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Funding Amount: $1.53 billion

APPLICATION

Program Details

Program Name: Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD)
Administrator: North Carolina Department of Information Technology, Division of Braodband and Digital Equity
Match Requirement: 25% Match required

Key Dates

- **July 11, 2025 –** Benefit of the Bargain Round Application cycle opens
- **July 30, 2025 –** Benefit of the Bargain Round Application cycle Closes
- **September 4, 2025 –** Final Proposal due to NTIA

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

Eligible Areas

- Develop project areas by selecting BSL's and corresponding hexbins on the NC One map

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, additional selection criteria will be applied according to the speed and latency requirements of the statute and NOFO

Application Process

- Applicants must have been approved during the Prequalification Phase

Links & Contacts

- BEAD Subgrantee Selection Guide
- NC One Map
- NC BEAD Homepage
- Questions: BEAD@nc.gov

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

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