



Funding Amount: **\$133 Million**

Program Name

Florida Broadband Opportunity Program Grant Round 2

Funding Amount

Up to \$133 million from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recover Funds (SLFRF)

- Maximum award: \$5 Million for a single project
- Grant awards may not fund more than 50% of total project cost

Key Dates

- **May 10** – Application Window Opens
- **May 24** – [Statewide Technical Assistance Webinar](#)
- **June 23** – **Application Window Closes at 5 pm ET**
- **June 28** – Challenge Window Opens
- **August 12** – Challenge Window Closes
- **May 26** – Awards Announced

Eligible Applicants

- Corporations
- Limited Liability Companies
- General and Limited Partnerships**
- Political Subdivisions
- Tribal

** Organized under FL laws or otherwise authorized to transact business in FL

Eligible Areas

- **Unserved Areas** – no access to speeds of at least 25/3 Mbps

Eligible Projects

- Installation or deployment of infrastructure that supports provision of reliable, affordable high-speed broadband internet service

Mapping Issues

- Applications must include a service map of proposed funding service area (PFSA) in both PDF version and spatial version (.shp, .kml, or .kmz format)
 - Last-Mile Project: Includes service area boundaries and place names, boundaries, buildings, road/street names or other features that clearly identify the PFSA
 - Middle-Mile Project: Indicate the location of the middle mile facilities that will be placed
 - Label the map as "Attachment 3-B"



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- Applications must include a network map of the PFSA in both PDF version and a spatial version (.shp, .kml, .kmz format)
 - Label the map as "Attachment 3-C"

Application Content

- Application Overview
- Executive Summary
- Project Location Data and Maps
- Project Impact
- Project Budget
- Funding Sources
- Economic and Community Impact
- Economic Distress
- Community Support
- Alignment with State Strategic Plan
- Project Readiness
- Network Scalability
- Project Viability & Sustainability
- Affordability and Adoption Assistance
- Service Packaging and Customer Acquisitions
- Appendix for Key Attachments

Evaluation Criteria

- Minimum score of 130 points required to be considered for funding (Does not guarantee award)
- Points awarded to applications that leverage additional funds totaling 50% or more of total eligible project costs
 - 50% non-state match not required for an application to be competitive
- Evaluation Criteria
 - Broadband Impact – **up to 50 points**
 - Network Scalability – **up to 35 points**
 - Project Viability & Sustainability – **up to 35 points**
 - Economic Distress – **up to 40 points**
 - Funding Sources and Community Support – **up to 40 points**
 - Alignment with [Florida Strategic Plan](#) – **up to 40 points**
 - Project Readiness – **up to 40 points**
 - Affordability & Adoption Assistance – **up to 20 points**

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



Buildout Requirements

- Required to expend funds by December 31, 2026
- Applicants must offer one low-cost option without data usage caps, at speeds sufficient for a multiple user household to simultaneously engage in telework and remote learning
- Infrastructure must deliver service that reliably meets or exceeds 100 Mbps symmetrical

Eligible Costs

Per Mile Deployed Costs (Last or Middle Mile)

- Planning and Construction Costs
 - Engineering Design
 - Permitting
 - Pre-Construction Costs (Make-Ready)
 - Outside Plant Materials (fiber, poles, hardware, conduit, splitters, etc.)
 - Labor
 - Construction Management

Fixed Wireless Project Costs

- Per Premise Covered Costs
 - Engineering Design
 - Permitting
 - Pre-Construction Cost
 - Spectrum
 - Tower Site Acquisition and Construction
 - Fiber Backhaul Construction
 - Labor
 - Construction Management
 - Base Station Equipment

Ineligible Costs

- Pre-award costs

Links & Emails

- [Broadband Opportunity Program](#)
- [Broadband Opportunity Program Application](#)
- [Broadband Opportunity Program Guidelines](#)
- [Scoring and Evaluation Criteria](#)
- [Broadband Opportunity Program FAQs](#)
- Please submit questions to broadband@deo.myflorida.com

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