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Funding Amount: \$162 million

Program Details

Program Name: Broadband Mini Grant Program

Administrator: Advance Colorado

Authorizing Legislation: Capital Projects Fund

Funding Details

Award: \$800,000

Match Requirement: 20% Match Required

Key Dates

October 8 - November 7, 2025 – Application Window (30 days)

November 10 - November 17, 2025 – Application Review & Curing

November 19 – Award Announcement

November 19 – December 3, 2025 – Challenge Process

December 9 – January 8, 2026 – Grant Agreements executed

Eligible Applicants

- Internet Service Providers
- Local Governments
- Community-based organizations/Nonprofits
- Tribal Governments
- Utility Providers
- Special Partnerships

Eligible Areas

Eligible locations not currently served by a reliable, wireline connection that delivers at least 100 Mbps of download speed and 20 Mbps of upload speed

Eligible Projects

- Fiber broadband infrastructure capable of providing symmetrical 100 Mbps service with less than 100 ms latency
- Applicants are encouraged to offer higher speed service tiers, including Gigabit service (1000 Mbps download / 1000 Mbps upload)
- Applicants may submit multiple applications

Eligible Costs

- Network and Access equipment costs
- Outside Plant Costs
- Reasonable make-ready and one-time pole licensing costs, excluding recurring pole attachment payments
- ROW, leases, and easements
- Equipment shelter, land, site preparation, and site restoration
- Cost-of-service drops installed and the network demarcation point
- Engineering and project management
- Testing, including infrastructure testing, turn-up, and speed testing
- Tower costs, including the construction of new towers
- Reasonable contingency fees
- Indirect costs at an approved Federally Negotiated Indirect Rate or 10% de minimus rate

Selection Criteria

The Broadband Mini Grant Program will utilize objective scoring criteria to include:

- Applicant experience
- Technical ability
- Project feasibility
- Financial & Operational wherewithal
- Matching funds and in-kind contributions
- Local government support and engagement
- Estimated number of eligible BSLs
- Percentage of unserved households in project area
- Unserved business served
- Leverage of existing infrastructure
- Average cost per location
- Consumer price
- Committed partnerships/resources
- Alignment with Colorado Broadband Roadmap Executive Order

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

Application Process

- Apply online through the [Advance Colorado Grants Portal](#)

Links & Contacts

- [Broadband Mini Grant Program Guidelines](#)
- Send questions to: advance_cbo@state.co.us

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