The demand for digital government escalated during the COVID-19 pandemic. In response, state and local governments quickly launched digital platforms to share public health information and provide citizen services. Looking to the future, governments are revisiting data protection strategies and investing in innovative technologies to reinvent digital government. With new federal funding available, now is the time to enrich your IT infrastructure to achieve your long-term digital transformation goals.

The American Rescue Plan allocates $219.8 billion to states, tribal governments and territories under the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and $130.2 billion to localities through the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. The funding can be used in part to upgrade technology and invest in broadband infrastructure to ensure optimal digital services without disruptions. A modern network not only prepares you for the next disruption, but readies your agency to support Internet of Things (IoT) and smart initiatives.

90% of government CIOs think their network needs to be improved to meet the demands of their IT modernization initiatives. 68% of state and local government IT departments report they are not prepared to respond to a future disaster or disruptive event.
State and local government IT leaders want to be better prepared for the next disruption — whatever it may be — and their network is critical to their success. According to a recent Center for Digital Government survey, 56 percent of CIOs put increasing network availability as their top priority. When it came to identifying the most significant network needs regarding IT modernization, ensuring network flexibility (56 percent), expanding network functionality (53 percent), mitigating security risks (45 percent) and increasing network availability (40 percent) topped the list.

A modern network from Spectrum Enterprise provides the reliability and scalability necessary to advance digital government services and enhance citizen experiences. That network includes:

**Connectivity services** to ensure reliable, high-capacity bandwidth for digital services as well as on-site and remote access for staff.
- Fiber Internet Access
- Ethernet
- Cloud Connect
- Managed Router Service
- Managed WiFi

**Security solutions** to protect personally identifiable information (PII) across the network and prevent cyberattacks.
- Managed Network Edge
- Managed Security Service
- DDoS Protection

**Voice and mobility solutions** to increase staff productivity and improve the citizen experience.
- Unified Communications

For over two decades, Spectrum Enterprise has been a trusted connectivity, networking and communications partner for state and local governments. Our team of Center for Digital Government Certified State and Local Government professionals understand the unique needs of the public sector.

Discover how we can help advance your digital government initiatives with a reliable and secure IT infrastructure. [Reach out today.](#)

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