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Professional assistance for today's unprecedented funding opportunities



Funding Amount: **\$415 Million**

APPLICATION

Program Details

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

Administrator: Department of Management (DOM)

Match Requirement: 25% Match required

Key Dates

- **July 11** – Pre-Application Webinar
- **July 11-15** – Written question submissions
- **July 16** – **Application window opens**
- **July 18** – Responses to questions
- **July 30** – **Application window closes**
- **August 20** – Application review ends & preliminary award notice
- **August 28** – Final Proposal Public Comment Period opens
- **September 4** – Final Proposal submission to NTIA

Eligible Applicants

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

Eligible Projects

- Projects deploying qualifying last-mile broadband infrastructure to unserved (25/3 Mbps or less) and underserved (between 25/3 and 100/20 Mbps) locations

Eligible Areas

- Project area units are determined by the applicant during Round 1. If additional rounds are necessary, DOM will designate project areas

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 Criteria

- **Minimal BEAD Program Outlay** calculated using project cost minus funding requested divided by number of eligible service locations

Secondary Criteria

- Only applicable to proposals with one or more overlapping location, an dcost within 15% of lowest-cost proposal received
 - **20 points** Speed to Deployment
 - **60 points** Speed of Network (Relative Speed)
 - **20 points** Speed of Network (Latency)

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

Application Process

- Applicants must prequalify if not previously prequalified
- Application process opens **July 16**

Links & Contacts

- [BEAD Notice of Funding Availability](#)
- [Broadband Grants Core Application](#) (Project Worksheet, CPF forms, Budget Plan)
- [Map Locations](#)
- [Department of Management Broadband Landing Page](#)
- Questions? Email broadband@dom.iowa.gov or call 515-281-1413

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