



Funding Amount: \$30 Million

Program Name

West Virginia Line Extension Advancement and Development (LEAD) Program

Funding Amount

Up to \$30 million from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) and Capital Projects Fund (CPF)

Key Dates

- **February 17** – Application Period Opens
- **March 29** – Application Period Closes

Eligible Applicants

- Internet service providers that have an existing fiber-to-the-premise or cable network offering at least 100/20 Mbps

Eligible Areas

- **Targeted addresses** – no current access to at least 25/3 Mbps

Eligible Projects

- Applicants encouraged to group projects into packages of at least 50 Targeted addresses
- Projects must meet a minimum of 100/20 Mbps upon completion
- Maximum per project funding request is \$8 million

Selection Criteria

- Technical Evaluation – up to 50 points
- Financial Evaluation – up to 50 points
- Broadband Development Impact – up to 50 points

Links & Emails

- [West Virginia Office of Broadband Homepage](#)
- [LEAD Round 2 Program Procedures](#)
- [LEAD Round 2 ZoomGrants Application Portal](#)
- [LEAD Round 2 Webinar Recording](#)
- [LEAD Targeted Addresses Map](#)
- Please submit questions to WVBroadbandCouncil@wv.gov

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