



Funding Amount: **\$42 Million**

Program Name

Capital Projects Fund Broadband Infrastructure Program

Funding Amount

Up to \$42 million from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund (CPF)

Key Dates

- August 14 - Application Window Open
- September 8 – Capital Projects Application Overview [Webinar](#)
- September 14 – Mapping Your Capital Project Overview [Webinar](#)
- **November 7 – Application Window Closes (1:30 p.m. CST)**
- November 30 – Last day for submitting an objection
- December 14 – Last day for submitting response to objection
- December 31, 2026 – Project must be completed

Eligible Applicants

- A public or private entity that builds or operates broadband networks
- Participates in applicable federal programs that provide low-income consumers with subsidies for services (such as the Affordable Connectivity Program)

Eligible Areas

- Unserved Area – not served by an ISP offering fixed wireless or wired service with speeds of at least 5 Mbps/600 Kbps
- Underserved Area – served by fewer than 2 ISPs, providing speeds of 25/3 Mbps
- Eligible areas map: <https://maps.psc.wi.gov/apps/WisconsinBroadbandMap/>

Eligible Projects

- Provides a minimum of 100/100 Mbps, if not feasible (due to geography, topography, or excessive cost) the project must offer service that reliably meets or exceeds 100/20 Mbps
- Serves households and businesses lacking access to speeds of 100/20 Mbps
- Invests in capital assets designed to enable work, education, and health monitoring
- Addresses a critical need of the community resulting from COVID-19
- Addresses a critical need of the community it serves
- Located within or traverses a Tribal area and has received official Tribal consent through written documentation from Tribal Official

Eligible Costs

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- Contractual, Consultant Fees
- Equipment
- Supplies
- Labor
- Permitting, Licensing Fees
- Travel
- Other

Application Requirements

To apply, applicants must apply using the PSC Grants System:

- [PSC Grant System Login](#)
- [Grant System User Guide](#)

Applications must include:

- Broadband serviceable location fabric (BSLF) data for each eligible location available [here](#)
- Geospatial data showing proposed eligible locations
- A list of BSL identification numbers and the wireline route and/or placement of facilities

Scoring Criteria

100 Total Points Available

- Affordability of Service – **up to 10 points**
- Last Mile – **up to 10 points**
- Fiber – **up to 10 points**
- Community Engagement – **up to 10 points**
- Government, Coop or Non-profit – **up to 10 points**
- Design and Performance – **up to 10 points**
- Contiguous and Complete Project – **up to 10 points**
- Cost Efficient and Match – **up to 10 points**
- Project area not subject to an enforceable funding commitment – **up to 10 points**
- Highest Need – **up to 10 points**

Links & Emails

- [Wisconsin Office Broadband Homepage](#)
- [Wisconsin NOFA](#)
- [Wisconsin Grant Announcement](#)
- [Wisconsin Press Release](#)
- [Wisconsin Broadband Map](#)
- [FCC Map](#)
- Please submit questions to: PSCStateBroadbandOffice@wisconsin.gov



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

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