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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**

- **July 7, 2025** – BEAD Benefit of the Bargain Application round opens
- **July 28, 2025** – BEAD Benefit of the Bargain Application round 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

- Project areas were determined by the broadband office

## 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, additional selection criteria will be applied according to speed and latency requirements of the statute and NOFO

## Application Process

- Applicants must have been approved during the Prequalification Phase

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

## Links & Contacts

- [KY BEAD Benefit of the Bargain Application Guide](#)
- [KY BEAD Grant program resource page](#)
- [KY BEAD Grant portal](#)
- [KY Broadband Map](#)
- Questions: [broadband@ky.gov](mailto:broadband@ky.gov)

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