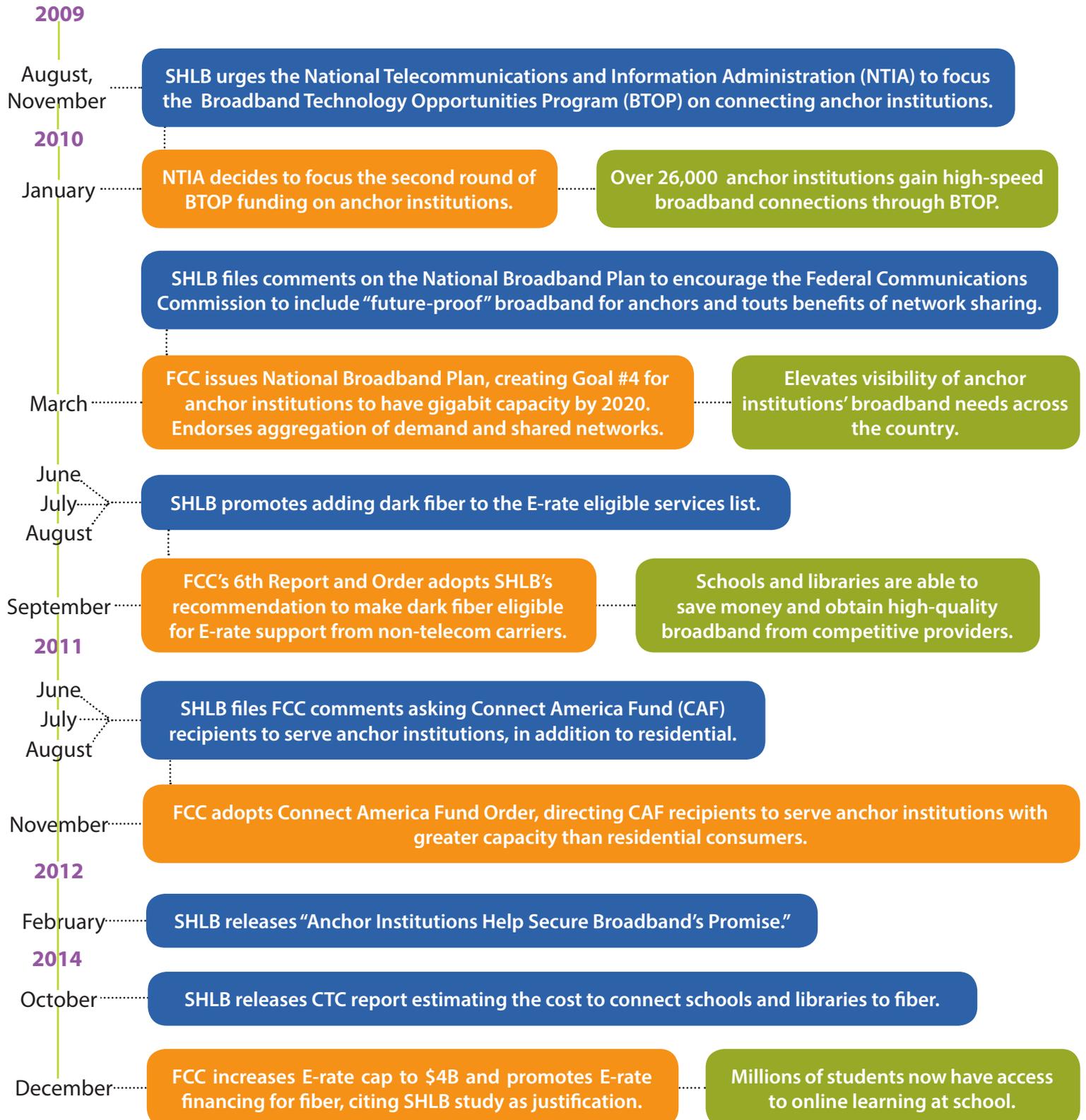


INITIATIVES AND IMPACT

2009 - 2019



2016

July

SHLB releases CAI Broadband Action Plan.

Informs nationwide broadband legislation.

Elevates visibility of connecting anchor insitutions to broadband.

November

SHLB files comments in support of Boulder Valley School request to extend service from schools to surrounding community.

2017

February

SHLB releases Rural ABC Plan, meets with Trump Administration officials.

May

SHLB meets with FCC Chairman Pai about E-rate, Rural Health Care (RHC), and Educational Broadband Service (EBS) reform.

2018

February

SHLB releases "To and Through Anchors: A Strategy to Connect Rural Communities."

SHLB hosts Congressional briefing on RHC program, requests funding increase to \$800M.

April

SHLB writes to FCC, concerned E-rate applications will be denied due to drop-down menu technicality.

May

FCC Chairman sends letter to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) to ensure E-rate applications will not be denied due to technicality.

31 U.S. Senators write to FCC supporting SHLB's request for more RHC Funding; FCC increases RHC funding cap to \$571M.

Hundreds of schools and libraries saved from unfair E-rate denial.

Hundreds of rural clinics are able to maintain their provision of telehealth services.

FCC opens proceeding on EBS reform and proposes to award licenses to Tribal Nations and educational insitutions.

October

SHLB requests extension of E-rate fiber amortization policy in letter to the FCC.

2019

January

FCC extends E-rate fiber amortization and proposes to make it permanent.

Hundreds of schools and libraries are able to upgrade to fiber, increasing their bandwidth.

April

SHLB marks up LIFT America Act broadband funding provisions.

Chairman Pallone introduces LIFT America Act bill, which makes anchors eligible for \$40B in broadband funding.

June

SHLB releases economic study documenting significant economic benefits of awarding EBS licenses to schools and Tribal Nations.