

119 plan described in Section 63N-17-203;

120 (c) carry out the duties described in Section 63N-17-202; and

121 (d) administer the Broadband Access Grant Program in accordance with Part 3,
122 Broadband Access Grant Program.

123 (e) The broadband center shall ensure efficiency with respect to:

124 (i) expenditure of funds; and

125 (ii) avoiding duplication of efforts.

126 (f) The broadband center shall consider administering broadband infrastructure funds
127 in a manner that:

128 (i) ~~§~~ → ~~[minimizes state use of state and federal funds]~~ efficiently maximizes the leverage of
128a federal funding ← ~~§~~ :

129 (ii) avoids the use of public funds for broadband facilities that duplicate existing
130 broadband facilities that already meet or exceed federal standards; and

131 (iii) accounts for the benefits and costs to the state of existing facilities, equipment, and
132 services of public and private broadband providers.

133 Section 4. Section **63N-17-203** is enacted to read:

134 **63N-17-203. Statewide digital connectivity plan.**

135 (1) As used in this section:

136 (a) "Commission" means the Utah Broadband Center Advisory Commission created in
137 Section 36-29-109.

138 (b) "Strategic plan" means the statewide digital connectivity plan created in Subsection
139 (2).

140 (2) The center shall develop the statewide digital connectivity plan.

141 (3) The strategic plan shall include strategies to:

142 (a) implement broadband connectivity statewide;

143 (b) promote digital equity;

144 (c) apply for federal infrastructure funds; and

145 (d) apply for additional funds.

146 (4) In developing the strategic plan, the center shall work with the commission.

147 (5) The center shall provide the commission with status updates regarding:

148 (a) implementation of the commission's recommendations;

149 (b) recommendations the center has received from the Transportation Commission,