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Funding Amount: **\$1.7 billion**

APPLICATION

Program Details

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

Administrator: Missouri Office of Broadband

Match Requirement: 25% Match required

Key Dates

- **July 10, 2025** – Benefit of the Bargain Round 1 Application cycle opens
- **July 24, 2025** – Benefit of the Bargain Round 1 Application cycle closes
- **July 25 – August 8** – Round 1 Scoring
- **August 13, 2025** – Benefit of the Bargain Round 2 Application cycle opens
- **August 20, 2025** – Benefit of the Bargain Round 2 Application cycles closes
- **Sept 4, 2025** – Final proposal due to NTIA

Eligible Projects

- **Priority Broadband Projects are:** Applications that propose to construct end-to-end fiber-optic facilities to all unserved and underserved BSLs in a Project Funding Area

Eligible Applicants

- Nonprofit organizations
- Local governments
- Rural Electric Cooperatives
- Telephone Cooperatives
- Public-private partnerships, with private or nonprofit partners registered in MO
- Private Companies
- Public Utility District
- Public or Private Utilities

Eligible Areas

- Application 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 MDUs
- Long-term leases of facilities to provide qualifying broadband service, including IRUs
- Deployment of internet and Wi-Fi within an eligible MDU 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
 - **Up to 10 points** – Speed of technology
 - **Up to 10 points** – Latency
 - **Up to 4 points** – Speed to Deployment
 - **2 points** – Round 1 preliminary grantee

Application Process

- Applicants must have been approved during the Prequalification Phase.

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

Links & Contacts

- [MO BEAD notice of program changes](#)
- [MO Grant Portal](#)
- [MO Broadband map](#)
- [MO BEAD program resource page](#)
- Questions: <https://ded.mo.gov/office-broadband-development/contact-form>

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