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Funding Amount: \$675 million

APPLICATION

Program Details

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

Administrator: New Mexico Office of Broadband of Access and Expansion (OBAE)

Match Requirement: 25% Match required

Key Dates

- **January 3 - February 17** – Round One Application Window
- **February 24 – March 28** – Reviewing and Curing of Applications
- **March 31 – May 16** – Negotiation
- **May 19 – June 19** – Provisional Awards Announced

Eligible Applicants

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

Eligible Projects

- Projects deploying qualifying last-mile broadband infrastructure to **unserved** (25/3 Mbps or less) locations

Eligible Areas

- Eligible areas will be determined by the broadband office challenge process

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

Scoring (maximum of 400 points):

Primary criteria (300 points)

- **100 points** for Minimal BEAD Outlay
- **50 points** for Matching Contribution
- **100 points** for Lowest price gigabit service commitment
- **50 points** for Compliance with federal labor laws

Secondary Criteria (100 points)

- **30 points** for High-Cost Areas
- **29 points** Low-income households
- **20 points for** Technical Review
- **15 points** for Community and partnership support
- **5 points** for Aggregation of PAUs
- **1 point** for Speed to deployment

Application Process

- Applicants must have been approved during the Prequalification Phase

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- Effective Grant Writing
- A Track Record of Success

Links & Contacts

- [NM BEAD NOFO](#)
- [NM BEAD Application](#)
- [BEAD Scoring and Ranking Guide](#)
- [NM BEAD Home Page](#)
- [NM BEAD Broadband Map](#)
- Send application questions to: andrew.wilder@connect.nm.gov
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