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Funding Amount: **\$729.9 million**

## Program Details

**Program Name:** Bringing Online Opportunities to Texas II (BOOT R2)

**Administrator:** Texas Broadband Development Office (BDO)

**Authorizing Legislation:** ARPA Capital Projects Fund (CPF)

## Funding Details

**Award:** Min \$1,000,000 – Max \$125,000,000

**Match Requirement:** No match required

## Key Dates

**July 19, 2024** – Deadline to submit questions regarding NOFA/Application (2:00 pm CT)

**July 26, 2024** – Estimated publication of clarifying responses

**August 26, 2024** – **Application window closes**

**August 30, 2024** – Application challenge period begins

**September 30, 2024** – Application challenge period ends

**November 15, 2024** – Anticipated issuance of notice of awards

## Eligible Applicants

- Political subdivisions of the State
- Commercial broadband service providers
- Non-commercial broadband service providers

## Eligible Areas

BDO designated 24 counties (2 from each of TX's 12 economic development regions) as eligible for funding. For the full list, refer to the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)

## Eligible Projects

Projects that deploy qualifying broadband service (1 Gbps symmetrical) to all unserved and underserved broadband serviceable locations within an eligible county

## Selection Criteria

### Scoring (maximum of 100 points):

- Minimal BOOT Program Outlay – **up to 35 points**
  - Cost effectiveness
  - Cost per pass
  - Served locations (must be less than 20% of total project locations)
- Project Budget and Sustainability – **up to 25 points**
  - Reasonableness of budget
  - Sustainability of the project
  - Voluntary cost match (must be at least 10% of eligible costs to be considered)
- Applicant Qualifications – **up to 20 points**
  - Organizational Capacity
  - Managerial Capacity
  - Financial Capacity
  - Technical Capacity
- Affordability – **up to 10 points**
  - Evidence proposed pricing strategy is competitive and affordable
  - Low-cost option
  - Voluntary open access (willingness to offer other providers wholesale access to proposed middle-mile infrastructure)
- Community Impact – **up to 10 points**
  - Digital Opportunity
  - Local Workforce Development
  - Evidence of Community Support

## Application Process

Must be submitted via email with delivery receipt requested, in accordance with the following:

- Email to [bdo.nofa@cpa.texas.gov](mailto:bdo.nofa@cpa.texas.gov)
- Subject line: Applicant's name, the NOFA number, and the name of the eligible county for which the application is being submitted in the following format: **{Applicant Name} RFA No. BDO-NOFA-002 {County Name}**
- All attachments to the email must be in an accessible format (specific acceptable formats include Word, Excel, and pdf) and packed into one zip file
- All required forms must be signed, either with digital signatures or manually with scanned signatures

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## Links & Contacts

- [TX BDO Grant Homepage](#)
- [Grant Application Guide](#)
- [State Broadband Map](#)
- For questions, email [bdo.nofa@cpa.texas.gov](mailto:bdo.nofa@cpa.texas.gov)

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