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**Funding Amount: \$451 million**

## Program Details

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

**Administrator:** Kansas Office of Broadband Development

**Authorizing Legislation:** Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)

## Funding Details

**Award:** \$451 million

**Match Requirement:** 25% Match required

## Key Dates

**October 17, 2024 @ 2:00 p.m.** – Technical Project Application Webinar: [registration](#)

**October 21, 2024** – application window opens

**December 20, 2024 @ Noon CT** – **application window closes**

Virtual Office hours to assist with the BEAD application: [registration](#)

October 10, 2024 – 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

October 24, 2024 – 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

November 7, 2024 – 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

November 21, 2024 – 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

December 5, 2024 – 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

December 19, 2024 – 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

## Eligible Applicants

- Non-Profits
- Tribal Governments
- Local Governments
- Broadband Service Providers

## Eligible Areas

- KOBD will determine project areas
- Subgrantees may propose alternate project areas by combining contiguous project funding areas
- [Kansas PFA's - kmz Map file](#)
- [Kansas PFA's - GIS Map file](#)

## Eligible Projects

- **Projects that expand high-speed internet access and use, including:** Infrastructure deployment, mapping, adoption, planning, capacity-building in state offices, local community outreach and coordination
- **Priority Broadband Projects are:** Applications that propose to construct end-to-end fiber-optic facilities to all unserved and underserved BSLs in a Project Funding Area

## 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 [registration](#) before beginning application process

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

# Selection Criteria

## Scoring (maximum 100 points)

### Primary criteria:

- Minimal BEAD Program Outlay - **up to 50 points**
  - Lowest cost to serve will receive maximum points and highest cost to serve will receive 0 points. Applications between highest and lowest cost points assigned proportionately
- Affordability – **up to 15 points**
  - Scoring based on cost of 1Gbps/1Gbps service
    - less than \$90 – 15 points
    - \$90.01 - \$99.99 – 10 points
    - \$100 - \$109.99 – 6 points
    - \$110 - \$119.99 – 3 points
    - \$120 or higher – 0 points
- Fair Labor Practices – **up to 10 points**
- Speed to Deployment – **up to 9 points**
- Speed of Network – **up to 9 points**
- Local and Tribal Coordination – **up to 7 points**

### Secondary criteria:

- Minimal BEAD Program Outlay - **up to 50 points**
  - Lowest cost to serve will receive maximum points and highest cost to serve will receive 0 points. Applications between highest and lowest cost points assigned proportionately
- Affordability - **up to 15 points**
  - Scoring based on cost of 100/20 Mbps service
    - less than \$60 – 15 points
    - \$60.01 - \$69.99 – 10 points
    - \$70 - \$79.99 – 6 points
    - \$80 - \$89.99 – 3 points
    - \$90 or higher – 0 points
- Fair Labor Practices - **up to 10 points**
- Speed to Deployment - **up to 9 points**
- Speed of Network – **to 9 points**
- Local and Tribal Coordination – **up to 7 points**

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## Links & Contacts

- [KS BEAD program](#)
- [BEAD application portal](#)
- [KS BEAD scoring rubric](#)
- [KS BEAD IPVII](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- Program questions: [kdc\\_BEAD@ks.gov](mailto:kdc_BEAD@ks.gov)

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