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Funding Amount: $207 Million

APPLICATION

Program Details

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

Key Dates

- **July 7 –** Benefit of the Bargain Application window opens
- **July 18 –** Benefit of the Bargain Application window closes
- **July 21 –** Application review begins
- **August 28 –** Final Proposal Public Comment Period opens
- **September 4 –** Final Proposal submission 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 and 100/20 Mbps) locations

Eligible Areas

- Pre-determined project 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

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 for the same application area, the following selection criteria will be applied
    - Speed to Deployment
    - Speed of Network and other Technical Capabilities
    - Preliminary Subgrantees

Application Process

- No prequalification phase

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- [SD Connect BEAD Landing Page](#)
- [Subgrantee Registration Form](#)
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