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Broadband Access Grant

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GOAL:

- Facilitate broadband access to all Utahns
- Offset “last-mile broadband” capital expenses in:
 - unserved rural areas
 - underserved areas
- Target: Areas unlikely to receive broadband without grant funding.

Statutory Priorities

1. Unserved area < 25/3 Mbps
2. Underserved area < 100/20 Mbps
3. Meaningful engagement with the impacted community
 - a. provide a public benefit
 - b. include a long-term public benefit

Statutory Priorities

3. Economically distressed area of the state
4. Greatest investment in last-mile connections
5. Provide higher speed
($\geq 100/20$; + points for $\geq 100/100$)
6. 25% money match / higher priority for greater match

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Telecommunications provider or ISP
- Public-private partnership established for expanding broadband
- Tribal government

Grant Requirements for Applicants

- \$7.5 million grant max
- One application per grant cycle
- Impact of available funding / matching federal grants
- Scalable technology given priority

Grant Requirements for Awardees

- Required Professional Engineer review
- (3) years from date of award to complete project
- Grant funds not eligible to fund projects in areas receiving support from the UUSF
- Projects remain publicly accessible and provide public benefit

Application Considerations

- New project not in progress unless an upgrade
- Operate network for minimum of 5 years
- Number of potential subscribers
- Provide service at reasonable cost (3 yrs)
- Current available broadband service (maps, speed tests, surveys, document existing infrastructure)

Supporting Documentation

- Map files
- Design plans
- Local government resolution or minutes/cooperative agreement,
- Public notice/ comment
- List of stakeholders and partners
- Proof of project's financing
- Budget details
- GRAMA form (request for confidentiality)



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