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Professional assistance for today's unprecedented funding opportunities



Funding Amount: \$159 million

Program Details

Program Name: ARPA Capital Projects Fund, Oklahoma Broadband Infrastructure Grant Program

Administrator: Oklahoma Broadband Office

Authorizing Legislation: American Rescue Plan Act

Funding Details

Award: An award maximum is not noted in the NOFO

Match Requirement: **25% match required**

Key Dates

Application cycle opens: To be announced (possible mid-May)

Eligible Applicants

May include, but are not limited to:

- Other levels or units of government (e.g., municipalities, counties)
- non-profits
- private entities, or
- Tribal Governments

Eligible Areas

- Locations that are unserved or underserved, lacking service of at least 100/20 Mbps

Eligible Projects

- Deployment projects designed to directly enable work, education and healthcare monitoring
- Projects that address a critical need resulted from COVID-19
- Projects to address a critical need of the community to be served by it

Eligible Costs

- Grant preparation costs
- Cost of repair, rehabilitation, construction, improvement and acquisition of real property, equipment and facilities
- Cost of long-term leases necessary to provide service
- Personnel costs
- Costs necessary to operationalize and put the capital assets to full use, including broadband adoption and digital literacy efforts
- Expenses related to compliance reporting and performance management

Selection Criteria

Applications will be reviewed in a two-step process

Step 1: Pass/Fail minimum requirements

- Project area identifies fabric ID and addresses of unserved and underserved locations
- Evidence of critical need
- Certification that project will deliver service that reliably meets or exceeds 100/100 Mbps
- Commitment to provide one low-cost option (not ACP) providing at least 100/20 Mbps
- Participation in the FCC Affordable Connectivity Program
- Completion date no later than Dec 31, 2026

Step 2: Scoring (maximum of 100 points):

- Number of Connections and speed – **up to 25 points**
- Matching Request – **up to 20 points**
- Project Readiness – **up to 15 points**
- Project Sustainability – **up to 15 points**
- Community Support or Engagement – **up to 10 points**
- Economic Development and Community Impact – **up to 10 points**
- Broadband Adoption Assistance - **up to 5 points**

Application Process

- Application Submission (14-day window, dates TBD)
- Department Evaluation and Application Review
- Award Announcement
- Grant Agreement Negotiation

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

Links & Contacts

- [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)
- [CPF Application Primer](#)
- [CPF Scoring Criteria](#)
- [Oklahoma Broadband Office](#)
- Contact: broadband@broadband.ok.gov

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