

# Program Overview Fact Sheet



## What is the Accelerated High-Speed Internet Program?

- The Government of Ontario has committed nearly \$4 billion to connect every region in Ontario to reliable, high-speed internet by the end of 2025. This is the largest single investment in high-speed internet, in any province, by any government in Canadian history.
- The Accelerated High-Speed Internet Program (AHSIP) has been created to ensure every region in Ontario has full access to the digital world.
- Infrastructure Ontario led a new, innovative and transparent procurement process that enabled Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to bid for provincial support through a series of reverse auction events for defined geographic areas and based on requirements for high-speed internet infrastructure deployment.
- On August 4, 2022, the province announced that it has signed agreements with [eight internet service providers](#) to bring access to municipalities across Ontario.
- Through AHSIP, up to 266,000 unserved and underserved homes and businesses will be connected to high-speed internet access<sup>1</sup>.
- AHSIP will expedite the delivery of this essential service by targeting and addressing identified barriers in the planning and implementation process and by providing assistance to municipalities, internet service providers (ISPs), and local distribution companies (LDCs). AHSIP will also streamline and enhance coordination amongst stakeholders to ensure the rapid deployment of broadband infrastructure.



## What are AHSIP's Objectives?



Facilitate speed of delivery of high-speed internet services (minimum service level of 50/10 Mbps) for unserved or underserved homes in every region of Ontario by the end of 2025.



Attract broad market participation of quality counterparties that is inclusive of smaller and local players.



Leverage existing utility infrastructure and rights of way to reduce required subsidies and compress delivery timelines.



Avoid additional cost to Ontarians by ensuring infrastructure is sustainable and can be upgraded as required.

1. Number of unserved and underserved homes and business are subject to change based on final agreements.



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## What Makes AHSIP Different?

### Innovative, Competitive and Transparent Procurement

A series of *Reverse Auctions* enabling ISPs to bid at the most reasonable price for provincial subsidies to connect service areas across the province.

### New Guideline, Legislative and Regulatory Measures

A new [Building Broadband Faster Act Guideline](#) supported by legislative and regulatory measures to accelerate program deployment.

### Innovative Technology Platform

An innovative platform called *Broadband One Window* (BOW) enhancing information sharing, process coordination and monitoring.

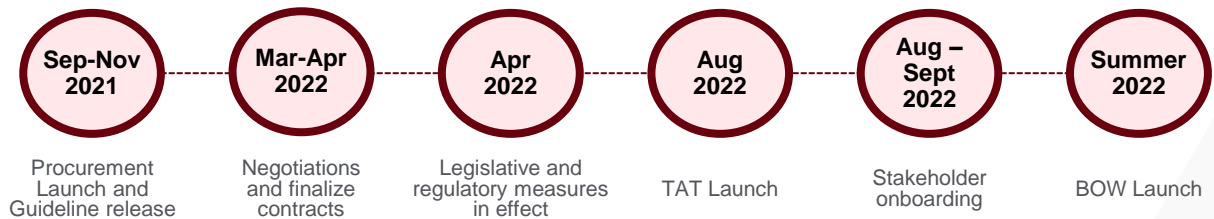
### New Dedicated and Collaborative Project Assistance

A dedicated *Technical Assistance Team* (TAT) to provide municipalities and LDCs with hands-on support throughout the program lifecycle.



## Key Program Milestones

The Ministry of Infrastructure and Infrastructure Ontario worked with its partners to develop processes and technologies to facilitate accelerated deployment of high-speed internet in Ontario, in line with legislative and regulatory direction in 2021. In 2022 and onward, the focus is on preparing ISPs and stakeholders for infrastructure deployment and supporting them through the implementation process.



## Learn more

For more information on the AHSIP program:

- [Ontario Connects \(infrastructureontario.ca\)](https://www.infrastructureontario.ca)
- [Up to Speed: Ontario's Broadband and Cellular Action Plan](#)
- [Building Broadband Faster Act Guideline](#)
- [Ontario Increasing Access to High-Speed Internet Across the Province](#)

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