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Funding Amount: **\$1 billion**

APPLICATION

Program Details

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

Administrator: Alaska Broadband Office (ABO)

Match Requirement: 25% Match required

Key Dates

- **December 13, 2024 – April 12, 2025** – Application Period (120 days)
- **April 14 – July 14** – Application Review
- **July 15, 2025** – Notice of Grant Awards

Eligible Applicants

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

Eligible Projects

- Projects deploying qualifying last-mile broadband infrastructure to unserved (25/3 Mbps or less) and underserved (between 25/3 and 100/20 Mbps) locations

Eligible Areas

- Eligible areas will be determined by the broadband office challenge process

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

Scoring (maximum of 100 points):

Primary criteria

- **Efficient Use of BEAD Funding (up to 40 points):** How much funding (exclusive of mandatory 25% minimum match) is requested.
- **Affordability and Plans (up to 30 points):**
 - **10 points** for offering symmetrical 1 Gbps service for less than \$100/month with no fees
 - **10 points** for Low-Cost option and Middle-Class Affordability Plans
 - **10 points** for Wholesale Service Offering

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

Selection Criteria (cont'd)

- **Fair Labor Practices (up to 15 points):**
 - **7.5 points** for Regional Local Hire Program
 - **7.5 points** for Alaska Experience & Alaska-based Workforce

Secondary criteria (up to 15 points):

- **5 points** for Speed to Deployment
- **5 points** given for Nontraditional Provider
- **5 points** given for Use of SOA/DNR/OPMP Resources

Application Process

The ABO preferred submittal method is electronically in the [Grant Application Portal](#). For applicants without access to high-speed internet, applications may be submitted to the ABO via email at ced.abo.general@alaska.gov with the subject line "Alaska Digital Equity Capacity Grant Application." Applications may also be submitted via courier service or the United States Postal Service (USPS) to: Alaska Broadband Office Attn: DE Grant Administrator 550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1535 Anchorage, AK 99501

Links & Contacts

- [Alaska Broadband Grant Program NOFO](#)
- [Alaska Broadband Map](#)
- [Registration Guidance](#)
- [Alaska Broadband Grant Program Home Page](#)
- For program assistance contact: Jan.Cox@Alaska.gov
- For technical assistance contact: Jan.Cox@Alaska.gov

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