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# Funding Amount: \$374 Million

# **Program Details**

Program Name: Oklahoma ARPA SLFRF Broadband Investment Grant Program

**Administrator:** Oklahoma Broadband Office

Authorizing Legislation: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

(SLFRFs)

## **Funding Details**

Award Range: No Grant Cap Match Required: 25% or Greater

## **Key Dates**

September 18 – Application Window Opens
October 9 – Application Window Closes
October 2, 2026 – Project Must be Completed

## **Eligible Applicants**

- ISP's including co-operatives, electric utilities, and other entities that build or operate broadband networks, partnerships and consortium allowed
- Must participate in the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)

# **Eligible Areas**

- Areas that lack access to at least 100/20 Mbps
- If the project includes Tribal land, the applicant must provide documentation of Tribal approval for the project

## **Eligible Costs**

- Costs incurred for eligible SLFRF projects planned or started prior to the date of award, and were incurred by the subawardee after March 3, 2021
- Eligible Costs include
  - o Labor
  - Real Property
  - Network Operations Equipment
  - Services
  - Supplies
- Costs outlined and in accordance with the Cost Principles identified in 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E

## **Scoring Criteria**

Scoring (maximum of 120 points):

- Locations served up to 10 points
- Speed Requirement up to 15 points
- Workforce, Procurement and Project Procedures up to 25 points
- Fiber-Optic Infrastructure up to 10 points
- Last Mile/Middle Mile up to 20 points
- Affordability up to 15 points
- Affiliation with Local Government, Tribal Entity, Non-profit or Cooperative up to 5 points
- Matching funds up to 20 points
- Must attest to permitting compliance or project does not move forward

## **Application Process**

Application portal will be published here: Oklahoma Broadband Office program page

## **Links & Contacts**

- Oklahoma Broadband Office program page
- Oklahoma Broadband Development Program NOFO
- Sample Grant Application
- Grant Application Checklist
- Grant Program Scoring Criteria
- Oklahoma Unserved BSL Map
- Please submit questions to: <u>broadband@broadband.ok.gov</u>



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