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Funding Amount: **\$1.1 billion**

## APPLICATION

### Program Details

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

**Administrator:** Kentucky Office of Broadband Development

**Match Requirement:** 25% Match required

### Key Dates

- **January 16- March 15** – BEAD Application window

### Eligible Applicants

- Cooperatives
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Public-Private Partnerships
- Private Companies
- Public or Private Utilities
- Public Utility Districts
- Local Governments

### Eligible Projects

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

## Eligible Areas

- Eligible locations were determined by the broadband office, locations can be viewed here: [KY BEAD eligible locations map](#)

## 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

- KY BEAD application scoring criteria can be viewed on the [KY BEAD Initial Proposal webpage](#)

## Application Process

- Applicants must have been approved during the Prequalification Phase. The list of pre-qualified entities can be found here: [KY BEAD Subgrantee Selection](#)
- Applications must be submitted using the [Kentucky Broadband Grants Management Portal](#)

## Links & Contacts

- [KY BEAD Application Guide](#)
- [KY BEAD Grant program](#)
- [KY BEAD Grant portal](#)
- [KY Broadband Map](#)

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