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Funding Amount: **$689 million**

APPLICATION

Program Details

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

Key Dates

- **May 22, 2025 — Application Deadline at 5:00 p.m. PDT**

Eligible Applicants

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

Eligible Projects

- Last-mile broadband infrastructure to unserved (25/3 Mbps or less) and underserved (between 25/3 and 100/20 Mbps) locations

Eligible Areas

- Applicants will propose projects at the school district (District) level, with the exception of Klamath County which has been divided into multiple District Grant Areas based on Klamath County Public School Attendance Areas.

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 100 points):
Primary criteria

- **Minimal BEAD Outlay (up to 40 points):** How much funding is requested
- **Affordability (up to 20 points):** 1 Gbps service to BEAD-funded locations that will not exceed a monthly cost of $84.94
- **Fair labor Practices (up to 15 points)**
- **Speed Deployment (up to 2 points):**
  - **2 points** given for completing the build within 24 months
  - **1 points** given for completing the build within 36 months

Selection Criteria (cont'd)

- **Community/Local Gov't/Tribal Gov't support: (up to 10 points):**
  - Support must be provided from 50% or more of the units of government in the District Grant Area to gain full points
- **Connecting CAIs: (up to 13 points)**

Scoring for Other Last-Mile Broadband Projects (maximum of 100 points)

- **Minimal BEAD program Outlay (up to 40 points)**
- **Affordability (up to 20 points)**
- **Fair Labor Practices (up to 15 points)**
- **Speed to Deployment (up to 2 points)**
- **Community/Local Gov't/Tribal Gov't support: (up to 10 points):**
- **Network Speed & Technical Capability (up to 13 points)**

Application Process

- Applicants must have been approved during the Prequalification Phase

Links & Contacts

- [Administrative and Compliance Application](#)
- [Priority End-to-End Fiber Application](#)
- [Alternative Technology Application](#)
- [Oregon BEAD Application User Guide](#)
- [Oregon BEAD District Grant Area Mapping Tool](#)
- [Oregon BEAD Homepage](#)
- [Oregon BEAD IPV 1](#)
- [Oregon BEAD IPV 2](#)
- For questions and technical assistance, contact bead.broadband.Oregon@biz.gov