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Funding Amount: **$768 million**

APPLICATION

Program Details

Program Name: Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD)
Administrator: Oklahoma Broadband Office
Match Requirement: 25% Match required

Key Dates

- **July 14, 2025:** Benefit of the Bargain Application window opens
- **July 23, 2025:** Benefit of the Bargain Application window closes
- **September 4, 2025:** Final proposal due to NTIA

Eligible Projects

- Last-mile infrastructure to unserved 25/3 Mpbs or less and underserved between 25/3 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

- Network Expansion Territories (NET's) determined by the broadband office

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 fo rhte same application area, the following scoring will be applied:
    - **Up to 8 points –** Speed to Deployment
    - **Up to 25 points –** Maximum Download speeds
    - **Up to 25 points –** Maximum Upload speeds
    - **UP to 25 points –** Minimum Download speeds
    - **Up to 25 points** - Minimum Upload

Application Process

- Applicants must completePre-Qualifcation prior to BEAD application

Links & Contacts

- [OK BEAD Application Primer](#)
- [OK BEAD Map](#)
- [OK BEAD Portal](#)
- [OK BEAD Program](#)
- [Ok Broadband Office](#)
- [BEAD Subgrantee Selection FAQ](#)
- Questions: BEAD@broadband.ok.gov

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

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