



Funding Amount: **\$120 Million**

Program Name

Idaho Capital Projects Fund (CPF) Broadband Infrastructure Grant Program

Funding Amount

Up to \$120 million from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Key Dates

- **May 22** – Application Window Open
- **June 20 – Application Window Closes (5:00 p.m. MST)**
- **August/September** – Awards Announced

Eligible Applicants

- Incorporated Business or Partnership
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Limited Liability Company
- Cooperative Entities that Provide Broadband Services
- Idaho Local or Tribal Government
- Idaho Political Subdivisions

Eligible Areas

- **Unserved Areas** – All areas with service less than 25/3Mbps (any technology type)
- **Underserved Areas** – All areas with service above 25/3Mbps (any technology type), but less than 100/20Mbps wireline service

Eligible Projects

- Provide a minimum of 100/100 Mbps

Application Requirements

- Data relevant to the proposed project area
- Proof of participation in the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), if applicable
- A detailed description of service options offered
- A GIS compatible file that will be shared on the Idaho Broadband Map
- Grant Budget Template
- Broadband service option sheet for end-users, if applicable
- Project Schedule Form
- ARPA Certification showing a direct impact on work, education and health monitoring
- ARPA Certification showing a critical need of the community resulting from the COVID-19
- The project will comply with federal laws, where applicable
- Projects awards totaling \$5 million or more must provide a certification with respect to Title 40, (commonly known as the "Davis-Bacon Act") and demonstrate fair labor practices

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- Letters of Support
- Letters demonstrating project match
- Completed CPF Environmental Questionnaire

Scoring Criteria

210 Total Points Available without Bonus Points (190 points for indisputable last-mile project)

- Project proposal and benefits – **up to 20 points**
- Addresses distance learning, telehealth, or remote work – **up to 15 points**
- Addresses future access, affordability and reliability for the community – **up to 10 points**
- Middle-mile segment managed as open access, providing equal, affordable and unrestricted access – **up to 20 points** (Points will not be applied to indisputable last-mile projects)
- Ability to meet the technical needs of the community – **up to 10 points**
- Broadband experience and competency – **up to 20 points**
- Technology type – **up to 15 points**
- Number of underserved and unserved locations – **up to 20 points**
- Addresses priorities in the Idaho Broadband Advisory Board's Strategic Plan – **up to 25 points**
- Financial capability to complete the project by December 31, 2026 – **up to 20 points**
- Proposed project includes a match; financial and in-kind contributions – **up to 15 points**
- Support from local communities (letters of support) – **up to 20 points**
- Bonus points (5-10 points each)
 - Locations where students and educators with speeds less than 100/20 Mbps and libraries, schools, and institutions of higher learning without access to speeds of 1Gbps/1Gbps – **up to 7 points**
 - Project connects locations at an economical cost – **up to 3 points**
 - Applicant is Idaho based/headquartered in and/or is using Idaho labor – **up to 7 points**
 - Addresses/enhances public safety and/or cybersecurity – **up to 5 points**
 - What is the price and speed of the cheapest monthly plan– **up to 5 points**
 - Project includes unserved Community Anchor Institutions and/or government facilities without access to 1Gbps/1Gbps symmetrical (fiber) or 200Mbps/200Mbps symmetrical (fixed wireless) service – **up to 7 points**
 - The Idaho Broadband Advisory Board may award bonus points – **up to 10 points**
 - Project serves 80% or more unserved locations – **up to 5 points**
 - Provides dark fiber and/or broadband to government facilities – **up to 5 points**

Links & Emails

- [Idaho Office Broadband Homepage](#)
- [NOFO](#)
- [Idaho Media Alert](#)
- [FCC Map](#)
- Please submit questions to: Broadband@ORS.SC.GOV



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

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