



WASHINGTON STATE
PUBLIC WORKS BOARD
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Broadband Application Workshop

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Welcome and Introductions

Welcome: Karin Berkholtz, PWB Executive Director

Public Works Board staff introductions

Broadband Construction Program

Projected application cycle: **July 13** to **September 9**

Program funds available: **\$18,278,760**

- \$8,639,380 grant
- \$9,139,380 loan

Loan term: 15-20 years

Loan deferral request

Broadband Construction Program

Up to \$2M for projects in non-distressed counties

- 50% cash match to meet cost share requirements

Up to \$5M for tribal applicants or projects in distressed counties

- 10% of total project cost as cash match
- Severely distressed category for lower interest rates

All awardees (public, private, etc.) must conform to all applicable state and local laws, policies, etc. (e.g. procurement, environmental review, permit acquisition, etc.)

Program Statutory Requirements

Project Location

- Description
- Simple map

Evidence of

- Unserved nature of the project area (< 25/3 Mbps)
- Scalability of infrastructure

Strategic Plan:

- Provide long-term maintenance and operation of infrastructure

Program Statutory Requirements

Proposed Broadband Access Gain/Upgrade

- To households (also expect to provide numbers for businesses, farms, healthcare facilities, public safety facilities, libraries, community centers, education facilities, and other anchor institutions)
- Estimated end-user costs, data rate(s) and price(s), and all other fees

Benefits

- Economic, educational, health care, public safety

Community Support

- Letters of support, proof of outreach, community involvement

Program Statutory Requirements

Other Supporting Evidence

- User adoption assistance
- Plans to promote use (marketing, education, training, affordability programs etc.)

Project Costs

- Total estimated project cost:
 - PWB project cost
 - All other costs

General Documentation

- EZ1 form
- Documentation of community involvement and support:
 - letters of support
 - meeting notes, materials, agendas
 - marketing material, etc.
- Applicant Certification form
- Preparer Certification form

Technical Documentation

- Evidence of unserved nature of project area
 - By service location address and/or block of addresses
- Documentation of service provider outreach
 - At least six weeks prior to submission of application
 - Inclusion of all responses received
- Detailed planning/design documentation:
 - Network design(s)
 - Maps of proposed infrastructure (GIS files; SHP, SHX, KML, etc.)
 - Any other detailed engineering/design specifics

Financial Documentation

- All applicants should expect to provide information pertaining to:
 - Indebtedness and open lines of credit
 - System reserve balances
- Private businesses or tribal applicants:
 - Balance sheet statements for last three years and current year and
 - Income statements for last three years and current year; or
 - Tax returns for last three years (if not above)
- Local government applicants:
 - Submit balance sheet and income statement for previous year
 - State Auditor's Financial Intelligence Tool will be used to gather more

Other

- If applicable:
 - GMA compliance, no board hearings at the time of application
 - GMA conformance within five months of award
- Additional financial information may be requested during financial assessment.
- Additional information may be requested as required

Discussion

Questions?

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Resources

Public Works Board Broadband Planning Survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BroadbandPlanning/Assessment>

ESD 'Distressed Areas':

<https://esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo/distressed-areas>

OFM 'Rural Areas':

<https://www.ofm.wa.gov/washington-data-research/population-demographics/population-estimates/population-density/population-density-and-land-area-criteria-used-rural-area-assistance-and-other-programs>