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Funding Amount: **$27 Million**

Program Details

ConnectSD Broadband Development Program

Funding Amount

Up to $27 million from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Key Dates

- **August 22,2023** – Application Period Opens
- **December 1, 2023 – Application Period Closes at 4:00 p.m. CT**
- **December 31, 2026** – Project Construction Completed
- **December 31, 2027** – Project Construction Completed (Black Hills area applications only)

Eligible Applicants

- All providers across the state

Eligible Areas

- Areas that lack access to at least 100/200 Mbps
- Primary areas of focus include locations in the Black Hills Region
- Areas that have been awarded public funds, but have not yet constructed, may be considered underserved

Eligible Projects

- Applicants may submit multiple projects with multiple phases
  - Each must be capable of standing on its own
- Projects must meet a minimum of 250/20 Mbps upon completion

Scoring Criteria

- Service Speeds Available Upon Project Completion – **up to 20 points**
- Financial Support and Provider Match – **up to 25 points**
- Community Interest Level – **up to10 points**
- Community Anchor Institution – **up to 5 points**
- Tribal Nation Lands – **up to 5 points**
- Project Timelines – **up to 15 points**

Application Process

- Electronic mail to: broadband@state.sd.us

Links & Contacts

- ConnectSD Broadband Development Program
- ConnectSD Broadband Development Program Application
- South Dakota State Map
- NTIA Map
- FCC Map
- Please submit questions to broadband@state.sd.us