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Funding Amount: \$1.251 million

Program Details

Program Name: Connect New Mexico Pilot Program – Wave 4 (Connectivity to Declared Disaster Areas)

Administrator: Office of Broadband Access and Expansion

Authorizing Legislation: NM House Bill 2

Funding Details

Award: \$1,251,000 (maximum); \$250,000 (minimum)

Match Requirement: 25%

Key Dates

January 27 – Issuance of NOFO, Scoring Guide, and Application

January 27 - March 21 – Application Submission Window

March 24 – April 4 – OBAE reviews and scores applications

April 7 – April 16 – Applicants may be requested to provide supplemental information

Early to mid-May – Provisional awardees will be contacted

End of May - Awardee signs Grant Award Agreement

End of June - Awardee to start grant-funded activities and incur expenses

December 31, 2026 - Project must be completed and all grant and match funds be expended

Eligible Applicants

- Tribal governments
- Local governments
- Local and State agencies
- Nonprofit entities
- For-profit entities
- Cooperatives
- Utilities

Eligible Areas

- Geographic areas covered by Executive Order in areas declared a disaster 2022-2024
- Eligible unserved and underserved BSLs in declared disaster areas

Eligible Projects

- Last-mile networks that provide connectivity to unserved and underserved households and businesses in declared disaster areas (e.g., those impacted by the wildfires and floods)

Eligible Costs

- Permitting and regulatory reviews (e.g., rights of way, easement, environmental, historical and cultural assessment); network planning & design; infrastructure deployment; network equipment; grants administration and reporting
- Expenses incurred after issuance of a Purchase Order by OBAE

Selection Criteria

Scoring (maximum of 100 points):

- **Speed to Deployment – up to 36 points**
 - 36 points** for ≤ 6 months
 - 30 points** for 7 to 8 months
 - 24 points** for 9 to 10 months
 - 18 points** for 11 to 12 months
 - 12 points** for 13 to 14 months
 - 6 points** for 15 to 16 months
 - 0 points** for 17 to 18 months
- **Community Support – up to 16 points**
- **Matching Contribution Degree – up to 16 points**
 - 16 points** for 45% or greater
 - 14 points** for 42.5% – 44.9%
 - 12 points** for 40% – 42.49%
 - 10 points** for 37.5% – 39.9%
 - 8 points** for 35% - 37.49%
 - 6 points** for 32.50% – 34.9%
 - 4 points** for 30% – 32.49%
 - 2 points** for 27.5% – 29.9%
 - 0 points** Below 27.5%
- **Cost Efficiency – up to 16 points**
- **Comprehensive Community Impact – up to 16 points**

Application Process

- Apply through OBAE's online [Submittable Grant Portal](#)

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

Links & Contacts

- [Connectivity to Declared Disaster Areas - NOFO](#)
- [Connectivity to Declared Disaster Areas Home Page](#)
- [Map of State Declared Disaster Areas](#)
- [Scoring Guide](#)
- Send questions to: broadbandpilot@connect.nm.gov

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