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Funding Amount: \$149.5 million

APPLICATION

Program Details

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

Administrator: University of Hawaii

Match Requirement: 25% Match required

Key Dates

- **July 11, 2025** – Date of Notice (RFP Issued)
- **July 18, 2025** – Notice of intent to submit a proposal deadline
- **July 21, 2025** – Closing date for receipt of Offeror Questions
- **July 24, 2025** – Posting responses to questions
- **August 1, 2025** – **Closing date for Receipt of Proposals**
- **August 2-4, 2025** – Proposal review period
- **August 5, 2025** – Date of contractor selection and preliminary award (tentative)

Eligible Projects

- Qualifying last-mile broadband infrastructure to unserved 25/3 Mbps or less and underserved between 25/3 Mbps and 100/20 Mbps locations

Eligible Applicants

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

Eligible Areas

- Each county will be designated as a separate application area

Eligible Costs

- Construction, improvement, and/or acquisition of facilities and telecommunications equipment, including infrastructure for backhaul, middle and last-mile networks, and multi tenant buildings
- Long-term leases of facilities to provide qualifying broadband service, including IRUs
- Deployment of internet and Wi-Fi within an eligible multi-family residential building
- Network software upgrades
- Engineering design, permitting, and work related to environmental, historical, and cultural reviews
- Personnel costs, including salaries and fringe benefits for staff and consultants
- Training for cybersecurity professionals working on BEAD-funded networks
- Workforce development including Registered Apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeships, and community college and/or vocational training for broadband-related occupations

Selection Criteria

Determination of Priority Broadband Project vs Non-Priority Broadband Project

- **Primary Scoring:** Applicants with the lowest amount of requested BEAD funding will receive the maximum score:
 - **100 points** – requested funding amount
 - **100 points** – cost per location
- **Secondary Scoring:** Applicants within 15% of the lowest grant request for the same application area, the following scoring will be applied:
 - **30 points** – Speed to Deployment
 - **15 points** – Speed of Network

Application Process

- Applicants must indicate interest during the notice of intent period

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

Links & Contacts

- [BEAD Deployment RFPs](#)
- [Grant Portal](#)
- [Connect Kakou Landing Page](#)
- Questions: broadband@hawaii.edu

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