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Office of Broadband Access & Expansion

Application
Community Wi-Fi Digital Connectivity Technology Project

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Email for Questions: broadband@connect.nm.gov

Note: All applications must be submitted via the online Submittable application portal. This PDF version has been posted to inform applicants about the questions and allow for early planning.

Version History		
Version	Publication Date	Summary of Changes
1.0	June 8, 2026	Initial publication

Overview

The Office of Broadband Access and Expansion ("Office") requires agencies to complete the following application to request grant funding from the New Mexico Community Wi-Fi Digital Connectivity Technology Project. The Office will review and evaluate only those applications deemed fully responsive to ALL the listed questions.

➢ Application Sections

The application is divided into 7 sections. Each section contains several questions.

Application Sections
1) Applicant Background
2) Project Background
3) Community Benefit
4) Project Schedule
5) Project Budget
6) Project Execution and Managerial Experience
7) Facility Placement and Operations on Tribal Land

➢ Uploads

The application requests several uploads. These are divided between OBAE-provided templates and applicant-developed submissions.

OBAE-Provided Templates
• Scope of Work
• Project Schedule
• Budget
Applicant-Developed Submissions
• Proof of Tribal Consent (if relevant)
• Community Support

➢ Application Window

The application window runs from June 1, 2026, to June 30, 2026.

➢ **Application Submission: Submittable**

Applicants are required to submit an electronic application through the Submittable portal: https://obae.submittable.com/submit. This paper version aims to inform potential applicants about the questions and format of responses.

Program Resources

Please refer to the following documents published on the OBAE website for additional background about the New Mexico Community Wi-Fi Digital Connectivity Technology Project before finalizing your application.

- ***Program Guidance*:** Provides information about the program purpose, program eligibility factors (e.g., project types, service areas, entities), allowable expenditures, key performance requirements (e.g., network performance, service offerings), evaluation criteria, and compliance requirements.
- ***Evaluation Criteria***: Provides a detailed overview of the selection criteria. The Evaluation Criteria will be posted soon on program website.
- ***Program Website***: Please visit the program website for other background information.
- ***Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)***: A list of frequently asked questions will be posted soon after the program's launch to answer frequently asked questions.

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1. Applicant Background

Applicant Background		
A. Name		
Agency Legal Name		
Agency Address		
Agency Website		
B. Identification Number		
Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN)		
Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)		
C. Primary and Secondary Contacts		
	Primary Contact	Secondary Contact
Name		
Title		
Phone Number		
Email Address		
D. Organization Type		
Agency Type (Please select one)	[___] State Agency [___] Local Government Entity, e.g., municipal, city, township, or county	

2. Project Background

Project Background

A. Project Title

Project Title	

B. Grant Amount Requested

Grant Amount Requested	$

C. Project Overview

Please provide a description of the project, including a) primary purpose; b) major activities; c) intended outcomes; and d) location of proposed public wireless network.

What is the critical community need the project is designed to address? (500-word limit)

Explain how this need resulted from, was made apparent by, or was exacerbated by the COVID-19 public health emergency. (500-word limit)

Explain why this issue is important to address right now and describe any urgency, time sensitivity, or conditions in the community that make timely investment necessary. (500-word

Describe how the project qualifies as a capital project and explain how it will invest in capital assets designed to directly enable work, education, or health monitoring. Examples may include facilities, broadband infrastructure, durable equipment, etc. (500-word limit)

Certify that the devices and equipment installed by this funding will be managed, operated, and maintained for a minimum of five years.

☐ **Certify that equipment will be managed, operated and maintained for five years.**

3. Community Benefit

Community Benefit
Describe the benefits this project could offer the community or communities this project will serve. (1000-words limit)
Provide an estimated number of individuals that will be served, with any applicable supporting evidence. Please include the resource/source links you are using to obtain the data for this application. (500-word limit)
How else will you positively impact the community? (500-word limit)

Community Support

A. Upload Letters of Community Support

Evidence of Community Support: Please include evidence of community support.

Evidence of Community Support

4. Project Schedule

Project Schedule

A. Project Schedule Narrative

Please provide a detailed narrative regarding your project schedule. Please address: a) project start and end dates and b) key dependencies. (500-word limit)

B. Upload Project Timeline

Please upload a detailed project timeline using the provided Project Timeline Template. This template delineates all major categories of planning and deployment phases of the project. For each category, the applicant is required to list all activities with planned start and end dates and a brief description and must reflect a construction and installation process of no longer than six months.

Project Timeline

5. Project Budget

Project Budget

A. Upload Detailed Project Budget

Please upload a detailed project budget using the provided Project Budget Template. The budget should show all required units of material and labor, cost per unit, total cost for each line item, and a brief description of the line item.

Detailed Project Budget

6. Project Execution and Managerial Experience

Managerial

A. Upload Managerial Capabilities

Please upload a statement on Organization and Experience including financial, managerial, and agency capability to oversee the project to its completion.

Statement on Organization & Experience

7. Facility Placement and Operations on Tribal Land

Facility Placement and Operations on Tribal Land
A. Involvement of Tribal Lands
Please indicate if the proposed project includes construction or operations on Tribal lands.
[___] Yes [___] No If Yes, please answer the below questions.
B. Specific Tribal Lands Impacted
Please state the specific tribal lands involved.
C. Proof of Tribal Consent
Please indicate whether you have received proof of tribal consent for each Tribal government authority whose land is involved.
[___] Yes [___] No
Please upload documentation that indicates clear Tribal consent for this specific project.
Tribal Consent Letter(s)

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