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**Funding Amount: \$689 million**

## **APPLICATION**

### **Program Details**

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

**Administrator:** Oregon Broadband Office (OBO)

**Match Requirement:** 25% Match required

### **Key Dates**

- **July 17, 2025** – Benefit of the Bargain Application Window Opens
- **July 27, 2025** – Benefit of the Bargain Application Window Closes at 11:59 pm **PDT**

### **Eligible Applicants**

- Cooperatives
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Public-Private Partnerships
- Private Companies
- Public or Private Utilities
- Public Utility Districts
- Local Governments

### **Eligible Projects**

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

## Eligible Areas

- Applicants will propose projects at the school district (District) level, with the exception of Klamath County which has been divided into multiple District Grant Areas based on Klamath County Public School Attendance Areas.

## 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

## Selection Criteria

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- **Primary Scoring:** Applications within the same project area, the application with the lowest grant request will be selected
- **Secondary Scoring:** Applicants within 15% of the lowest grant request for the same application area, additional selection criteria will be applied according to speed and latency requirements of the statute and NOFO

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

## Selection Criteria (cont'd)

### Secondary Scoring Cont'd (up to 100 points):

- **100 points** for  $\geq 2$  Gbps download over  $\geq 2$  Gbps upload
- **75 points** for  $\geq 1$  Gbps and  $< 2$  Gbps download over  $\geq 1$  Gbps and  $< 2$  Gbps upload
- **50 points** for  $\geq 500$  Mbps and  $< 1$  Gbps download over  $\geq 500$  Mbps and  $< 1$  Gbps upload
- **25 points** for  $\geq 100$  Mbps and  $< 500$  Mbps download over  $\geq 100$  Mbps and  $< 500$  Mbps upload

## Application Process

- Applicants must have been approved during the Prequalification Phase

## Links & Contacts

- [Oregon BEAD Scoring Phase Grant Application User Guide](#)
- [Oregon BEAD Scoring Phase Administrative and Compliance Application Portal Requirements](#)
- [Oregon BEAD Scoring Phase Project Details Application Portal Requirements](#)
- [Oregon BEAD District Grant Area Mapping Tool](#)
- [Oregon BEAD Homepage](#)
- For questions and technical assistance, contact [bead.broadband.Oregon@biz.gov](mailto:bead.broadband.Oregon@biz.gov)

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