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Funding Amount: \$1.35 billion

APPLICATION

Program Details

Program Name: GUMBO 2.0 - Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD)

Administrator: ConnectLA

Match Requirement: 25% Match required

Key Dates

- **August 15, 2024** – Applicant window opens for those invited to apply
- **August 29, 2024** – Application window closes

Eligible Applicants

- Cooperatives
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Public-Private Partnerships
- Private Companies
- Public or Private Utilities
- Public Utility Districts
- Local Governments
 - ❖ Applicants required to have pre-qualification approval to apply for BEAD

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

- Determined by the broadband office challenge process and posted to the [ConnectLA BEAD program](#) website

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

Scoring:

Primary criteria

- **Minimal BEAD Outlay - up to 300 points**
 - % of funding level requested for a total project area
- **Affordability - up to 200 points**
 - Previous or future commitments to offer 1 Gbps/1 Gbps service to at least 1,000 customers for at least five consecutive years

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

Selection Criteria (cont'd)

- **Fair Labor Practices – up to 101 points**
 - Certifying full compliance and no violations within the last 3 to 5 years
 - Use of a directly employed workforce
 - Use of local hire provisions
 - Pay prevailing wages, benefits, and compliance with Davis-Bacon

Secondary Criteria

- **Speed to Deployment - up to 12 points**
 - Points for enforceable deployment plans faster than 48 months
- **Economically Disadvantaged Areas – up to 25 points**
 - Points for inclusion

Application Process

- Applicants must have been approved during the Pre-qualification Phase

Links & Contacts

- GUMBO 2.0 [BEAD Pre-qualification Guide](#)
 - [Supplemental Notice 1](#)
 - [Supplemental Notice 2](#)
 - [Supplemental Notice 3](#)
- [GUMBO 2.0 BEAD FAQ](#)
- [ConnectLA BEAD Homepage](#)
- [LA BEAD IPV 2](#)

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