



Professional Assistance for Today's Unprecedented Funding Opportunities

# Funding Amount: \$30 Million

## **Program Name**

West Virginia Line Extension Advancement and Development (LEAD) Program

## **Funding Amount**

Up to \$30 million from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) and Capital Projects Fund (CPF)

#### **Key Dates**

- **February 17** Application Period Opens
- March 29 Application Period Closes

## **Eligible Applicants**

 Internet service providers that have an existing fiber-to-the-premise or cable network offering at least 100/20 Mbps

## **Eligible Areas**

Targeted addresses – no current access to at least 25/3 Mbps

### **Eligible Projects**

- Applicants encouraged to group projects into packages of at least 50 Targeted addresses
- Projects must meet a minimum of 100/20 Mbps upon completion
- Maximum per project funding request is \$8 million

#### **Selection Criteria**

- Technical Evaluation up to 50 points
- Financial Evaluation up to 50 points
- Broadband Development Impact up to 50 points

#### **Links & Emails**

- West Virginia Office of Broadband Homepage
- LEAD Round 2 Program Procedures
- LEAD Round 2 ZoomGrants Application Portal
- LEAD Round 2 Webinar Recording
- LEAD Targeted Addresses Map
- Please submit questions to <u>WVBroadbandCouncil@wv.gov</u>



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- Opportunity Evaluation
- Effective Grant Writing
- Track Record of Success

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