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Funding Amount: **\$826.5 million**

APPLICATION

Program Details

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

Administrator: Colorado Broadband Office (CBO)

Match Requirement: 25% Match required

Key Dates

- **July 7, 2025** – Benefit of the Bargain application cycle opens
- **July, 21 2025** – Benefit of the Bargain application cycle closes at 11:59 p.m. MT
- September 4, 2025 – Final Proposal due to NTIA

Eligible Applicants

- Cooperatives
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Public-Private Partnerships
- Private Companies
- Public or Private Utilities
- Public Utility Districts
- 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 select project areas from the Project Area Map
- Project area do not need to be contiguous

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:** 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, additional selection criteria will be applied according to speed and latency requirements of the statute and NOFO

Application Process

- Apply and manage grant application in the Advance Colorado Grant Portal

Links & Contacts

- [Advance Colorado BEAD website](#)
- [BEAD Grant Program Guidelines](#)
- [BEAD Grant FAQs](#)
- [BEAD Project Area Map](#)
- Submit questions on BEAD to: Advance_CBO@state.co.us

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