



OBAE Awards \$500,000 in Grants for Broadband Planning & Engineering

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The Office of Broadband Access and Expansion (OBAE) has announced it's awarded \$500,000 in state funds to five entities for planning, engineering and grant writing to help them construct and deploy broadband in their areas.

The Pueblo of San Felipe, Pueblo of Jemez, San Ildefonso Services, LLC, Sandoval County and ENMR Telephone Cooperative each received grants of \$100,000 through the state's Grant Writing, Engineering and Planning Program (GWEP). The state allocated \$5 million to the program to help tribes, local governments and cooperatives attain grants to help them provide broadband to unserved locations.

The five awardees will target infrastructure projects in Bernalillo, Los Alamos, Santa Fe, Sandoval and San Miguel counties. The grant recipients will use the funding for Middle Mile and Last Mile construction.

Awardees are seeking access for essential services such as education, healthcare and economic opportunities. All grant recipients can use the funds for broadband infrastructure, planning services and broadband engineering/design projects.

OBAE has now issued 26 GWEP awards, totaling \$2.6 million. The recipients include 12 local governments, 11 tribal communities and 3 cooperatives.

There is still \$2.4 million available, and OBAE encourages tribal governments, local governments, rural telephone cooperatives and rural electric cooperatives to submit applications. Matching funds is not required.

These grants are not competitive, but assistance grants, aimed at kick-starting broadband infrastructure projects. Entities that have already received awards are entitled to receive a second. The maximum amount allowed for each award under this state program is \$100,000.

Internet Service Providers are not eligible for the funds.

To apply for a GWEP grant, click here: <https://obae.submittable.com/submit>

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