



Funding Amount: \$5-10 Million

Program Name

Kansas Lasting Infrastructure and Network Connectivity (LINC) program

Funding Amount

\$5 Million - \$10 Million (Shared Between IXP and Middle Mile)

- State of Kansas will match 80% of total cost up to the maximum program funding limit
- Maximum Award: \$5 Million - \$10 Million

Key Dates

- **Internet Exchange Point (IXP)**
 - **April 18** – Program Guidelines posted
 - **May 5** – Solicitation Date
 - **June 19 @ 5:00 pm CST – Application Closing Date**
 - **September 2023** – Award Date (Tentative)
 - **September 2026** – End of Project Period
- **Middle Mile**
 - **April 18** – Program Guidelines posted
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 - **September 2025** – End of Project Period

Eligible Applicants

- Internet Exchange Point (IXP)
 - Tribal Governments
 - Private Entities
 - Co-operatives
 - Electric Utilities
 - Non-profit Organizations/Associations
 - Academic Networks, Universities, Research Centers
 - Co-location Providers
 - Commercial Companies
 - Government Bodies/Units of Government
- Middle Mile
 - Levels or Units of Government (i.e., Municipalities or Counties)
 - Tribal Governments
 - Private Entities
 - Co-operatives
 - Electric Utilities
 - Non-profit Organizations



- Those authorized to provide broadband services in the State of Kansas

Eligible Areas

- Areas that lack access to at least 100/20 Mbps

Eligible Projects

- Provide affordable, universal access to reliable broadband services with 100/20 Mbps minimum
- Internet Exchange Point (IXP) – a physical infrastructure through which internet service providers and content delivery networks exchange internet traffic
- Middle Mile – Connects a network operator's core network to local network (last mile) plant

Selection Criteria

- Project Proposal
- Technical Project Plan
- Financial Information

Eligible Costs

- Internet Exchange Point (IXP)
 - Capital expenses directly related to development, implementation, and building of IXP facilities, including 5% of pre-project development costs and uses, including data gathering, feasibility studies, and engineering design
 - Pre-project costs are eligible under matching funds
 - Purchase of materials, supplies, equipment, and construction of "IXP" real estate, building, and equipment infrastructure expenses
 - Infrastructure expenses including; construction of fiber duct banks from the IXP facility to the edge of the public right-of-way, necessary hand holes and manholes
 - Long term transport Indefeasible Rights of Use (IRUs) when in support of remote peering connectivity between the edge
 - Internet Exchange ethernet switch in IXP and a remote Internet Exchange
- Middle Mile
 - Capital expenses directly related to the development, implementation, and building of middle mile facilities, including 5% of pre-project development costs and uses, including data gathering, feasibility studies, engineering design, work related to environmental historical and cultural reviews, and permitting
 - Pre-project costs are eligible under matching funds
 - Must be located in the State of Kansas
 - If proposed end to end middle mile facilities cross state boundaries, funding may only be used for the total project amount within the State of Kansas portion Applicant must demonstrate that a significant benefit is provided to Kansans for the portion proposed within Kansas and the total project's overall benefit

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



Ineligible Costs

- Internet Exchange Point (IXP)
 - Operating expenses
 - Short-term operation leases
 - Satisfaction of any obligation
 - Payment of interest or principal on outstanding debt instruments
 - Maintenance expenses related to the project
 - Infrastructure not directly connected IXP facilities, real estate or supporting equipment
 - Indirect labor costs (fringe/benefits, travel, meals, lodging, paid time off, etc.)
 - Long term capital asset purchases/leases, cost allocation during project period (considered on a case-by-case basis)
- Middle Mile
 - Operating expenses
 - Short-term operation leases
 - Satisfaction of any obligation
 - Payment of interest or principal on outstanding debt instruments
 - Maintenance expenses related to the project
 - Infrastructure not directly connected to IXP facilities, real estate or supporting equipment
 - Indirect labor costs (fringe/benefits, travel, meals, lodging, paid time off, etc.)
 - Long term capital asset purchases/leases, although cost allocation for use during project period (considered on a case-by-case basis)
 - Costs associated with any middle mile infrastructure build outside of state boundaries

Links & Emails

- [Kansas Office of Broadband Homepage](#)
- [\(LINC\) Grant Program Plan](#)
- [\(LINC\) Grant Program Homepage](#)
- [NTIA Map](#)
- [FCC Map](#)
- Please submit questions to: KDC_Broadband@ks.gov

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