

Opportunity Details

Opportunity Information

Title
BEAD Application Part 1 - Administration and Compliance

Description
In an effort to streamline the application process, each applicant will complete Part 1 of the BEAD application, Administration and Compliance. This application collects general information about your organization and only needs to be completed once for your organization. To note, Part 2 of the BEAD application, Project Details, will be completed for each proposed project per Town Grant Area.

Opportunity Posted Date
1/21/2025

Public Link
<https://www.gotomygrants.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/3b1eff76-3954-45fa-8d8c-9e58e8363ae6>

Funding Information

Funding Source Description
The BEAD Program is a federal initiative aimed at closing the digital divide and ensuring every American has access to reliable, high-speed internet. Funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), the BEAD Program provides resources to states, territories, and tribal governments to expand broadband infrastructure in unserved and underserved areas. In Connecticut, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) is leading the implementation of the BEAD Program, focusing on fostering digital equity, promoting economic growth, and enhancing the quality of life for residents. By leveraging innovative partnerships and ensuring cost-effective deployment, the BEAD Program seeks to deliver scalable, future-proof broadband solutions that support long-term connectivity for communities across the state.

Award Information

Award Type
Competitive

Submission Information

Submission Window
01/08/2025 9:00 AM - 02/19/2025 5:00 PM

Submission Timeline Type
One Time

Additional Information

Additional Information URL
DEEP.Broadband@ct.gov

Project Information

Application Information

Application Name

Award Requested

Total Award Budget
\$0.00

Primary Contact Information

Name

Email Address

Address

Phone Number

Project Description

Administration & Compliance

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Before you begin:

- **Make sure to have all required materials prepared before you begin. For a complete list of required information, refer to the Application Guide below.**
- **The upload prompts provided on each page have been abbreviated are not intended to replace, modify, or otherwise alter the application requirements described in the application guidance. In the case of any discrepancies, defer to the guidance.**
- **Items marked with an asterisk are required.**
- **GIS files such as shapefiles, KMLs, and KMZs must be uploaded as a .zip file.**
- **You must click 'Save' or 'Save and Continue' before moving to a new page or the information will be lost.**
- **You must mark each section as complete before submitting.**
- **For technical assistance, please email DEEP.Broadband@ct.gov.**

Program and Application Guide

CT BEAD Program and Application Guide.pdf

Section 1: Administrative

A1.1 Select the technology type for this project. Select all that apply.

- Fiber
- Coaxial Cable
- Licensed Fixed Wireless
- Unlicensed Fixed Wireless
- LEO Satellite

A1.2 Is the contact information still accurate based on the applicant's prequalification submission?

- Yes
- No

Update the applicant's contact information:

A1.2a Company Name

A1.2b Company Address

A1.2c Primary first name, last name

A1.2d Primary title

A1.2e Primary email

A1.2f Primary phone in format 123-456-7890

A1.2g Authorized Certifying Official first name, last name

A1.2h Authorized Certifying Official title

A1.2i Authorized Certifying Official email

A1.2j Authorized Certifying Official phone

A1.3 Is the applicant a Tribal entity?

- Yes
- No

A1.4 Indicate whether the applicant is a non-traditional broadband provider.

- Yes
- No

A1.5 Provide a website address (URL) for the applicant. This may be the homepage of the provider's website.

Section 2: Organizational and Managerial Capacity

A2.1 Would the applicant like to update any organization and managerial materials or responses submitted as part of its prequalification materials?

- Yes
- No

A2.1a Would the applicant like to update the financial, technical, and managerial key personnel resumes submitted as part of its prequalification materials?

- Yes
- No

A2.1a1 Upload one PDF file containing a one-page resume for each essential financial, technical, and managerial key personnel. Each resume must include a minimum of five years of relevant experience. Note that Personally Identifiable Information should be removed from resumes before submission.

A2.1b Would the applicant like to update the evidence detailing its prior experience for recent broadband projects?

- Yes
- No

A2.1b1 Upload evidence detailing the applicant's scope, amount, length, funding source for at least one and no more than three recent broadband projects. Provide information about the applicant's methods and strategies in handling projects of a comparable size and scope

A2.1c Would the applicant like to update the SAM.gov information provided in its prequalification application?

- Yes
- No

A2.1c1 Upload a PDF screenshot of the applicant's active registration.

A2.1d Would the applicant like to update the State Registration provided in its prequalification application?

- Yes
- No

A2.1d1 Provide a PDF of documentation of the applicant's State Registration.

A2.1e Would the applicant like to update the list of all broadband deployment projects the applicant provided in the prequalification application?

- Yes
- No

A2.1e1 Upload a PDF listing previous awards, planned applications for state or federal funding, and ongoing awarded projects.

A2.2 Upload a PDF of the applicant's cybersecurity risk management plan.

A2.3 Upload a PDF of the applicant's Supply Chain Risk Management (SCRM) plan

A2.4 Provide a description and data describing the applicant's management capabilities to specifically address any unique needs related to the proposed project (for example, if a proposed project will primarily serve a rural area, will serve significant numbers of multi-unit buildings, or will utilize a unique construction technique).

A2.5 Upload a PDF of a legal opinion that demonstrates the applicant's awareness of the federal and state laws applicable to BEAD-funded broadband deployment projects and its capability to carry out funded activities competently and in compliance with all applicable federal and state laws. The opinion must also attest to the organization's current compliance with all relevant federal and state laws and detail any violations and current or pending investigations or legal actions.

A2.6 Upload a PDF that provides a description of the attorney's qualifications and a demonstration of its familiarity with relevant laws, including preemption and issues of jurisdiction, and the organization. The description should also include the sources reviewed to render the opinion.

Section 3: Financial Capability

A3.1 Would the applicant like to update the financial information in the application materials submitted during prequalification?

- Yes
- No

A3.1a Upload the updated audited unqualified financial statements along with a statement detailing why new documents are being provided.

A3.2 Letter of Credit Sample

CT BEAD App_Letter of Credit_Sample.docx

A3.2 Provide a PDF of a letter from a qualified financial institution or a surety that confirms the applicant qualifies for an irrevocable standby letter of credit (LOC) or a performance bond and that the institution commits to issuing the same.

A3.3 Pro Forma Template

CT BEAD App_Proforma_Template.xlsx

A3.3 Complete and upload the Pro Forma Template to provide a financial pro forma that covers construction and start-up operations for a 10-year period.

A3.4 Upload a PDF of a narrative that explains the pro forma assumptions regarding take-rates, churn, revenue per user, operating expenses, cash flow, and capital expenditures. The applicant may also include additional documentation that demonstrates the financial sustainability of the project.

A3.5 Certify that the applicant will have sufficient financial resources to successfully complete its proposed project

Applicant certifies the above

A3.6 Certify that the applicant understands that BEAD funding will be issued as reimbursements and not advance funding.

Applicant certifies the above

A3.7 Certify that the applicant will have sufficient financial resources to provide the pledged matching funding of at least 25 percent.

Applicant certifies the above

A3.8 Certify that the applicant has the financial resources to support all project costs necessary to complete the project, even if those costs exceed the amount of the grant award and pledged matching funds.

Applicant certifies the above

A3.9 Has the applicant or its affiliates ever been involved in bankruptcy, a creditor's rights or receivership proceeding, or sought protection from creditors?

- Yes
- No

A3.10 Has the applicant settled a debt with a lending institution for less than the full amount outstanding?

- Yes
- No

A3.11 Has the applicant ever had a senior manager or principal convicted of any felony or misdemeanor, other than a minor traffic violation, or if any such charges are pending?

- Yes
- No

A3.12 Does the applicant have any outstanding judgments or liens pending against it other than liens in the normal course of business?

- Yes
- No

Section 4: Project Staffing and Labor Requirements

A4.1 Upload a PDF of the applicant's approach to project staffing, including whether the workforce is directly employed, subcontracted, or a combination of the two.

A4.2 Upload a PDF of project-specific resumes to illustrate that the applicant's staff is adequately qualified to carry out the proposed project. The resumes should be no more than one page per staff member.

A4.3 Upload a PDF of the applicant's plans to recruit qualified employees, which could include roles such as network engineers, technicians, project managers, etc. with relevant expertise in the telecommunications or technology sector. In the narrative, note any registered apprenticeship or labor management programs the applicant participates in.

A4.4 Upload a PDF that details the steps the applicant will take to ensure that all members of its project workforce have the appropriate credentials. Note any on-the-job training programs offered to employees.

A4.5 Upload a PDF of a list detailing the size of the applicant's workforce, the job titles of workers, and the entity that will employ each portion of the workforce (e.g., the applicant, contractors,

subcontractors).

A4.6 The applicant certifies that it has employed personnel, such as a chief technology officer, project engineer, and contractor oversight team, with appropriate skills and certifications necessary for the project proposed in this application.

Applicant certifies the above

A4.7 Upload the relevant certifications the applicant requires for staff for deployment projects as mandated by state and federal law and reflective of industry best practices. This list should be organized by role.

A4.8 Does the applicant plan to contract or subcontract for resources for the deployment of the BEAD-funded project?

- Yes
 No

A4.8a Upload a PDF describing the contract or subcontract resources the applicant plans to acquire for the BEAD-funded project.

A4.9 The applicant certifies that it understands the requirement to upload documentation that reflects it has communicated to relevant employees that the applicant will allow for the creation of worker-led health and safety committees that management will meet with upon reasonable request.

Applicant certifies the above

A4.10 Upload a PDF of any supporting materials that demonstrate compliance with workplace safety.

Section 5: Ownership Information

A5.1 Would the applicant like to update the ownership information submitted in the prequalification application?

- Yes
 No

A5.1a Ownership Information Template
Ownership Information Template.docx

A5.1a Use the template to provide updated ownership information.

Section 6: Compliance

A6.1 Does the proposed project include construction or operations on Tribal lands?

- Yes
 No

A6.1a The applicant commits that if awarded, it will provide written approval from Tribal authorities, such as a formal demonstration of consent from each Tribal Government's Tribal Council or other governing body, prior to DEEP submitting its BEAD Final Proposal.

Applicant commits to the above

A6.1b Upload a PDF of a Resolution of Tribal Consent or documentation of initiation of a Tribal consent process or receiving Tribal consent from the appropriate Tribal authority as required in the BEAD NOFO

A6.2 Does the applicant commit to providing a low-cost plan that meets the requirements set forth in the Connecticut Initial Proposal Volume 2? (Section 13.1)

- Yes
 No

A6.3 Does the applicant seek a waiver from DEEP to increase the maximum cost of the low-cost service plan to a monthly price not to exceed \$50, holding all other requirements of the low-cost service option constant?

- Yes
 No

A6.3a Provide the applicant's proposed monthly cost for the low-cost service plan, which must not exceed \$50.

\$0.00

A6.3b Upload a PDF that provides the following evidence to support the applicant's proposed monthly cost:

- Per-subscriber costs in an area indicating that DEEP's target rate (\$30 or less) would be financially unsustainable; and/or
- The impact of the target rate (\$30 or less) on average revenue per user (ARPU) and total project revenue would be financially unsustainable give actual or projected subscriber adoption and subscription patterns

A6.3b Upload PDF below:

A6.4 Does the applicant commit to participating in any Affordable Connectivity Program-successor program as identified by NTIA?

- Yes
 No

A6.5 Certify that the applicant agrees to abide by the non-discrimination requirements set forth by the BEAD NOFO and acknowledge that failure to do so may result in cancellation of any award and/or recoupment of funds already disbursed.

Applicant certifies the above

A6.6 Certify that the applicant understands Section 9 of the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019 (47 U.S.C. § 1608). By certifying, the applicant indicates its understanding that it may not use BEAD funding to purchase or support any covered communications equipment or service.

Applicant certifies the above

A6.7 Certify that the applicant and its principals, to the best of the applicant's knowledge and belief, are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in covered transactions by any federal department or agency.

Applicant certifies the above

A6.8 Certify that the applicant and its principals, to the best of the applicant's knowledge and belief, have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property.

Applicant certifies the above

A6.9 Certify that the applicant and its principals, to the best of the applicant's knowledge and belief, are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in Question A6.8.

Applicant certifies the above

A6.10 Certify that the applicant and its principals, to the best of the applicant's knowledge and belief, have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

Applicant certifies the above

A6.11 If the applicant is unable to certify any of A6.5, A6.6, A6.7, A6.8, A6.9, or A6.10, provide an explanation.

A6.12 Certify that the applicant will comply with all program requirements, including service milestones.

Applicant certifies the above

A6.13 Has the applicant been cited for any fair labor violations under the Federal Fair Labor Practices Act or Occupational Safety and Health Act in the five years preceding the date of application? (Please note that this response will be considered in application scoring.)

- Yes
 No

A6.13a Provide the number of fair labor violations with a brief description of each.

A6.14 Provide a narrative detailing the applicant's workforce preparedness. The applicant should include references to state programs, resources, and partnerships that the applicant could utilize to ensure an appropriate skilled workforce and ensure that the workforce readiness plan is commensurate with the size of the proposed project. Applicants with less than five years of experience must provide specific details on how it will ensure all directly employed and contracted resources have relevant skills and certifications and worker protections. Please include details on ensuring strong labor and employment standards, including specific actions to ensure all directly employed and contracted resources have relevant skills and certifications as well as worker protections. (Please note that this response will be considered in application scoring.)

A6.15 Does the applicant have less than five years of operational experience providing broadband service?

- Yes
 No

A6.16 Does the applicant make a forward-looking commitment to complying with all state and federal fair labor laws? (Please note that this response will be considered in application scoring.)

- Yes
 No

A6.16a Upload a PDF with a brief description of the applicant's forward-looking commitment to complying with all state and federal fair labor laws

A6.17 Does the narrative contain detail ensuring strong labor and employment standards, including specific actions to ensure all directly employed and contracted resources have relevant skills and certifications and worker protections?

- Yes
 No

A6.18 Does the narrative contain detail on training and safety standards, including specific actions to ensure worker protections for directly employed and contracted resources?

- Yes
 No

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