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Funding Amount: **$980,000,000**

Program Details

Program Name: Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program (TBCP) Round 2
Administrator: National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)
Authorizing Legislation: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Funding Details

- **Broadband Infrastructure Deployment**
  - $1,000,000 minimum
  - $50,000,000 maximum
- **Broadband Use and Adoption**
  - $100,000 minimum
  - $2,500,000 maximum
- **Match Requirement:** No match required

Key Dates

- **January 23, 2024 – Application Window Closes (11:59 p.m. ET)**
- April 22, 2024 – Anticipated announcement date
- May 6, 2024 – Earliest start date for awarded projects
- **Projects must be completed within 4 years of project award**

Eligible Costs

- Eligible Costs Specific to Broadband Infrastructure Deployment, see NOFA pg 38-39
- Eligible Costs Specific to Broadband Adoption and Use, See NOFA pg 39
- SF-242A Detailed Budget Justification spreadsheet
- Indirect costs and administrative costs, not to exceed 2% of requested grant amount
- Broadband Infrastructure Deployment projects planning, feasibility, and sustainability studies, not to exceed 2.5% (does not count toward the 2% of indirect costs)

Eligible Projects

- Broadband infrastructure deployment projects (Tribal Consent and Authorization required)
  - including support of carrier-neutral submarine cable landing stations
- Affordable broadband programs
  - Providing free or reduced cost broadband
  - Preventing disconnection of existing broadband service
- Distance learning
- Telehealth
- Digital inclusion efforts (including digital equity planning and workforce activities)
- Broadband adoption activities

Scoring Criteria

Broadband Use and Adoption Projects: 100 Total Points Available

- Public Purpose and Benefits – **up to 40 points**
- Project Viability – **up to 30 points**
- Project Budget and Capacity Building- **up to 30 points**

Broadband Infrastructure Deployment Projects: 100 Total Points Available

- Project Purpose and Benefits - **up to 45 points**
- Project Viability - **up to 30 points**
- Project Budget and Sustainability - **up to 25 points**

Based on an average of the reviewer's scores, applications will be assigned a rating of qualified or unqualified for funding for each priority grouping in accordance with the following:

> Qualified for Funding: 70 - 100 points
>
> Unqualified for Funding: 0 – 69 points

Application Process

Applications may be submitted using one of the following processes:

- Electronically through www.grants.gov (NTIA preferred method)
- Electronic mail to: broadbandusa@ntia.gov
- Postal mail or courier to: National Telecommunications and Information Administration
  - U.S. Department of Commerce
  - 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Room 4878
  - Attn: Douglass Kinkoph, Associate Administrator
  - Washington, DC 20230

Links & Contacts

- NTIA [Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program page](#)
- [TBCP Round 2 NOFO: ntia-tbcp-round2-nofo.pdf](#)
- Grants.gov registration instructions: https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/organization-registration.html
- [NTIA TBCP Press Release](#)
- TBCP R1 Awardee Map: [Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program Map Dashboard (arcgis.com)](#)
- Submit questions to: Tbcpnofo2@ntia.gov