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## Funding Amount: **\$1.4 billion**

### APPLICATION

#### Program Details

**Program Name:** Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD)

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

**Match Requirement:** 25% Match required

#### Key Dates

- **June 20, 2025** – PreQualification period open
- **June 30, 2025** – PreQualification period closes
- **July 1, 2025** – Benefit of the Bargain Round Application cycle opens
- **July 15, 2025** – Benefit of the Bargain Round Application cycle Closes

#### Eligible Projects

- Qualifying last-mile broadband infrastructure to unserved 25/3 Mbps or less and underserved between 25/3 Mbps and 100/20 Mbps locations

#### Eligible Applicants

- Cooperatives
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Public-Private Partnerships
- Private Companies
- Public or Private Utilities
- Public Utility Districts
- Local Governments

#### Eligible Areas

- Each county will be designated as a separate application area

## Eligible Costs

- Construction, improvement, and/or acquisition of facilities and telecommunications equipment, including infrastructure for backhaul, middle and last-mile networks, and multi tenant buildings
- Long-term leases of facilities to provide qualifying broadband service, including IRUs
- Deployment of internet and Wi-Fi within an eligible multi-family residential building
- Network software upgrades
- Engineering design, permitting, and work related to environmental, historical, and cultural reviews
- Personnel costs, including salaries and fringe benefits for staff and consultants
- Training for cybersecurity professionals working on BEAD-funded networks
- Workforce development including Registered Apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeships, and community college and/or vocational training for broadband-related occupations

## Selection Criteria

### Determination of Priority Broadband Project vs Non-Priority Broadband Project

- **Primary Scoring:** Applications within the same project area, the application with the lowest grant request will be selected
- **Secondary Scoring:** Applicants within 15% of the lowest grant request for the same application area, the following scoring will be applied
  - **10 points** – Speed to Deployment
  - **90 points** – Speed of Network

## Application Process

- Applicants must have been approved during the Prequalification Phase

## Links & Contacts

- [BEAD Application Guide - Restructured](#)
- [BEAD Application - Restructured](#)
- [BEAD BoB Scoring Rubric](#)
- [BEAD Program Selection Process landing page](#)
- [Alabama BEAD Program Resources](#)
- [Alabama BEAD Homepage](#)
- [ADECA Application portal](#)
- Questions: [broadband.fund@adeca.alabama.gov](mailto:broadband.fund@adeca.alabama.gov)

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