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If you're seeking funding for broadband deployment through the federal Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) program, you have just days to apply.

The deadline to submit Prequalification Applications is Friday, November 15.

Prospective applicants *must* submit a Prequalification Application to be eligible to apply for BEAD funding. ***OBAE strongly encourages prospective applicants to submit a Prequalification Application, even if their application would be incomplete, as there will be ample opportunity for curing and revisions.***

Serious applicants will **not** be disqualified as long as they can demonstrate a satisfactory path to compliance with all prequalification factors.

For more information about BEAD, state and federal requirements and the prequalification process, [CLICK HERE](#).

New Mexico was allocated \$675 million for the BEAD program.

OBAE also plans to release funding information and application materials on **November 15** and to begin accepting applications in early 2025.

Local governments, Tribal communities, nonprofits, internet service providers, cooperatives and other entities are eligible to apply for BEAD funding. BEAD is the state's largest funding program to deploy broadband infrastructure.

These Prequalification Applications will help the state determine whether an entity has the technical capability and financial stability to deploy broadband and meet federal and state requirements.

OBAE will decide whether an entity can move forward with a formal application by using the following criteria:

- Financial capabilities
- Managerial capabilities
- Technical capabilities
- Legal and regulatory compliance
- Operational capabilities
- Ownership
- Stewardship of other public funding

Once Prequalification Applications are evaluated and approved, entities will then formally apply for their suggested broadband projects based on broadband-dry areas. Both the state and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration must approve the final applications.

If you have any questions, please contact OBAE at: Broadband@connect.nm.gov

If you have questions about any of these opportunities, please contact us via email at Broadband@doit.nm.gov.

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