

Example TRBP Program Timeline — No Existing Plan

The following is an example program timeline for a COG that does not have an existing regional broadband or digital opportunity plan at the beginning of the program. This example timeline corresponds to the milestones as outlined in Exhibit A.

Period	Activities
Year 1 – Planning and Readiness (February 2026 – January 2027)	
February – September 2026	Contact, convene, and coordinate with regional stakeholders (local governments, school districts, healthcare providers, libraries, workforce boards, ISPs, housing authorities, community-based organizations, etc.); conduct asset mapping, needs assessments, and gap analyses; establish regional governance structures, advisory committees, and partnerships; begin drafting the Regional Digital Opportunity Plan; submit monthly activity updates and the Q2 Quarterly Performance Report (July 15)
October 2026	Refine the Regional Digital Opportunity Plan; align regional strategies with statewide broadband and digital opportunity goals; submit Q3 Quarterly Performance Report (October 15)
November 2026	Circulate the draft Regional Digital Opportunity Plan to stakeholders for engagement and comment; consult with advisory committee
December 2026	Incorporate stakeholder feedback; refine regional strategies in the Plan
January 2027	Submit Q4 Quarterly Performance Report (January 15); complete refinement of the Regional Digital Opportunity Plan; submit the Plan for TARC review by end of January
Year 2 – Prioritization (February 2027 – January 2028)	
February – March 2027	Finalize the Regional Digital Opportunity Plan following TARC review; begin prioritizing regional strategies identified in the Plan, consult with advisory committee
April 2027	Submit Q1 Quarterly Performance Report (April 15); convene partners around priority strategies
May 2027	Support early implementation-ready activities, including coordinating initiatives
June 2027	Continue support for implementation-ready activities and coordinating initiatives
July 2027	Submit Q2 Quarterly Performance Report (July 15); document the first of the minimum three (3) documented examples of regional impact
August 2027	Continue supporting implementation-ready activities and coordinating initiatives
September 2027	Continue support for implementation-ready activities and coordinating initiatives. With advisory committee and partners, consider what steps the region may take to advance remaining activities.
October 2027	Submit Q3 Quarterly Performance Report (October 15); document the second of the minimum three (3) documented examples of regional impact
November 2027	Continue convening partners and coordinating initiatives
December 2027	Continue support for implementation-ready activities and coordinating initiatives
January 2028	Submit Q4 Quarterly Performance Report (January 15); continue prioritization work and prepare to transition into full implementation
Year 3 – Implementation (February 2028 – January 2029)	
February – March 2028	Continue supporting implementation-ready activities; help partners move from planning into action, connecting them to funding and technical assistance; consult with advisory committee
April – June 2028	Submit Q1 Quarterly Performance Report (April 15); document the third of the minimum three (3) documented examples of regional impact; track and report progress on broadband access, digital adoption, and literacy activities underway in the region
July – September 2028	Submit Q2 Quarterly Performance Report (July 15); pursue alternative funding opportunities and implementation pathways identified in the adopted regional broadband plan
October – December 2028	Submit Q3 Quarterly Performance Report (October 15); continue demonstrating successful outputs and outcomes
January 2029	Submit final Q4 Quarterly Performance Report (January 15); demonstrate successful outputs and outcomes by the conclusion of the Program, including the minimum of three (3) documented examples of regional impact

Example TRBP Program Timeline — Existing Plan

The following is an example program timeline for COGs with an existing, substantially complete regional broadband or digital opportunity plan at the beginning of the program. This example timeline corresponds to the milestones as outlined in Exhibit A.

Period	Activities
Year 1 — Planning Ready Exception (February 2026–January 2027)	
February–September 2026	Program onboarding and kickoff; contact, convene, and coordinate with TARC and BDO; consult with advisory committee; submit the existing, substantially complete regional broadband or digital opportunity plan and prioritized regional strategies to TARC; seek TARC and BDO approval to advance directly into prioritization and early implementation activities under the Planning Ready Exception; submit Q1 Quarterly Performance Report (April 15), Q2 Quarterly Performance Report (July 15), and Q3 Quarterly Performance Report (October 15)
October–December 2026	Upon TARC and BDO approval, advance directly into prioritization and early implementation activities, consistent with the eligible activities identified in Attachment A; begin prioritizing regional strategies identified in the existing plan, consult with advisory committee; begin convening partners and coordinating initiatives
January 2027	Submit Q4 Quarterly Performance Report (January 15); continue early implementation activities
Year 2 — Prioritization and Implementation (February 2027–January 2028)	
February–March 2027	Continue prioritizing regional strategies identified in the plan, consult with advisory committee; support implementation-ready activities, including convening partners and coordinating initiatives
April–June 2027	Submit Q1 Quarterly Performance Report (April 15); catalyze regional action; strengthen partnerships
July–September 2027	Submit Q2 Quarterly Performance Report (July 15); document the first of the minimum three (3) documented examples of regional impact; consult with advisory committee; advance measurable outcomes related to digital opportunity, adoption, individual broadband project(s), literacy, and access
October–December 2027	Submit Q3 Quarterly Performance Report (October 15); document the second of the minimum three (3) documented examples of regional impact
January 2028	Submit Q4 Quarterly Performance Report (January 15); continue strengthening partnerships and advancing measurable outcomes
Year 3 — Prioritization and Implementation, continued (February 2028–January 2029)	
February–March 2028	Continue supporting implementation-ready activities and advancing measurable outcomes; consult with advisory committee
April–June 2028	Submit Q1 Quarterly Performance Report (April 15); document the third of the minimum three (3) documented examples of regional impact
July–September 2028	Submit Q2 Quarterly Performance Report (July 15); pursue alternative funding opportunities and implementation pathways for priority broadband and digital opportunity projects identified in the adopted regional broadband plan
October–December 2028	Submit Q3 Quarterly Performance Report (October 15); continue demonstrating successful outputs and outcomes
January 2029	Submit final Q4 Quarterly Performance Report (January 15); demonstrate successful outputs and outcomes by the conclusion of the Program, including the minimum of three (3) documented examples of regional impact