.	Affordability and Digital Skills Training.
Economic development, workforce development, and/or regional planning organization		Remote Workers can work from anywhere in the state having reliable stable internet access.	regardless of age or income level, every household and business will have high speed internet access	filling coverage gaps and conducting local digital literacy training; funding for remote digital literacy HELP line would be great too, but that remote support needs to be secure - cybersecurity !
Education		Connected homes/Education/Govenment	any time any place any pace living	getting a backbone built to connect education, residents and buisnesses
Education		Connectivity. Affordability. Digital Literacy.	all individuals and communities have the information technology capacity needed for full participation in our society,	To help get the unserved and underserved connected
Farmers and rural communities		Access and availability for ALL rural areas similar to New Deal electricity	Rural areas have Access to Hi Speed Broadband without questioning reliability	Infrastructure build out using cooperative model

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Government Authority		All citizens have a equal opportunity to use the internet for health, education, and services, no matter their level of income, social standing, and/or location.	Better health and access to services, products, and assistance. Telehealth should be an easy option for all citizens.	Reasonable cost accessibility in rural, and urban areas. An infrastructure that is sustainable and upgradeable into the future,
Graduate Student of Public Health and Social Work in practicum with Henry Ford Health Services telehealth equity program		You mentioned access through a reflection on the pandemic with teens and students using fast food restaurant wifi to complete assignments during the pandemic. A connected future to me looks like treating the internet as a public utility with total access for the entire community. Access not only to the internet but to technology to access the internet for health, finance, education, and social purposes.	access to high-quality internet connection across all communities will bring in dividends for economic development. Productivity will go up, along with education access, healthcare access, and financial tools. All of these things will gain greater access that benefits Michiganders.	Benefiting communities that currently face the greatest barriers to access
Health System		One where every patient can successfully participate in virtual health care from home. Where digital literacy and access to strong internet signal won't affect the kind of care a patient can get.	All patients across Michigan can access virtual health care without issue.	Digital literacy education and drop in spots for people to engage in services like health care visits or educational needs if they don't have access to smart devices or computers.

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healthcare		A connected future would include an ability for every patient and provider in Michigan to have confidence that they can access telehealth at their home and business.	It will have a profound impact on the availability of specialized services, as well as greatly increase the likelihood for patients to adhere to their follow-up appointments.	Access and affordability must come first given the high numbers of households without a reliable internet connection. This will help identify how to best spend other funds on device access or digital literacy.
Higher Education Institution		Being able to have a residence/workplace with minimal to no board band disruptions for students and workforce to complete their school work and virtual work required. High availability is a key	Every residence having all their connected devices function with less disruption	Infrastructure in low income areas and more student focused initiatives
Higher Education/post secondary		All people and locations have internet access, with access being defined as broadly as possible.	Univeral access	Define and provide access to all the people of Michigan and then verify that this has been accomplished.
Hospital		That "decent" internet connectivity/service is as common as phone service.	Telehealth visits with no issues, work from home in ways that they can't today, experience better and more available connectivity for commerce...	If I understand the question correctly, priority one is at least some coverage everywhere, priority two is better service (upload/download). Thank you!

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February 2023: Overall Vision

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Internet service provider		All areas having availability to affordable high speed internet.	All of Michigan will be able to compete for Businesses and Residence that require High speed internet.	Deployment and outreach for ACP education and any needed digital training assistance
Internet service provider		It should look a lot like electricity in our homes and businesses that we have grown to take for granted.	Internet accessibility will no longer be an issue. Michiganders will be able to have a stable connection that they know how to use and can afford.	<p>1. Rural areas - there are pockets of areas that don't have access. It's those small, 5-20 home areas, that will be the most challenging to reach. Carriers have not been able to develop a business case to get those places and without grant funding, it won't happen.</p> <p>2. It's critical that funding is awarded to areas that have an experienced provider or partner. There are many new companies throwing their hats in the ring without any track record of success.</p>

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Internet service provider		Every home and business has a fiber optic connection to the internet, just like electricity and water.	Internet connectivity works for everyone and becomes a non issue.	<p>Make sure difficult areas to serve are included with grant funding so (only) the easy connections are not cherry picked by providers. Have a hefty penalty or follow up in place if grant awarded providers do not do what they promise.</p> <p>Highlight areas that have received less funding or no funding during past rounds of broadband funding so they become the priority. All of this is to avoid overbuilding and serving those who have been served by past grant programs, leaving the rest of rural Michigan out of the loop. Comcast has not expanded to serve me, in 25 years of living between two line drops. So the priority is: 1) do the hard stuff. 2) penalize those who don't deliver to ensure that the hard stuff gets done.</p>

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Internet service provider		A connected State that has access to not only baseline quality internet speeds, but the capacity to expand well into the coming decades. Future proof technology will enable Michigan to continue to evolve and remain at the forefront.	Michiganders will see how resilient its State is and how technology and access to all residents and businesses makes it a prosperous place to live and work. Education and remote working barriers would be a think of the past due to access being made available ubiquitously.	Ensure that applicants have great confidence in scoping out eligible areas early and accurately. Avoiding approaches that will result in many incumbent challenges and administrative burdens to sort through them.
Internet service provider		Allowing all citizens of the state to be able to utilize their internet to be productive in their home, school and work life without sacrificing their budget, time or energy fighting for availability or consistency.	Maintain their education properly without being left behind, pursue business and career opportunities they couldn't have before, and have accessibility to the world of knowledge.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Partnering with all ISPs available to get service to those in more rural Michigan (we're known for our landscapes and nature, yet our people who live there lack accessibility), especially during the interim of time it will take for the fiber broadband infrastructure to be adopted.</li> <li>2. Encouraging the education of our communities in their options for service, financial aid available to them, and utilizing their devices more efficiently.</li> </ol>

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Internet service provider		Carrier neutral infrastructure, available to all current providers to transition from wireless to fiber without the prospect of losing their livelihood of the past 2 decades.	Everything that current users of 100+ Mbps service can do, plus applications yet to be created.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Carrier Neutral funding to quickly step up existing services to connected (underserved) users</li> <li>2. Carrier Neutral funding to save jobs of current providers who otherwise face extinction</li> </ol>
Internet service provider		Focusing only on the unserved areas first, too many people are on dial up and service less than 5mb download and that should be focus before other areas. connected future would be where all rural communities and farmers have reliable access to be able to enter the 21st century. To catch up to rest of our population and more importantly grow good health food, so we don't rely on other countries.	Sadly with the bar of 100/100 as the minimum standard for funding. We are looking at 10-25 years before we would be getting close to seeing this. Large Telco's will get funding first and do the bare minimum; focus on urban areas and just upgrade their current offering to get to that 100/100, while pocketing the rest. We will see little growth as we have for last 15 years.	Getting everyone connected and only then, focus on multiple companies or offering in currently serviced areas, to give folks options and hopefully driving down the price.



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Internet service provider		One in which private providers serve residents and businesses with the support and possible partnership of local government.	Those wanting broadband service will have access to it.	Working with private providers for broadband expansion and not encouraging government owned networks. Ensuring that all people have access to broadband if they want it, but not at the expense of encouraging private investment.
Internet service provider		Quality access to bandwidth for all residents, small and mid market businesses as well as enterprises	What ever they need to on the internet	last mile fiber buildouts to connect all types of remote areas to main data center hubs in main markets. upgrading outdated existing network infrastructure to handle increasing bandwidth demand
Internet service provider		Internet to every corner of the state.		Small ISP Business First - Telco/Cable companies have gotten money for years and wasted it. Fiber Builds First

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Internet service provider		All businesses in Michigan will have a web presence and be able to conduct e-commerce. All students will be able to connect and use the internet for educational purposes. All those in need of health care that cannot get to a physical location, will get the care they need virtually.	All students will have the same access, opportunity and tools to connect to the internet.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. BEAD - connectivity</li> <li>2. Devices, education, and safety</li> </ol>

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Internet service provider		FTTH down every road, 100% availability of gigabit level service.	Will be able to know that they can do what they need to do on the Internet no matter who they are or where they area.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fund broadband network expansion in a coordinated fashion, the current history of multiple different programs of grants and funding has created a unorganized deployment of different providers with different technologies being awarded funds at various broadband speeds that may be overlapping or leave gaps.</li> <li>2. Establish subsidized dark fiber middle-mile transport routes to a carrier neutral facility. Right now one company owns the only Internet Exchange in the state and there is poor availability of cost-effective transport routes in many areas of the state.</li> </ol>

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Internet service provider		A place where the digital divide does not exist. Access to education, healthcare, and knowledge is common like turning on a light switch. Must be affordable too.	Telehealth, online education, access to content at their fingertips	Accountability  Making it possible for every ISP to get a shot rather than just AT&T/VZW/T-Mo/Spectrum. These bigger companies come in and grab the funds and areas leaving the rest of us to fight for scraps. Ultimately, they don't build out where others could have.
Internet service provider		Ability to live, work, play, and stay connected anywhere in Michigan, from Detroit to Copper Harbor.	Stream in 4K, easily transfer 100 GB files, and attend video conferences without issue no matter where they are located or what technology their ISP is using.	(1) Be technologically inclusive and allow ISPs to creatively meet performance requirements using tech and methods of their choosing, in accordance with applicable construction laws (2) Have a business equitable approach, allowing small ISPs to be on a level playing field with much larger ISPs
Internet service provider		Fiber to the Premises of all homes and businesses	Learn, work, have improved access to health care	1 gig symmetrical and Fiber to the Premises
ISD		Access to all	All Michiganders will have access or the opportunity to access high speed internet.	High speed access to rural areas

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Labor union		Affordable access for all.	Increased opportunity for education and work from home.	<p>1. If all of the projects will be Davis-Bacon wages there will need to be resources dedicated to enforcing the correct wage and benefit is paid.</p> <p>2. List of vetted contractors that will be allowed to perform the construction. Training and safety needs to be a focus and should prevent fly-by-night contractors from accessing these funds.</p>
Municipal, township, or county government		Universal Affordable, GIG speed fiber based service state wide	Compete with our Global competitors on the information super hwy with state of the art broadband	<p>1. Ubiquitous fiber based hi speed, affordable BB</p> <p>2. Grant funding including municipalities and nonprofits to encourage competition which will drive all the above.</p>
Municipal, township, or county government		Having broadband available to every building in the state, along with some type of connectivity to rural farm fields for automated agriculture.	Literally, wherever they are they will have access to broadband.	<p>I think cost is an issue for some folks.</p> <p>I think that there is a huge gap in how people connect using the internet. Our local township governments are sometimes not as inclusive or even have an internet presence along with lots of businesses that we work with.</p>

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Municipal, township, or county government		Available and affordable access to broadband throughout the state by 2030	Affordable broadband connectivity throughout the state for residents and visitors without any barriers.	Require ISP's to expand current network to middle mile, set framework for total access Expedited release of funds to communities or municipal partnerships that are ready to move forward.
Municipal, township, or county government		All citizens are able to have the ability to "self-serve" themselves from the comfort of their home or wherever the remote location they are at is. It will also save on time, fuel, and possibly costs for the whatever the process may be.	As mentioned above, the would be able to see all of their records from whatever type of entity it may be; from Government, to Law Enforcement, to Health Histories. The list could go on and on.	Definitely infrastructure to get the services to areas that do not have services currently. I'd also like funding to be provided to training for the population of individuals to do not fully understand technology. With increased services, comes more self-help. While that may be a great thing, it is stressful for the individuals that have trouble with technology.

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Municipal, township, or county government		The ability of every citizen to access a high speed access to allow them to complete daily chores and entertainment and the network must keep up with the new applications that we cannot even begin to imagine. Five years from now will 100 / 20 be come the new 10 / 1??	They will be able to carry on everyday modern society activities as well as extended healthcare options and doing remote work or running their own global business if they like.	The use of the BEAD and DEA funding should be couched within the ability to provide an infrastructure which can stand the test of time. That is last longer than the time it took to provide it. Keep focused on the ball that fiber is the golds standard and will be for many years to come. Seeing as how we can only do this generational project once we need to really build with a focused on some point into the future not next week.
Municipal, township, or county government		All inclusive regardless of demographics and/or economic status.	Better opportunities for applying for employment and better means of taking care of business digitally.	Keep the community first! And, include all.

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Municipal, township, or county government		Connected future will allow all the ability to gain access to the benefits of internet access through broadband.	Michiganders will be able to work remotely from areas that would not have been considered previously. This will be a result of digital equity. It will also allow Michiganders the ability to access (shop) for items that can now be delivered directly to their home or business and connection to family and friends. Moreover, it will allow a equal playing field to Michiganders regardless of location or income level.	Top two priorities should be those who have no access to internet (except satellite) and rural areas that have small populations.
Municipal, township, or county government		The dollar amounts allocated to Michigan won't touch the need. Fiber in our community would consume the entire \$30,000,000 that is being allocated to Michigan.	We will only be at the middle of the road with our world competitors. The time this will take to implement and the resistance of our current national representatives will probably short sheet this goal of equity.	Building the last mile in communities that have incomplete broadband services. Establishing a common format for design of systems across the state.
Municipal, township, or county government		All areas of Michigan, including northern Michigan and the UP have access to high speed internet at a fair cost	There will not be any areas that lack high speed internet that is affordable	Areas of greatest need - rural, remote areas



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Municipal, township, or county government		Where everyone can work from home or have access to the web without breaking the bank. There would not be any questions on where/how to get internet service or if it is even available.	Everyone w/o question having access and not being left behind. See? Not sure on this one....	Rural funding and equitable distribution
Municipal, township, or county government		A place where there are ample broadband service options at affordable/competitive prices, to all Michigan residents, developed in a sustainable way and with an eye towards the future (wireless).	Access broadband anywhere without a drop in coverage/experience a dead zone, and choose from a number of ISPs.	Develop wireless broadband infrastructure for residents (most cost effective and future proof approach). Increase number of service providers to improve broadband affordability.
Municipal, township, or county government		Every household with FTTH, similar to Electrification.	Goal reached when no one raises hand to say they do not have access to broadband.	1) ensure the basemap of true connectivity needs among all residents is accurate 2) track the progress of awarded grant funding to ensure all households acquire access to broadband within an incredibly reasonable timeframe, and continue to ensure new households are able to get affordable FTTH access

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Municipal, township, or county government		It is a time where anyone and everyone has access to the same resources no matter where they live, how much they make or what they do.	Everyone will have equal opportunity to access what they need digitally. This is our future. We cannot leave anyone behind. Some may choose not to utilize it but it should be a choice they make with free will not because its unavailable or they cant afford it.	Fiber to the home for all residents. Affordable plans.
Municipal, township, or county government		People in rural communities having access to reliable high speed internet from their homes just like those living in urban areas.	Everyone everywhere will have reliable access to high speed internet from their homes. They will be able to work from home and their children will be able to complete their homework for school.	Reliable access to high speed internet for everyone and affordability
Municipal, township, or county government		We will be able to connect to high speed internet in the rural areas.	We will be able to work and learn remote.	Getting the hardware ( lines) to each home that is necessary to have high speed internet. We need to have the service affordable

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Municipal, township, or county government		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Multi-gigabit fiber service available for connection, to every property parcel, including residences, businesses, and public organizations.</li> <li>2. Reduced service rate programs/rebates for impoverished residents.</li> <li>3. Near 100% Financial support to public institutions (such as schools and libraries) for service costs and regular hardware/infrastructure costs.</li> <li>4. Incentives/support for municipalities to provide free public wireless in public or community areas.</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- multi-gigabit fiber access everywhere</li> <li>- free public WiFi</li> <li>- poverty reduced cost access</li> </ul>	make sure all the little scattered unserved/underserved pockets are not left behind in this

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Municipal, township, or county government		All residents having the choice of having broadband or not. Those who work from home not avoiding settling in our community because there is no internet access that they need for their job.	I believe that digital equity will unlock the creativity, entrepreneurship and curiosity that we need to thrive as a vibrant economy, robust democracy and person-friendly state.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Unserved and Underserved populations - especially rural communities, urban centers and those with high populations of low-income residents and residents of color.</li> <li>2. Promoting competition between providers that will benefit users and communities...prompting investment by those that will financially benefit over time.</li> </ol>
Municipal, township, or county government		Connected future provides high speed broadband access to every home and business including rural operations such as farms and subdivisions without the ISP requiring upfront last mile from each subdivision or household.	communities that want to support remote workers , remote education/homework, telehealth,	Rural communities,

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Non-profit organization supports communities and learning across the PK-16 spectrum		A place where all have the opportunity to have the world at their finger tips through device connectivity, community hubs, valid and credible information sources that matter to all populations and that is filled with globally minded citizens rooted in their home locales.	Equal opportunity to connections, jobs, careers, education and futures regardless of the address of the person.	Getting high speed internet into every home with plans/service that is affordable and consistent. Leveraging the connectivity options to create competitive workforce in high demand fields, which may mean expanding connectivity programs in secondary and post secondary similar to the national labs models.
Nonprofit serving a covered population	Rural communities;	High speed fiber access for rural Michigan citizens on par with that of thier urban counterparts.	I am not sure Michigan can ever achieve digital equity. Keep working towards it.	Getting fiber connections to rural unserved areas before spending any more monies in urban areas.
Nonprofit serving a covered population	Aging individuals;	Connected means access to broadband but also adoption of the technology	increase access to quality healthcare, connectedness to loved ones, access to learn and work from home.	Education and outreach on how to use the technology.

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Nonprofit serving a covered population	Aging individuals;Low-income individuals;Veterans;Individuals with disabilities;Members of a racial or ethnic minority group;Incarcerated or formerly incarcerated individuals;low income;	Children are able to learn and succeed. Families are able to connect to resources to meet their needs.	improve economic outcomes for all.	Providing equipment and training to targeted residents.
Nonprofit serving a covered population	Members of a racial or ethnic minority group;Rural communities;Low-income individuals;Individuals with disabilities;Individuals with a language barrier;	A place that a person can learn, work and entertain themselves with online access any time from anywhere in the state, whether in their home, a business, their car or anywhere.	They will not think about the access anymore, it will become second nature	1. Reaching those most in need, with the most limited of access. 2. Making sure that trunk lines are run everywhere that can support all of the spurs. (I think most of this is already in place)
Nonprofit serving a covered population	Incarcerated or formerly incarcerated individuals;Low-income individuals;Members of a racial or ethnic minority group;	Access for All through an Equitable System of Support	Potential is Limitless	Infrastructure and Job Training for Employment of Disenfranchised Individuals

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Nonprofit serving a covered population	Rural communities; Aging individuals; Low-income individuals; Veterans; Individuals with disabilities; Individuals with a language barrier; Members of a racial or ethnic minority group; Incarcerated or formerly incarcerated individuals;	A connected future is one where connections to the internet are always stable and no individual experiences differential speed in their service based on their ability to pay. They have the internet and devices they need to access school, work, and other necessary services. People will be able to have multiple devices in their home connecting successfully and not losing service.	Remain connected no matter where they are or what they are doing. Importantly, people will be able to upload documents and download documents, attend virtual meetings etc.	Strong internet connections and access to the training needed to use the devices.
Nonprofit serving a covered population	Rural communities; Aging individuals; Low-income individuals; Individuals with disabilities; Individuals with a language barrier; Members of a racial or ethnic minority group;	Access to the wifi and broadband, Affordability- at a price point unique to each individuals circumstances, Education- necessary support to know how to use digital tools, Equipment- to conduct digital solutions, and Advocacy to push for all of this	Easily access digital solutions with affordable and reliable broadband and the tools to conduct it	Access and Affordability

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Nonprofit serving a covered population	Rural communities;Low-income individuals;Individuals with disabilities;Individuals with a language barrier;Members of a racial or ethnic minority group;	Digital Infrastructure: A connected future would also require strong digital infrastructure, including high-speed broadband networks, that can support the growing demand for data-intensive applications and services. This would involve expanding access to high-speed internet across the state, particularly in rural areas, to help bridge the digital divide.	<p>Access to Online Education: Michiganders of all ages will be able to access online education and training programs, including K-12 education, college courses, and vocational training. This will enable more people to access educational opportunities, regardless of their location or financial circumstances.</p> <p>Telehealth Services: Access to reliable high-speed internet will allow Michiganders to access telehealth services, including virtual doctor visits, remote monitoring, and online consultations with specialists. This will increase access to healthcare, particularly in rural or underserved areas.</p> <p>Remote Work and Entrepreneurship: With digital equity, more Michiganders will have the opportunity to work remotely or start their own</p>	<p>Infrastructure: Michigan could prioritize investment in infrastructure, particularly in broadband internet and transportation. Expanding access to high-speed internet across the state, particularly in rural areas, would help bridge the digital divide and improve access to education, healthcare, and economic opportunities. Investing in transportation infrastructure, including roads, bridges, and public transit, would improve mobility and support economic growth.</p> <p>Workforce Development: Michigan could also prioritize investment in workforce development, including programs that help workers acquire the skills they need to succeed in the 21st-century economy. This could involve funding for training programs, apprenticeships, and career and technical education.</p>



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Nonprofit serving a covered population	Aging individuals;Low-income individuals;Members of a racial or ethnic minority group;	A connected future will mean every resident and business in our rural and urban areas will have equitable, affordable and reliable internet service. I also like to think that everyone from our seniors, young people, those with disabilities will still have the access and the basic digital literacy skills to be connected to friends, family, work and their doctors.	I'd like to think that those in underserved areas will have access to not just service but the computers/tablets they need to be successful. I'd like telehealth to be available for anyone who needs it as well as access to additional resources they may need and the "apply online" won't be a barrier	Upskilling our workforce to be able to maintain the broadband projects. Ensuring access for all- no matter where you live in the state
Nonprofit serving a covered population	Rural communities;Aging individuals;Low-income individuals;Veterans;Individuals with a language barrier;Individuals with disabilities;Members of a racial or ethnic minority group;Incarcerated or formerly incarcerated individuals;Community Anchor Institutions, last mile ISP's;	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Efficient grant distribution, accountability for awardees = Affordable &amp; sustainable Access</li> <li>2. Robust and longitudinal DEI efforts delivered through community based groups (locally trusted, tied to outcomes)</li> <li>3. Empowered digital citizens who are supported in sustainable ways so that as technology evolves, the use of it to thrive, grow and live are evolutionary.</li> </ol>	Learn, Live, Work, Grow economy, innovate - equitable accessfrom anywhere in the state.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) accountability, transparency to grant recipients prioritizing sustainability</li> <li>2) Ensure big federal ideas are flexible to be delivered regionally and locally, which requires planning funds at levels lower than state only.</li> </ol>

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Nonprofit serving a covered population	Aging individuals;Low-income individuals;Veterans;Individuals with disabilities;Individuals with a language barrier;Members of a racial or ethnic minority group;Incarcerated or formerly incarcerated individuals;	I have limited background in broadband, and have asked our IT personnel to assist. I will provide as soon as I am able.		
Nonprofit serving a covered population	Low-income individuals;Members of a racial or ethnic minority group;Incarcerated or formerly incarcerated individuals;	Everyone has the internet access they need to meet their needs		
Nonprofit serving a covered population	Rural communities;Aging individuals;Low-income individuals;	Everyone has access to high speed BB. Adoption rates are high. There are mechanisms in place to stop/punish people who try to use the internet for fraud. We leverage our internet resources for economic development and lifelong learning.	Universal access to information and services via the internet.	1. Access for all. 2. Teaching people how to use it.

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Nonprofit serving a covered population	Rural communities;Aging individuals;Low-income individuals;Veterans;Individuals with disabilities;Members of a racial or ethnic minority group;Incarcerated or formerly incarcerated individuals;	A future where there is equal access to connective services in areas that are underserved. Access to high-speed internet are available, no matter your socio-economic status and it is a good service that is accessible to use in home environments	We will have equity; Responsive communications for all	Funneling the funds into the needed populations; Ensuring it is sustainable not only for the residents but for the agencies that will operate with these funds
Nonprofit serving a covered population	Rural communities;Aging individuals;Low-income individuals;Veterans;Individuals with disabilities;Individuals with a language barrier;	Ability for anyone anywhere in the state to access digital connectivity - regardless of location or provider		accessibility to unserved areas service to underserved areas
Nonprofit serving a covered population	Aging individuals;Low-income individuals;Veterans;Individuals with disabilities;Members of a racial or ethnic minority group;Individuals with a language barrier;	Public spaces have access to the Internet enabling use by any person and private spaces that house residents that are not readily mobile have free access such as senior housing.	Access to the Internet for free or at a low cost enables all citizens the opportunity to have access.	1. Invest in infrastructure to enable public institutions such as libraries, parks, schools, faith-based institutions, and low-affordable housing access to Wifi for free or low cost. 2. Tech training for older adults on laptops and phones.

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Nonprofit serving a covered population	Rural communities;Aging individuals;Low-income individuals;Veterans;Individuals with disabilities;Incarcerated or formerly incarcerated individuals;	The connected future provides an infrastructure that will support everyone's technology needs, which means both known and unknown. This is why the infrastructure must be constructed using what will support the known and unknown.	A Michigander will be able to connect anywhere, using whatever device they have, the connect will be immediate and never incumbered by the number of people or devices using it at anytime, and you will be able to do whatever you need to do at any given time.	Infrastructure must not be built to meet some definition of broadband that will be outdated by the time the infrastructure is complete: I don't know what that is but fiber seems to be what has no limits.
Nonprofit serving a covered population	Rural communities;Aging individuals;Low-income individuals;Veterans;Individuals with disabilities;Individuals with a language barrier;Members of a racial or ethnic minority group;Incarcerated or formerly incarcerated individuals;	All residents should have access to the tools and technologies needed for remote medical care.	Michiganders will be able to fully participate in the digital marketplace, job market, and healthcare continuum.	Bring reliable, high-speed, uncapped Internet service to rural communities. Improve Internet access by vulnerable populations through increased outreach.

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Nonprofit serving a covered population	Rural communities;Aging individuals;Low-income individuals;Veterans;Individuals with disabilities;Individuals with a language barrier;Members of a racial or ethnic minority group;	All populations, regardless of their location (whether it be rural, in cities or suburbs), regardless of their financial capability or ethnic background, have access to high-speed internet for FREE! They should also have access to affordable technology to be able to use the internet at home, work or school. All youth should have access to free internet and affordable technology to compete in the educational field.	They should be able to get on the internet easily; they should be able to afford the internet cost; older adults will be able to use the internet easily and be connected to their communities digitally; students should not have to worry about completing an assignment or applying for a university because of connectivity issues or lack of technology.	Low-cost or Free internet services and education on how to use the internet/ technology.
Nonprofit serving a covered population	Rural communities;Low-income individuals;	Connecting rural Michigan	Internet for all	Rural connectivity and digital equity

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Nonprofit serving a covered population	Low-income individuals; Individuals with a language barrier; Members of a racial or ethnic minority group; Aging individuals; Individuals with disabilities; Incarcerated or formerly incarcerated individuals;	Michigan's connected future is decentralized, democratized, and diversified! Deference to corporate actors is no longer the path of least resistance. Creative digital equity solutions create opportunities for organizational sustainability and climate resilience on a neighborhood/community level, and create employment, oversight, and educational pipelines for youth, worker-owners, and non-traditional technology workers that have historically (and purposefully) been marginalized from access. Michiganders can access infrastructure built with public funds coordinate their own programs, mutual aid, emergency response, and education.	Michiganders will have multiple options for Internet service regardless of their address, and will be able to vote with their dollar. They will have the power of knowledge, regularly engaging with their internet and digital skills services, understanding quality vs costs, benefits versus risks of getting online, etc. Michiganders personal economy will benefit from digital equity, either in terms of accessing technical fields, diversifying their workplace, launching their own Internet or Digital-based company or organization. Michiganders will have opportunities to understand or participate in ownership, governance, reporting. Michiganders will be able to access infrastructure built with public funds coordinate their own programs, mutual aid, emergency response, adaptive technologies, and education resources.	<p>1. Meaningful, community-driven reparative spending action in urban areas that big teleco wont serve, but also won't "give up" to competition; getting creative about navigating the "underserved/unserved" semantics and empowering communities to generate their own solutions for data, policies, .</p> <p>2. Meaningful investment in existing small businesses/operators, incubator programs, non-profits, device refurbishment, and training programs that have been struggling to survive, prove, or advance.</p>

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Nonprofit serving preK-12		All businesses, individuals, institutions, etc. have access to high speed (not 2015 speed) internet and appropriate devices.	Be able to to conduct whatever they need to do on a daily basis without interruptions from outages, .	ubiquitous access to internet and devices
Philanthropic organization		One in which all citizens have broadband access and understand how to effectively use it.	Reports, maps, visualizations validating the efficacy of these programs over time, not just once at the end....and ensuring accountability to recipients of funds.	Work with *Michigan-based* organizations, including our great universities; experts that are already active; and don't reinvent the wheel. This program has a significant local-input aspect, and large national consulting firms should be avoided, given their likely lack of knowledge of our unique Michigan communities.
School District		Access to fiber optic internet in every home	Get access to fiber optic internet in every home	Require electric utilities to provide fiber Internet. They have all of the right of ways and infrastructure already.
Solutions Vendor		500 - 1 Gbps available to everyone, everywhere.	Connect to the world for essential services, access to information, and communications.	Reaching every area of urban, suburban, and rural Michigan as possible.

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State agency				Homes with Veterans/Veteran Spouses and home with school age children along with any community centers that may need an upgrade or access
State agency		Increased secure digital access within the state prison system to prepare folks to reentry an increasing digital world. Stronger and more intentional digital reentry supports.	Everyone having a basic level of skill and access to engage with the digital world. It must not be dependent on geography, economic status, or criminal history.	
State agency		wherever you are within the state you can connect to the internet and to anyone you wish to, consistently and reliably at a reasonable price	They will be able to see what others can see now and they will have the ability to live where they want without taking connection issues into consideration	Provide reliable connection to those that don't have it now and to improve reliability and speeds to those that have minimum connection now
State agency		No funds left on the table; high speed access is not geographic or identity-based; adoption rates in underserved communities increases	Select where to live and work, receive an education and other services, etc. based on factors not tied to broadband speed.	Eliminating zero access and no access (new build) before improving existing (though inadequate) access.
State agency		Affordable access for everyone. Along with digital skills training for anyone that is interested.	Connect anytime and anywhere in order to work, learn, play, access healthcare, etc.	Expand service to unserved areas. Make sure that new service options are affordable.



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State agency		Where all Michiganders regardless of where they live and their income, have direct digital access.	Everything needed to live a healthier and more economically stable life (job hunt, work from home, telehealth, apply for critical resources, etc)	Equitable access (as the office has already laid out) and smart/efficient planning in building needed infrastructure. The biggest challenge for rural communities to apply for funding when it becomes available will be having the necessary plans/capacity in place.
State agency		Universal access to a broadband connection for all Michiganders	The internet	underserved rural and urban areas
State agency		all people will have access to services. Some digital, some in person.	from my current role/position - equitable access to government services for Michigan residents.	making connectivity affordable/accessible providing services to those in rural areas
State agency		A place where everyone has access and assistance in digital skills to be fully connected to all Michigan public information.	Seek new opportunities in employment, housing, healthcare and connection with people that they may not have met in person due to geographically boundaries, cultures, economic levels, etc.	Address the needs of people without internet services and then up to improving the services that other people currently have.

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State agency		The ability for Michiganders to complete routine activities virtually or in-person as they desire or as need presents, and that both options will present equal opportunities to the individual (they will not be disadvantaged for utilizing one or the other), and that this ability will be available to all individuals, in all regions, and all income levels.	It is like the curb cut effect. Curb cuts were first designed in Kalamazoo Michigan to assist individuals with disabilities to be able to cross a street and not have a barrier present. Curb cuts now benefit individuals of all sectors, parents walking with a stroller, those that could otherwise potentially trip on a curb, etc. Put simply, curb cuts have made life easier for everyone. What I think we will see with a goal of digital equity is that life will be easier for all Michiganders when we reach digital equity. Students will be able to attend class online, if they wish, workers can work remotely if this option is available and conducive to their work, individuals will be able to attend important medical appointments virtual (again as feasible). Information will be able to be widely spread and obtained due to availability of a wealth of information on the internet.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Providing internet capabilities/connectivity in areas that do not currently have this.</li> <li>2. Education to individuals to provide assistance and guidance with how to use technology, etc.</li> </ol>

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State agency		All residents, community anchor institutions, and businesses will have access to affordable high speed internet and the software products that they need to communicate virtually and conduct research.	They will be able to access educational and work-related resources as well as entertainment and shopping resources that are found online.	1. Using the funds to build infrastructure that supports technology that is relevant today and that can be retrofitted as technology changes (without having to do a complete rebuild). 2. Prioritize areas of the state with the greatest need taking into account social, economic, and environmental considerations (SEE study).
state association		every household and public space has access to affordable internet.	all students, seniors, and everyone in between are connected and digitally literate. our schools, medical systems, etc. can fully function online.	including local government in planning/spending - they know what's best for their communities
Tribal nation		birth right access	more websites less people, AI driven the rest of us will have to participate in organized crime in order to get by but we will have access to the internet sites we are told to go to	# of folks using the internet to the extent the government deems appropriate in order to have influence on everything from hair care to what and how i cook for dinner

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Tribal nation		<p>A connected future could be one in which everyone has fair and equal access to connectivity. Citizens are not paying high prices, and the market is equal in terms of costs. For example, paying a bill for a service provider, I had heard that they were on a fixed income and could not afford to pay their bill. That citizen was in there to cancel their services. A person on SSI may only receive 1200/month. Imagine this breakdown            150 averaged for internet cable            700 rent (which is dependent upon area)            150 gas bill            100 water bill            100 electric bill            That 1200 is right there and does not include any daily living expenses, food, gas, car payment, insurance, etc.</p> <p>A connected future is one in which people can live.</p>	Connectivity for all, with access in heavily rural areas being at the same levels as urban ones.	Equal access and fair distribution of funding.
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Tribal nation		Not only access to the internet, but ADEQUATE access. Many in our rural area have dial up services or very slow broadband access.	Further their overall lives. Education, employment, goods, and services are all impacted by this.	Need and ability to implement.
Tribal nation		The ability for all Michiganders to be able to access digital information without the barriers of technology limitations based on location as well as economic barriers.	All Michiganders will be able to partipate in the global information of the Internet to enhance their educational, spiritual and social beings.	Top priorities should be the unhindered access to the Internet and the necessary individual home devices. Second, should be the Cyber Security to protect everyone to include training, security services and technology.

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University		Individuals, households, businesses, public and non-profit organizations have access to fixed and mobile connectivity in locations and across relevant areas. We have built digital ecosystems that facilitate expanding the opportunities offered by digital technology. This includes embedding digital literacy and competency in curricula across K-12, post-secondary and lifelong learning. It includes developing human-centered technology, services and applications. And it includes continuing efforts to build more resilient, sustainable systems.	Participate in education, health care, work, social activities and civic activities from home, community centers, anchor institutions, and networked community spaces. The will also be able to opt out of connectivity temporarily and/or permanently.	Make sure the unconnected are connected and build robust digital ecosystems that can support continuous learning and human-centric uses of technologies.

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University		Robust, reliable, affordable connection for all that traditionally unserved or underserved populations as well as more privileged populations are willing to adopt or subscribe to. Speeds and capacity beyond 25/3 as baseline!	Rural, populations outside of city limits, tribal, and urban populations with reliable, fast, and affordable at home connection. Increase in fiber connections to premises. Increase in opportunities to acquire digital literacy skills an ongoing tech support at no cost.	Affordability and providing meaningful connection to unserved and underserved populations across the state. Inventory/audit/map of connectivity and connection opportunities (middle mile, dark fiber, fiber vs fixed wireless, etc).
University across multiple locations in Michigan		All Michigan residents would have quality broadband connections in their homes, businesses as well as other public spaces of interest. This service would be fast, stable, secure, redundant and affordable to all. People need to have equitable opportunities on top of which they can build and create their own futures and successes.	This would facilitate more innovation and it would ensure that the best ideas would win, not only those who have resources to compete and dominate a market segment, an industry or an area.	Future-proofing our high speed broadband infrastructure across the state with proper connection points will all neighboring states as well. Cyber security capabilities and resiliency of said infrastructure and educating our people on how to use, leverage and benefit from these investments. Providing tech without proper training and awareness (ideally BEFORE tech goes live) is critical.

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Utility		A connected future looks like a place where you can travel freely throughout the State of Michigan knowing you will have the same access to internet everywhere.	Michiganders will be able to speak the same language digitally when we've reached digital equity. There will not be people who have never heard of a certain system or used a program because their access did not allow it. No places where remote work or school is not possible or is severely limited.	Expansion of 5G throughout the state and affordability of fiber internet.
Veterans Services		A connected future is one that enables all of Michigan's residents to be able to participate in online offerings such as remote doctor visits, therapy, counseling, education, family time, entertainment and news, regardless of location or economic status.	They will be able to stay connected with family, medical care, education, treatment and counseling even when they are unable to leave their home.	First should be infrastructure to bring quality internet to the unserved population. Second should be programs to make that access affordable to those with limited income.