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Funding Amount: **\$14 million**

Program Details

Program Name: Colorado High-Cost Fund
Administrator: Colorado Broadband Office (CBO)
Authorizing Legislation: HB21-1109

Funding Details

Award: TBD by Colorado Broadband Board based on applicant's ability to meet minimum criteria
Match Requirement: 25%

Key Dates

December 14 – Webinar
February 15 – **Grant Application Deadline (11:59 pm MT)**
February 16 – Public Comments period Opens (45 Days)
March 14 - BDB Meeting - Refresher to review and take policy questions before review
April 1 – Comments, Responses, and Right of Refusal (RoFR), due (11:59 pm MT)
April 1 - HB-1137 Certification Submission Deadline
April 2 – Public comments posted to the website and applicants are notified
April 9 – One page reply to addressing Responses/RoFR
April 11 – BDB Meeting – Applicant and any party who filed a Response or RoFR may appear and present; Review of Minimum Requirements
April 12 – Initial Application Review
April 30 – Deadline for appeal presentations/materials to be submitted to oit_broadbanddeploymentboard@state.co.us
May 2 – BDB Meeting- Appeals and Award Review
May 3 – Final Decisions and List of Set Aside Applications (if funds remain)

Eligible Applicants

- For-profit Entities
- Nonprofit Telephone Cooperatives
- Nonprofit Rural Electric Associations that existed on May 10, 2014
- Applicants and appellants are required to submit granular mapping data to the CBO

Eligible Areas

Unserved Locations

- Outside municipal boundaries or within a city with a population of fewer than 7,500 inhabitants
- Consists of households that lack access to at least one provider of a broadband network that uses satellite technology and at least one provider of a broadband network that uses non-satellite technology
- Any portion of a state or interstate highway corridor that lacks access to a provider of a broadband network

Eligible Projects

Acquisition, installation, and construction of Middle Mile and Last Mile infrastructure that supports broadband service in unserved areas

Eligible Costs

- Construction
- Permitting
- Network Planning and Design
- Network Infrastructure Deployment
- Network Facilities
- Capitalized Equipment
- Real property when purchased for project

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

Selection Criteria

Funding prioritized based on award criteria:

- Reginal Planning – Project is consistent with regional broadband plan.
- Purpose – Project will enhance economic development, telehealth, education, public safety
- Speed – Downstream and Upstream service meets minimum speeds
- Matching Funds – Amount of matching funds relative to the award
- Geographic Distribution – Areas that have not already received funding
- Licensing – Whether project provides licensed or unlicensed means of transmission
- Redundancy – sufficient network redundancy, physical diversity, and latency to reliably serve the Area
- Costs – Cost-effectiveness of the project
- Low-income Support – Plan to serve low-income households
- Critically Unserved – provide service in Area determined to be “Critically Unserved”

Application Process

Submit by Email: oit_broadbanddeploymentboard@state.co.us

Additionally, cc Director of the Broadband Deployment Board at brian.martin@state.co.us

The application, along with all attachments and exhibits, must also be provided to:

- Local governments with jurisdiction over the area to be served; and
- Any known incumbent providers in the area to be served.

Links & Contacts

- [How to Apply](#)
- [Broadband Fund Grant Application](#)
- [Contact the Colorado Broadband Office](#)

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