



# WNC Broadband

## 2023-24 Top 10 Issues

### Background & Mission

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The WNC Broadband Project is an Asheville-based broadband group of citizens that work closely with UNC Asheville faculty and students to host annual Leadership Summits, publish policy papers, and create a presence on the web ([wncbroadband.org](http://wncbroadband.org)) and social media.

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The WNC Broadband Project 2023-24 Policy Recommendations Document was created in collaboration with many state, federal, and local broadband experts. The full report details the most important broadband issues.

1. Better Mapping Data of Broadband Coverage
2. Better State Data & Improved ISP Reporting
3. Continued Funding for the Affordable Care Program
4. Building Workforce Ready Digital Skills
5. Providing Digital Equity & Inclusion Opportunities
6. Funding for Completing and Updating Infrastructure
7. Empowering Local Governments to Complete Unserved Areas
8. Expand 5G Wireless Coverage
9. Revise and Strengthen RDOF Funding Requirements
10. Fund Pole Replacement Program

### Conclusion

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Our team of UNCA students and staff, the experts we have interviewed, and the citizen advocates interested in broadband hope that this document will be helpful in “sharpening the focus” for policy work in the coming year. Any questions or comments may be directed to Dr. William Sederburg, Chair of WNC Broadband ([Bill@wncbroadband.org](mailto:Bill@wncbroadband.org))