OBAE Holds Office Hours Tomorrow on Disaster Areas Grants

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Join OBAE Tomorrow for Office Hours on *Declared Disaster Areas* Grants

$1.25 Million Available to Entities

Dear Friends,

Tomorrow, the Office of Broadband Access and Expansion will hold another Office Hours on the *Connectivity to Declared Disaster Area*s grant.

The Office Hours will take place tomorrow, February 18 from 1pm-2pm MT.

CLICK HERE and go to the bottom of the page to access Office Hours link and information.

OBAE will provide additional Office Hours on February 25 from 1pm-2pm.

OBAE has published the **NOFO, scoring guide, and application.**

The infrastructure grants are for broadband deployment to unserved and underserved communities in New Mexico impacted by environmental disasters, including wildfires and floods.

The Connectivity to Declared Disaster Areas grant funding is $1.25 million from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021. OBAE will issue these disaster relief grants to foster the deployment of terrestrial-based broadband networks across unserved and underserved locations in those New Mexican communities affected by disasters.

Entities eligible for these disaster dollars include tribal governments, local government units such as municipalities, counties and other political subdivisions, local and state agencies, for-profit and non-profit entities, cooperatives or mutual organizations, and utilities.

The broadband infrastructure grants would go to last-mile networks that provide connectivity to unserved and underserved households and businesses.

Entities that apply will be required to provide a 25% match, although there may be waivers to allow a lower match depending on circumstances.

Grant requests must be at least $250,000.

Grant applications are due Friday, March 21.

Projects must be completed and commercially ready to offer services by December 31, 2026.

If you have any questions, please email Mark Jacobs at: Mark.jacobs@connect.nm.gov

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

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