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Funding Amount: **\$868 Million**

APPLICATION

Program Details

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

Administrator: Indiana Broadband Office (IBO)

Match Requirement: 25% Match required

Key Dates

- **June 20** – Benefit of the Bargain Prequalification opens
- **July 10** – Benefit of the Bargain Application window opens
- **July 28** – Benefit of the Bargain Application window closes
- **August 27** – Final Proposal Public Comment Period opens
- **September 2** – Final Proposal Public Comment Period closes
- **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

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

Eligible Areas

- Pre-determined 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 Scoring:** Applications within the same project area, the application with the lowest grant request will be selected
- **Secondary Scoring:** Applicants within 15% of the lowest grant request for the same application area, the following selection criteria will be applied
 - **10 points:** Speed to Deployment
 - **40 points:** Speed of Network and other Technical Capabilities
 - **50 points:** Preliminary Subgrantees

Application Process

- Applicants must have been approved during the Prequalification Phase

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

Links & Contacts

- [IBO Subgrantee Selection Webpage](#)
- [Subgrantee Selection Guidance Document](#)
- [Eligible BSL Address List](#)
- [Registration Page](#)
- Questions? Email indianabroadband@iot.in.gov

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