

# nrtc **FUNDING ALERT!**

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**Funding Amount: \$15.8 million**

## Program Details

**Program Name:** Public Works Broadband Funding

**Administrator:** Washington State Public Works Board

**Authorizing Legislation:** Appropriated from State General Revenue Funds

## Funding Details

**Award:** Projects are eligible for 30% grant and 70% loan funding, until funds are exhausted

- Up to \$5,000,000 for "distressed areas" and in areas identified as "Indian country"
- Up to \$2,000,000 for non-distressed project areas

**Match Requirement:**

- 10% for distressed areas
- 50% for non-distressed areas

## Key Dates

**November 6** – **[Application Guidelines and Information](#)** released

**November 16** – Virtual Application Workshop 10 am – 11 am (PST) [Zoom Meeting](#)

**Provider Notification required Prior to Submission of Pre-Application**

**January 4, 2024** – **[Pre-Application DUE at 11:59 pm \(PST\)](#)**

**February 15, 2024** – Virtual Application Workshop 11 am – 12 pm (PST) [Zoom Meeting](#)

**March 22, 2024** – **[Final Application DUE at 11:59 pm \(PST\)](#)**

**May 2024** – Awards announced

## Eligible Applicants

- Local Governments
- Tribes
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Cooperative Associations

## Eligible Applicants cont.

- Multi-party Entities
- Limited Liability Corporations (LLC)
- Incorporated Businesses or Partnerships
- Applicant must notify projects area ISPs at least six weeks prior to submission

## Eligible Areas

Any area with **unserved** households or businesses (lack access to broadband service above 25/3)

## Eligible Projects

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

## Eligible Costs

- Construction Labor
- Permitting/Design/Architecture/Engineering/Landscaping
- Construction Management
- Capitalized Equipment
- Real Property when purchased for project

## Selection Criteria

### Scoring (maximum of 100 points):

- Needs, Goals & Impact – **up to 30 points**
- Outreach, Engagement, Equity – **up to 25 points**
- Feasibility, Readiness – **up to 45 points**

## Application Process

- Completed applications should be submitted through the [ZoomGrant portal](#)

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

## Links & Contacts

- [Program Website](#)
- [Funding Application Guidelines](#)
- [Selection and Scoring Criteria](#)

### Questions about the content of your application:

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