



Funding Amount: **\$1 million**

Program Details

Program Name: BEAD Subrecipient Support Program

Administrator: Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB)

Funding Details

Award: \$10,000 - \$200,000 per award

Match Requirement: No

Key Dates

January 29 – Initial Response Deadline February 19 – Second Response Deadline March 18 – Third Response Deadline

*Responses will be accepted until all funds are dispersed

Eligible Applicants

Any of the following entities which plan to apply for BEAD but face financial or other barriers:

- Municipality or municipal organization
- Cooperative
- Utility
- For-profit entity
- Non-profit entity
- Consortium of the above entities

Eligible Areas

Any area eligible for BEAD funding

Eligible Uses of Funding

Any use that will help produce a competitive BEAD application. Examples include:

- Planning/Business Plan/Feasibility Studies
- Analysis of Project Areas
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Collaboration
- Legal or Policy Analysis and Documentation
- Short-Term Capacity to Assist with BEAD Application Preparation

Selection Criteria

Scoring (maximum of 100 points):

- Likelihood of participating in BEAD up to 25 points
- Extent of barriers to participation up to 25 points
- Proposed scope and budget up to 20 points
- Evidence of collaboration/outreach in the proposed service area up to 10 points
- Commitment to 100/100 Mbps via Fiber, participation in ACP, and agreement to Outside Plan Design Standards – up to 10 points
- Provision of required data in appropriate format up to 10 points

Application Process

Send the following to vcbb.grants@vermont.gov as a single PDF:

- Applicant: Official business name, DBA (if different), physical address, mailing address (if different), website, and telephone number
- Primary Contact: Name, title, and complete contact information
- Organizational Chart and List of Key Personnel
- Federal Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)
- Project Area(s)
- Project Overview, Timeline, and Budget
- Barriers to Participation
- Agreement to participate in the Affordable Connectivity Program (or its successor) and to meet the Outside Plant Design Standards
- Commitment to Outside Plant Design Standards (<u>Form</u>)
- Certificate of Compliance (<u>Form</u>)

Links & Contacts

- Request for Proposals
- Map of BEAD Eligible Project Areas
- VCBB Home Page
- For questions, contact <u>vcbb.grant@vermont.gov</u>



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