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Program Name

Advance Colorado Broadband Grant

Funding Amount

- Exact Dollar Amount is TBD
- Funding sources from the following federal programs
 - Capital Projects Fund (CPF)
 - Enabling Middle-Mile Infrastructure Program (MM)
 - Digital Equity Act
 - Broadband Equity, Access & Deployment (BEAD)

Key Dates

6/15/22 – CBO begins accepting official LOI's for project screening

6/17/22 – CBO hosts informational LOI webinar #1

6/21/22 – CBO hosts informational LOI webinar #2

7/6/22, 3:30 PM – Office Hours with Brandy Reitter

7/12/22, 12:00 PM – Office Hours with Brandy Reitter

7/18/22 – Letter of Intent due to CBO

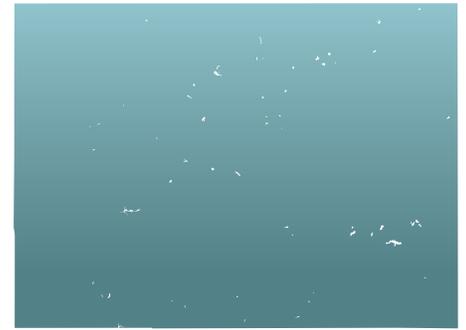
Early 2023 – Grant program launches and opens for applications

Eligible Applicants

- Capital Projects Fund eligible subrecipients
 - Units of government (e.g., municipalities or counties)
 - Non-profits or private entities
 - Cooperatives, electric utilities
 - Other entities that build or operate broadband networks

Eligible Areas

- **Unserviced Area** – no access to wireline or fixed wireless broadband internet service with speeds of at least 25/3 Mbps
- **Underserved Area** – no access to wireline or fixed wireless broadband internet service with speeds of at least 100/20 Mbps



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Eligible Projects

- Goal: Bring high-speed internet access to all Coloradans
- Focus: Areas that currently have no access or poor access Middle-mile infrastructure
- Ideal proposals will:
 - Build or improve Colorado's middle-mile broadband infrastructure
 - Address unserved under 25/3 Mbps or underserved between 25/3 Mbps and 100/20 Mbps areas
 - Involve community-driven partnerships between municipalities, providers and other stakeholders
 - Community-driven projects refer to municipalities working with internet service providers (ISPs), nonprofits, schools, hospitals, multi-use facilities, etc., to develop plans that address their community's broadband needs
- 25% match required
 - Waivers can be granted if an applicant can demonstrate economic hardship
- LOI is not required, nor is it a guarantee of funding

Letter of Intent Contents

- Project summary
- Statement of need
- Why your community, area or facility needs broadband
- How this project will affect your community
- Levels of current broadband connectivity
- Project dates
- Estimated budget
- Estimated funding request

Budget

- Estimates
 - Pre-Design
 - Engineering
 - Permitting, Labor
 - Supplies and Equipment
 - Total



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Links & Emails

- [Advance Colorado Broadband](#)
- [Advance Colorado Broadband Grant Program Webinar Slides](#)
- [Advance Colorado Broadband Webinars - YouTube](#)
- [Advance Colorado Broadband Letter of Intent PDF](#)
- [Advance Colorado Broadband Grant Program LOI Submission](#)
- Please submit questions to oit_broadband@state.co.us

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- Opportunity Evaluation
- Effective Grant Writing
- Track Record of Success

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