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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

- **July 3, 2025 —** Benefit of the Bargain Application Window Opens
- **July 27, 2025 —** Benefit of the Bargain Application Window Closes
- **July 28 — August 15, 2025 —** Application review and subgrantee selection
- **September 4, 2025 —** Final Proposal due to NTIA

Eligible Applicants

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

Eligible Projects

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

Eligible Areas

- Applicants will select project areas from the Project Area Map

Eligible Costs

- Construction, improvement, and/or acquisition of facilities and telecom equipment, including infrastructure for backhaul, middle and last-mile networks, and MDUs
- Long-term leases of facilities to provide qualifying broadband service, including IRUs
- Deployment of internet and Wi-Fi within an eligible MDU
- Network software upgrades
- Engineering design, permitting, 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, pre-apprenticeships, community college and/or vocational training for broadband-related occupations

Selection Criteria

Determination of Priority Broadband Project vs Non-Priority Broadband Project

- **Primary Scoring** - Minimal BEAD Program Outlay. The Eligible Entity must select the combination of project proposals with the lowest overall cost to the Program

- **Secondary Scoring**: Applicants within 15% of the lowest grant request for the same application area, scoring will be applied in these areas:
  - **Speed to Deployment**
  - **Speed of Network**
  - **Latency, and other technical capabilities**

Application Process

- Apply and manage grant application in the Alaska Broadband Grant Portal

Links & Contacts

- Alaska Broadband Grant Program Guidelines
- BEAD Grant FAQs
- Submit questions on BEAD to: ced.abo.general@alaska.gov

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- Effective Grant Writing
- A Track Record of Success

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