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**Funding Amount: \$232 million**

## Program Details

**Program Name:** Alabama Anchor Institution/Middle-Mile Program (AIMM)

**Administrator:** Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA)

**Authorizing Legislation:** American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRFs)

## Funding Details

**Award:** up to \$30 million

**Match Requirement:** 20% minimum, additional points given for extra match

## Key Dates

**August 14 – Application window open**

**October 13– Application submissions due by 11:59 p.m. CT**

## Eligible Applicants

Any entity that **currently** provides middle-mile, last-mile, or Anchor Institution broadband services, including:

- Cooperative
- Corporation
- LLC
- Partnership
- Non-profit
- Private business entity
- Units of Government

## Eligible Areas

- Areas lacking middle-mile broadband infrastructure to anchor institution facilities
- Areas with an identified need for service and facilitate the deployment of last-mile broadband in unserved areas of the state

## Eligible Projects

Project must be designed to provide:

- Anchor Institution broadband services that meets or exceeds 1/1 Gbps
- Middle-mile broadband services that can support last-mile broadband service that meets or exceeds 100/100 Mbps
- Discounts under the Affordable Connectivity Program or the provision of a broad-based affordability program

## Eligible Costs

Funds are generally limited to construction and construction-related costs of broadband infrastructure, including:

- Repair, rehabilitation, construction, improvement, and acquisition of broadband infrastructure for the project
- Long-term leases (greater than one year) of facilities required to provide broadband service for the project (including infeasible right-of-use agreements and capital leases)
- Project-deployment personnel-related costs

**Note:** Operating costs, indirect costs, and any costs incurred before or after the term of the AIMM subaward agreement are not eligible for reimbursement

## Selection Criteria

**Scoring (maximum of 175 points):**

- Anchor Institution connectivity – **up to 45 points**
- Facilitation of Last-Mile connectivity – **up to 25 points**
- Percentage of service area unserved – **up to 30 points**
- Applicants Managerial capabilities – **up to 35 points**
- Cost Effectiveness – **up to 25 points**
- Private investment, efficiency and MBE/WBE utilization – **up to 15 points**

## Application Process

- Applications and all supporting documentation must be submitted to ADECA by email: [broadband.fund@adeca.alabama.gov](mailto:broadband.fund@adeca.alabama.gov)

## Links & Contacts

- [AIMM Program Guide](#)
- [AIMM Program Application](#)
- [AIMM Program website](#)
- [AIMM Scoring worksheet](#)

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