

nrtc **FUNDING ALERT!**

Professional assistance for today's unprecedented funding opportunities



Funding Amount: \$34 million

Program Details

Program Name: Alabama Capital Projects Fund – Round 2 (Alabama CPF)

Administrator: Alabama Dept of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA)

Authorizing Legislation: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Funding Details

Award: Up to \$5 million or 80% of the total project cost

Match Requirement: 20% minimum

Key Dates

April 11, 2024 – Letter of Intent (LOI) due by 5:00 p.m. CT

April 11, 2024 – Application window opens

May 2, 2024 – **Application Submissions Due at 5:00 p.m. CT**

Eligible Applicants

Current Internet Service Providers (ISP), including:

- Cooperatives
- Corporations
- Limited Liability Companies
- Partnerships
- Non-profits
- Other private business entities
- Units of government

Eligible Areas

- Areas not included within the boundaries of any incorporated city or town having a population in excess of 25,000 inhabitants
- Area without a service provider who is either providing at least 100/20 Mbps or will provide those speeds during a similar timeframe as required by another state or federal grant

Eligible Projects

- Must provide at least one service offering capable of delivering broadband service that reliably meets or exceeds 100/100 Mbps to customers in rural, unserved areas of Alabama

Eligible Costs

- Repair, rehabilitation, construction, improvement, and acquisition of broadband infrastructure
- Long-term leases (greater than one year) of facilities required to provide broadband service for the project (including infeasible right-of-use agreements and capital leases)
- Project-deployment personnel-related costs

Note: Operating costs, indirect costs, and any costs incurred before or after the term of the CPF subaward agreement are not eligible for reimbursement

Selection Criteria

Scoring (maximum of 145 points):

- Critically Unserved Area Bonus – **up to 10 points**
- Project Description – **up to 25 points**
- Technical Assistance Bonus – **up to 10 points**
- Leverage – **up to 10 points**
- Extension – **up to 10 points**
- Community Support – **up to 10 points**
- Efficient Outcome – **up to 10 points**
- Hospitals – **up to 10 points**
- Libraries – **up to 10 points**
- Adoption – **up to 10 points**
- Applicant MBE/DBE – **up to 10 points**
- Underrepresented and Historically Disadvantaged – **up to 10 points**
- Labor – **up to 10 points**

Application Process

- Applicants must submit a LOI including applicant's contact information and a shapefile of the proposed project area (shapefile must use a polygon format)
- LOIs are to be submitted via email to broadband.fund@adeca.alabama.gov

Links & Contacts

- [ADECA CPF Home Page](#)
- [ADECA CPF Program Guide](#)
- [ADECA CPF Scoring worksheet](#)
- [ADECA CPF FAQs](#)

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