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Funding Amount: **\$768 million**

APPLICATION

Program Details

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

Administrator: Oklahoma Broadband Office

Match Requirement: 25% Match required

Key Dates

- **April 21, 2025 – May 26, 2025:** Application window for Pool 1, Fiber Only
- **April 28 - May 26, 2025:** Application window for Pool 2, Other reliable technologies
- **May 5 – May 26, 2025:** Application window for Pool 3, Fiber in remaining areas
- **May 12 – May 26, 2025:** Application window for Pool 4, Other reliable technologies in remaining areas
- **May 26, 2025:** Prequalification window closes

Eligible Applicants

- Eligible entities include but are not limited to:
 - Cooperatives
 - Nonprofit Organizations
 - Public-Private Partnerships
 - Private Companies
 - Public or Private Utilities
 - Public Utility Districts
 - Local Governments

Eligible Projects

- Last-mile infrastructure to unserved (25/3 Mbps or less) and underserved (between 25/3 and 100/20 Mbps) locations

Eligible Areas

- Network Expansion Territories (NET's) determined by the broadband office

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

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

Selection Criteria

Scoring (maximum of 160 points):

Primary criteria

- **Outlay per location, After Match (up to 65 points):**
 - \$0 – \$999.99 – 65 points
 - \$1,000-\$1,999.99 - 58.5 points
 - \$2,000-\$2,999.99 - 52 points
 - \$3,000-\$3,999.99 - 45.5 points
 - \$4,000-4,999.99 - 39 points
 - \$5,000-5,999.99 - 32.5 points
 - \$6,000-6,999.99 - 26 points
 - \$7,000-7,999.99 - 19.5 points
 - \$8,000-8,999.99 - 13 points
 - \$9,000-\$9,999.99 - 6.5 points
 - \$10,000-\$14,999.99 - 0 points
 - \$15,000 or more - -32.5 points
- **Affordability (up to 44 points):**
 - Less than \$30 – 44 points
 - \$30.01 - \$40.00 – 40 points
 - \$40.01 - \$50.00 - 35 points
 - \$50.01 - \$60.00 - 30 points
 - \$60.01 - \$70.00 - 25 points
 - \$70.01 - \$80.00 - 20 points
 - \$80.01 - \$90.00 - 10 points
 - \$90.01 - \$100.00 - 5 points
 - More than \$100.01 – 0 points
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- **Fair Labor Practices (up to 11 points):**
 - Certification of compliance for past 5 years and provision of strong commitment to compliance – 11 points
 - Workforce plan does not address federal compliance or reveals substantial recent violations – 0 points

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Selection Criteria (cont'd)

Secondary criteria

- **Speed Deployment (up to 8 points)**
- **Sustainability (up to 10 points)**
- **Local and Tribal Coordination (up to 6 points)**
- **Low-Cost Service Option (up to 7 points)**
- **Speed & Latency (up to 9 points)**

Application Process

- Applicants must complete Pre-Qualification prior to BEAD application

Links & Contacts

- [OK BEAD Preregistration Guide](#)
- [OK BEAD Application Primer](#)
- [OK BEAD Map](#)
- [OK BEAD Portal](#)
- [OK BEAD Program](#)
- [Ok Broadband Office](#)
- [BEAD Subgrantee Selection FAQ](#)

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