



Funding Amount: **\$107 million**

PREQUALIFICATION

Program Details

Program Name: Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD) **Administrator:** Delaware Department of Technology and Information (DTI)

Match Requirement: Minimum 25% of the total project cost

Key Dates

- May 14, 2024 Prequalification Webinar and Application Release
- May 31, 2024 Deadline to submit questions about the application
- June 13, 2024 Prequalification portal opens for submissions
- July 9, 2024 Prequalification Application Portal closes
- Aug 9, 2024 Deadline for DTI to notify applicants they are eligible for the Scoring Phase

Eligible Applicants

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

Eligible Areas

Will be pre-determined by DTI based on Challenge Process results

Prequalification Requirements

For an in-depth explanation, please see the **DE BEAD Prequalification Application Guide**.

• Financial Capability

 Provide evidence of financial expertise, capabilities, and available resources to meet program requirements and successfully complete a funded project

Management and Organizational Capability

- Provide details on managerial capabilities and show evidence of stable leadership, continued process improvements and ongoing commitment of resources for longterm success
- Provide necessary documentation and evidence of technical expertise, knowledge, and capabilities, as a complement to its management capabilities

Compliance with Applicable Laws

- Demonstrate awareness and understanding of all applicable State and Federal laws
- Provide a full and complete picture of corporate ownership and structure

Fair Labor Practices and Risk Management

- Demonstrate a history of prior compliance and a plan for future compliance with federal and State labor and employment law
- Demonstrate a committment to programs that will develop a robust, diverse, and highly trained and skilled workforce

Application Process

- Submit Application materials via DE's <u>Bonfire procurement portal</u>
 - o All necessary templates and supporting documents can be found via the above link

Links & Contacts

- DTI BEAD Homepage
- DE Broadband Map
- Prequalification Phase Guide
- BEAD Prequalification FAQ
- For questions, contact <u>BEAD@deleware.qov</u>



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