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Funding Amount: **$451 million**

Program Details

Program Name: Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD)
Administrator: Kansas Office of Broadband Development
Match Requirement: 25% Match required

Key Dates

- **July 1, 2025 –** PreQualification period open
- **July 30, 2025 –** PreQualificaiton period closes
- **July 16, 2025 –** Benefit of the Bargain Round Application cycle opens
- **July 30, 2025 –** Benefit of the Bargain Round Application cycle closes

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

- KOBD will determine project areas

Eligible Costs

- Construction, improvement, and/or acquisition of facilities and telecom equipment, including infrastructure for backhaul, middle and last-mile networks, and MDU's
- Long-term leases of facilities to provide qualifying broadband service, including IRUs
- Deployment of internet and Wi-Fi within an eligible MDU
- Network Software upgrades
- Engineering design, permitting, 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, pre-apprenticeships, community college and/or vocational training for broadband-related occupations

Application Process

- Applicants must complete prequalification before beginning application process

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 scoring will be applied
    - **Up to 10 points** – Speed to Deployment
    - **Up to 90 points** – Speed of Network

Links & Contacts

- KS BEAD program
- BEAD Benefit of the Bargain application guide
- BEAD Benefit of the Bargain application portal
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Program questions: kdc_BEAD@ks.gov