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Funding Amount: **$145 million**

Program Details

Program Name: Broadband Infrastructure Gap Networks Grant Program
Administrator: Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI)
Authorizing Legislation: ARPA Capital Projects Fund

Funding Details

Award: $20 million max per applicant
Match Requirement: 20% of total project cost (must be supplied by applicant), additional points for external match support beyond 20%

Key Dates

November 9 — Application window opens
November 14 — Technical assistance webinar at 10 am ET
November 17 — Deadline to submit questions to MBI
December 11 — Application window closes at 5 pm ET

Eligible Applicants

The following entities are eligible to apply:
- Private entities
- Local governmental entities, Native American Indian Tribes, and non-profit organizations
- Co-operatives, electric co-operatives, and utilities
- Public Private Partnerships
- Other entities that develop and/or operate broadband networks and can demonstrate they satisfy grant obligations

Eligible Areas

- Any location including one or more residence, business, or community anchor institution in an Unserved (no access to broadband service of at least 25/3 Mbps) or Underserved (access to broadband service above 25/3 but below 100/20 Mbps) area

Eligible Projects

- Must meet general CPF Program requirements
- Contain a Last Mile component
- May include a Middle Mile component only when necessary to facilitate Last Mile connection

Eligible Costs

Categories of eligible project costs include:

- Make ready
- Design and engineering
- Permitting and regulatory compliance
- Network equipment, fiber/cabling, facilities and materials
- Construction and installation
- Qualifying Long Drop, Non-Standard Customer Installation costs
- Qualifying Overbuild costs
- Leases for terms longer than one year of facilities required to provide broadband service
- Personnel costs
- Costs associated with monitoring and reporting requirements in compliance with MBI and United States Department of the Treasury reporting requirements

Selection Criteria

Scoring (maximum of 106 points):

- Support of Target Populations and Equity – **up to 30 points**
- Applicant's Ability to Execute the Project – **up to 25 points**
- Project Feasibility and Reasonableness – **up to 25 points**
- Technological Approach – **up to 20 points**
- Optional Bonus Criteria – **up to 6 points**

Application Process

- Application and attachments should be submitted through the Gap Networks Program application site on MassTech's website

Links & Contacts

- Program Website
- Grant Solicitation
- Grant Application Overview and Requirements
- Mass. Broadband Map
- Please submit questions to proposals@masstech.org