



Funding Amount: \$20-25 Million

Program Name

Kansas Lasting Infrastructure and Network Connectivity (LINC) program

- Broadband Infrastructure Program

Funding Amount

Up to \$20-25 million from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF)

- Maximum Award: \$5 million

Key Dates

- **May 5** – Application Window Open
- **June 19 – Application Window Closes (5pm CST)**
- **September 7** – Interviews and Final Applicant Deliberations
- **September** – Awards Announced

Eligible Applicants

- Political Subdivisions or entities of political subdivisions
- Tribal Governments
- Corporations
- Limited Liability Companies
- Co-operatives
- Electric Utilities
- Partnerships or Other Business Entities
- Non-profit Organizations
- Those authorized to provide broadband services in proposed service areas

Eligible Areas

- Underserved Areas – locations lacking access to at least 100/20 Mbps

Eligible Projects

- Contain at least 80% unserved locations within the proposed project area
- Provide a minimum of 100/20 Mbps, scalable to at least 1 Gbps
- Access to affordable/reliable high-speed connections
- Required applicant match: 5% to 87% of the total project cost

Selection Criteria

- Project Proposal
- Technical Project Plan
- Financial Information



Eligible Costs

- Deployment-related costs associated with the broadband infrastructure build required for engineering, installation, and/or acquisition of middle mile and last-mile broadband infrastructure to provide broadband access to additional residential, business, and community anchor institution locations.
- Middle mile expenditures are eligible only when necessary to provide last mile service

Ineligible Costs

- Acquisition of spectrum licenses
- Operating expenses
- Short-term operation leases
- Satisfaction of any obligation
- Payment of interest or principal on outstanding debt instruments
- Maintenance expenses related to project
- Infrastructure not directly connected to middle mile facilities or supporting equipment
- Indirect labor costs (fringe/benefits, travel, meals, lodging, paid time off, etc.)
- Long term capital asset purchases/leases (cost allocation for use during project period considered on a case-by-case basis)
- Costs associated with any middle mile infrastructure build outside of state boundaries

Links & Emails

- [Kansas Office of Broadband Homepage](#)
- [\(LINC\) Grant Program Plan](#)
- [\(LINC\) Grant Program Homepage](#)
- [NTIA Map](#)
- [FCC Map](#)
- Please submit questions to: KDC_Broadband@ks.gov

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