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Funding Amount: \$347 million

APPLICATION

Program Details

Program Name: Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD)

Administrator: Wyoming Business Council (WBC)

Match Requirement: 25% Match required

Key Dates

- **October 21-January 23** – BEAD Application window
- **January/February 2025** – Application revisions
- **TBD** – Announcement of preliminary awards

Eligible Applicants

- Cooperatives
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Public-Private Partnerships
- Private Companies
- Public or Private Utilities
- Public Utility Districts
- Local Governments

Eligible Projects

- Projects deploying qualifying last-mile broadband infrastructure to unserved (25/3 Mbps or less) and underserved (between 25/3 and 100/20 Mbps) locations

Eligible Areas

- Eligible areas will be determined by the broadband office challenge process

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

****Priority Broadband Projects Only****

Scoring (maximum of 75 points):

Primary criteria

- **Minimal BEAD Outlay (up to 50 points):** How much funding (exclusive of mandatory 25% minimum match) is requested, higher points awarded to proposals that fall within the cost model benchmark
- **Affordability (up to 15 points):** Commitment to provide most affordable total price to consumer for 1G/1G service
- **Fair Labor Practices (up to 10 points):** Higher points awarded to applicants with no labor/employment violations and commitment to labor practices

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

Selection Criteria (cont'd)

Secondary criteria (up to 25 points):

- **Speed Deployment (up to 9 points):** Commitment to provide service earlier than four-year deadline
- **Unserved BSLs (up to 9 points):** Ratio of unserved to underserved BSLs included in a proposed project
- **Natural Hazard Risk Mitigation (up to 3 points):** Score across risk mitigation dimensions identified as part of the hazard risk assessment
- **Local and Tribal Coordination (up to 4 points):** Letters of Support from local/tribal governments

Non-Priority Broadband Projects Only

Scoring (maximum of 75 points):

Primary criteria

- **Minimal BEAD Outlay (up to 50 points):** How much funding (exclusive of mandatory 25% minimum match) is requested higher points awarded to proposals that fall within the cost model benchmark
- **Affordability (up to 15 points):** Commitment to provide most affordable total price to consumer for 1G/1G service
- **Fair Labor Practices (up to 10 points):** Higher points awarded for no labor/employment violations and commitment to labor practices

Secondary criteria (up to 25 points):

- **Speed Deployment (up to 7 points):** Commitment to provide service earlier than four-year deadline
- **Speed of Network & Other Technical (up to 6 points):** Assessment of suitability of proposed network design
- **Unserved BSLs (up to 6 points):** Ratio of unserved to underserved BSLs included in a proposed project
- **Natural Hazard Risk Mitigation (up to 3 points):** Score across risk mitigation dimensions identified as part of the hazed risk assessment
- **Local and Tribal Coordination (up to 3 points):** Letters of Support from local/tribal governments

Application Process

- Applicants must have been approved during the Prequalification Phase

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Links & Contacts

- [WY BEAD Application Guide](#)
- [WY BEAD Grant Portal](#)
- [WBC BEAD Homepage](#)
- [WY Broadband Map](#)
- [WY BEAD IPV 1](#)
- [WY BEAD IPV 2](#)
- [WY BEAD IPV 2 Change Summary](#)

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