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Funding Amount: \$1.55 billion

APPLICATION

Program Details

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

Administrator: Michigan High-Speed Internet Office (MIHI)

Match Requirement: 25% Match Required

Key Dates

- **July 21, 2025** – Benefit of the Bargain Round Application cycle opens
- **August 4, 2025** – Benefit of the Bargain Round Application cycle 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
- Tribal Organizations

Eligible Areas

- Application areas are pre-determined by MIHI

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, the following scoring will be applied
 - **15 points** – Preliminarily selected in Round 1
 - **Up to 10 points** – Speed of Network
 - **Up to 5 points** – Speed to Deployment

Application Process

- Submit Application materials via [Michigan's Submission Portal](#)

Links & Contacts

- [MI Benefit of the Bargain Guidebook](#)
- [MI Benefit of the Bargain Sample Application](#)
- [Michigan BEAD Program Webpage](#)
- For questions: [Contact request form](#)

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