

nrtc FUNDING ALERT!

Professional assistance for today's unprecedented funding opportunities



Funding Amount: **\$144 million**

APPLICATION

Program Details

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

Administrator: Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP)

Match Requirement: 25% Match required

Key Dates

- **July 11, 2025** – BEAD application portal opens
- **July 22, 2025** – BEAD application portal closes
- **September 4, 2025** – Final proposal due to NTIA

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
 - **50 points** – Network Speed and Technical Capability
 - **40 points** – Preliminary or Provisional Status

Application Process

- Applicants not yet prequalified can complete prequalification as part of application submission.

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

Links & Contacts

- [CT BEAD Program Guidance](#)
- [BSL Project Application Questions](#)
- [BSL Project Application Portal](#)
- [Eligible BSL List](#)
- Questions: DEEP.broadband@ct.gov

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