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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: Minimum 25% of the total project cost

Key Dates

- **January 9, 2025** – Portal opens for Round 1 Applications
- **April 9, 2025** – Application window closes for Round 1 Applications

Eligible Applicants

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

Eligible Projects

- Priority Broadband Projects, defined as project that provides internet services via end-to-end fiber-optic facilities to reach users. MIHI has a strong preference for Priority Broadband Projects, and anticipates that all Round 1 projects will be deploying end-to-end fiber.

Eligible Areas

- Available based on results of the BEAD State Challenge Process.

Selection Criteria

Primary Criteria

- **Grant to Project Cost (14 points):** Ratio of requested grant fund compared to the total project cost. Greater matching funds will score more points.
- **Total Project Cost (14 points):** Total projected cost required to complete the project, awarding more points to proposed projects that have lower overall BEAD outlay.
- **Scalability and Resiliency (7 points):** This category scores whether the proposed network design is more scalable or resilient than what may be considered industry standard.
- **Affordability (25 points):** Applicants are encouraged but not required to provide service at an affordable cost. This category scores prospective subgrantee's commitment to providing the most affordable price to the customer for 1 Gbps/1 Gbps service.
- **Fair Labor Practices (15 points):** Scores a prospective subgrantee's demonstrated record of and plans to comply with federal labor and employment laws.

Secondary Criteria

- **Speed to Deployment (3 points):** All subgrantees must deploy and begin providing services to each customer that desires broadband services within the project area not later than four years after the date which the subgrantee receives the subgrant. Scoring will be on a sliding scale based on number of months to complete proposed project.
- **Technical Support and Customer Service (2 points):** Will score an applicant's planned commitment to provide quality and responsive technical support to customers.
- **Local Support and Community Engagement (8 points):** Assesses a subgrantee's support from local units of government and/or tribal nations that intersect proposed project area.
- **Michigan Business (4 points):** Emphasis on supporting suppliers that create and maintain well-paying jobs in the state.
- **MBEs/WBEs/GDBEs (3 points):** Assesses the proposed utilization percentage of minority business enterprises (MBEs), women-owned business enterprises (WBEs), and geographically disadvantaged enterprises (GDBEs).
- **Open Access (3 points):** Scores a subgrantee's provision of open access wholesale fast-mile broadband service for the life of subsidized networks on fair, equal, and neutral terms to all potential retail providers.
- **Equitable Workforce and Job Quality (2 points):** Scores a subgrantee's enforceable commitments with respect to advancing equitable workforce development and job quality objectives.

Application Process

- Submit Application materials via [Michigan's Submission Portal](#)
 - All necessary templates and supporting documents can be found via the above link

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

Links & Contacts

- [Michigan BEAD Grant Application Website](#)
- [Michigan BEAD Locations](#)
- [Additional Resources](#)
- [Michigan High Speed Internet Office Webpage](#)
- For questions, contact Jennifer Duffey, Grants Administration Manager:
duffeyj1@michigan.gov
- Start a support ticket by emailing "BEAD Preregistration" to LEO-MIHighspeedinternet@michigan.gov

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