



Office of Broadband Access and Expansion Announces Grant Opportunity for GWEP Grant

Santa Fe, NM- The Office of Broadband Access and Expansion (OBAE) is pleased to announce the Grant Writing, Engineering, and Planning (GWEP) Grant, aimed at providing crucial financial assistance to Tribal governments and local governmental units. This grant is designed to support the procurement of grant writing, engineering, and planning services. These services will aid in identifying community broadband needs and facilitate the application process for various funding sources dedicated to broadband-related projects.

"We are excited to offer the Grant Writing, Engineering, and Planning Grant to empower Tribal governments and local entities in identifying their broadband needs and securing the necessary funding," said Drew Lovelace, Acting Director at OBAE. "This initiative aligns with our commitment to bridging the digital divide and ensuring every community has access to essential broadband services."

Who Can Apply?

Tribal governments and local governmental units, including federal government entities, state governments, local/municipal governments, and public or municipal organizations that are government-owned and operated, as well as units of a state university system, are eligible to apply for the GWEP Grant.

Please note: Rulemaking is currently underway to extend this opportunity to rural telephone cooperatives and rural electric cooperatives. Further announcements will be made once these entities become eligible.

Funding Details

- The maximum grant award is \$100,000.
- Grant funds are limited, and the application process will remain open until all funds are obligated.
- Matching funds are not required, making this an accessible funding opportunity for eligible applicants.

How to Apply

Interested parties can access the application portal through Submittable, where detailed instructions and guidelines are provided. Please visit [our website](#)

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