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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 (OBABE)

Match Requirement: 25% Match required

Key Dates

- **July 7, 2025** – Benefit of the Bargain application cycle opens
- **July 18, 2025** – Benefit of the Bargain application cycles closes
- Reviewing and Negotiation of Applications - TBD
- Provisional Awards Announced – TBD
- September 4, 2025 – Final Proposal due to NTIA

Eligible Applicants

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

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 Areas

- Project areas determined by the broadband office

Selection Criteria

Determination of Priority Broadband Project vs Non-Priority Broadband Project

- **Primary Scoring Criteria**

The combination of project proposals with the lowest overall cost to the Program will be selected,. this may involve selecting a proposal that is not the lowest-cost option for a given set of BSLs but is part of the combination of selected projects with the lowest overall cost to the Program

- **Secondary Criteria (100 points)**

Applicants within 15% of the lowest grant request for the same application area, the following scoring will be applied:

- **Speed to Deployment (up to 10 points):**
 - **10 points** for Speed to Deployment (Project complete within 36 months of award)
- **Speed of Network (up to 10 points):**
 - **90 points** for 2G/2G
 - **75 points** for 1G/1G
 - **50 points** for 500Mbps/500Mbps
 - **25 points** for 100Mbps/100Mbps
 - **15 points** for 100Mbps/50Mbps
 - **0 points** for 100Mbps/20Mbps

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

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

Application Process

- Applicants must have been approved during the Prequalification Phase

Links & Contacts

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

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