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Funding Amount: \$1.3 billion

APPLICATION

Program Details

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

Administrator: Georgia Technology Authority (GTA)

Match Requirement: 25% Match required

Key Dates

- **December 2, 2024 – January 15, 2025** - Round One Application window (45 days)
- **2nd Quarter 2025** – Final Recommendations, Preliminary Awards announced and submitted to NTIA for approval

Eligible Applicants

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

Eligible Projects

- Applications to construct fiber-optic facilities to all unserved and underserved BSL's

Eligible Areas

- Broadband Office Defined Project Areas - County Grant

Eligible Costs

- Construction, improvement, and/or acquisition of facilities and telecommunications equipment required to provide qualifying broadband service, including infrastructure for backhaul, middle-mile and last-mile networks, and multi-tenant buildings
- Long-term leases of facilities required to provide qualifying broadband service, including indefeasible right-of-use (IRU) agreements
- Internet and Wi-Fi infrastructure within an eligible multi-family residential building
- Engineering design, permitting, and work related to environmental, historical, and cultural reviews
- Personnel costs, including salaries and fringe benefits for staff and consultants providing services directly connected to the implementation of the BEAD Program
- Network software upgrades, including, but not limited to, cybersecurity solutions
- Training for cybersecurity professionals who will be working on BEAD-funded networks
- Workforce development, including Registered Apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeships, and community college and/or vocational training for broadband-related occupations to support deployment, maintenance, and upgrades

Selection Criteria

Scoring (maximum of 100 points):

Primary criteria for Priority Broadband Projects

- **Minimal BEAD Outlay (up to 50 points)**
- **Affordability (up to 15 points)**
- **Compliance with Federal Fair Labor Laws (up to 10 points)**

Secondary criteria

- **Speed Deployment (up to 5 points)**
- **Community/local government support (up to 9 points)**
- **Community Anchor institutions (up to 3 points)**
- **Universality of applications (up to 8 points)**

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

Selection Criteria (cont'd)

****Scoring Criteria for CAI only project areas****

- **Minimal BEAD Outlay (up to 50 points)**
- **Affordability (up to 15 points)**
- **Compliance with Federal Fair Labor Laws (up to 10 points)**
- **Speed to Deployment (up to 8 points)**
- **Community/local government support (up to 9 points)**
- **Community Anchor institutions (up to 8 points)**

Application Process

- To apply, applicants must register here: [BEAD Application Portal](#)

Links & Contacts

- [Georgia BEAD Application portal](#)
- [Georgia BEAD Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)
- [Georgia BEAD Application Questions](#)
- [Georgia BEAD Application Templates](#)
- [BEAD Technical Assistance Manual](#)
- [Georgia BEAD Map](#)
- [Cybersecurity and Supply Chain Risk Management Checklist](#)
- [BEAD Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [BEAD Kickoff Webinar Slides](#)
- [BEAD kickoff Webinar Recording](#)
- For more information: broadband@gtga.gov

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