

1) Get all the community stakeholders in the room.

Tribal Gov (including Tribal Administrator)

Education

Library

Utilities

Economic Development

And a representative supporting the interests of the Tribal member's homes.

- Identify champions from these aspects of the community to drive this forward.
- Will the Tribe house this under a utility dept, or will it stand up an entity to run the ISP?

2) Talk about the needs of each of those entities and the reasoning or data to support those needs.

3) Aggregate the existing opportunities.

Is there any Broadband available at all?

Fiber, Satellite, wireless?

Can that be expanded upon?

4) Once an understanding of the needs and what's available to the community as a baseline. it's time to get real information about what can be done about it.

Broadband feasibility study

Broadband plan based on all the previous criteria

Standing up the ISP

Setting up a timeline

5) Get an understanding of what a project would cost. For example, how much would it cost to connect this entire area? Prioritize the best ways to spend money. For example, if you have \$500K available, how should you prioritize expenditures."

6) Seeking funding for Step 4 and beyond.

*Advice from our network expert Deborah "Start with what you want to build. What are the pain points you are trying to solve for? What are the needs of the community? What's the best way to prioritize and plan?"