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Professional Assistance for Today's Unprecedented Funding Opportunities



Program Name

Kentucky Rural Infrastructure Improvement Fund Program

Funding Amount

Up to \$20 million from the ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund

- Maximum grant amount of \$5,000 per replaced utility pole
- Or 50% of total amount incurred or paid by applicant for eligible costs

Kentucky

\$20 million

Key Dates

- **August 31** – Notice of Funding Opportunity
- **September 1** – *Application Window Opens*
 - Applications accepted until funds expended
 - Awards within 60 days of completed applications
- **July 1, 2022** – Effective date of funding

Eligible Applicants

Retail Internet Service Providers (ISPs)

Eligible Areas

- **Unserved areas** are those not currently receiving 25/3 Mbps
- Limited to pole replacements for unserved locations within single county

Eligible Projects

- Removal/replacement of a utility pole in an unserved area
- Attachment of facilities to be used by a retail provider to provide qualifying broadband service access to residences or businesses within an unserved area

Ineligible Projects

- Removal/replacement of a utility pole to accommodate wholesale broadband or data transport

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Application Contents

- Must be registered in SAM.gov, and provide Unique Entity ID
- Provide Vendor Registration Number with the Commonwealth
- Must include:
 - Grant Application Cover Sheet
 - Part I – Key Project Data
 - Part II – Application Funding Request
 - Part III – Payment Information Instructions
 - Part IV – Grant Assistance Agreement
- Statement outlining that costs for requested reimbursement have not been reimbursed through any other state or federal grant program
- Notarized statement from officer/agent that contents of application are true and accurate

Buildout Requirements

Replaced poles must facilitate 100/100 Mbps service

Eligible Costs

- Removal and disposal of existing utility poles
- Purchase and installation of replacement utility poles
- Transfer of any existing facilities to new poles
- Reimbursing another party for the costs of performing an eligible pole replacement
- Must be incurred on or after July 1, 2022

Ineligible Costs

- Costs to perform an eligible pole replacement by party not responsible for those costs
- Costs which the party incurring or paying costs separately has received or is entitled to receive reimbursement under the terms of a state or federal grant program
- Costs which reimbursement is requested exceed the pole replacement costs that were reasonably anticipated

Links & Emails

- [Kentucky Rural Infrastructure Improvement Fund](#)
- Please submit questions to broadband@ky.gov

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