OK Broadband Governing Board
State of Oklahoma
September 6, 2022
Agenda

- Capital Projects Fund (CPF) Application Development Update
Oklahoma has decided to use the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund for a Broadband Grant Program. Applications are due September 24th.

**Oklahoma allocation:** $167.7M

**Description:** The American Rescue Plan Act allocated $10 billion to U.S. Treasury for payments to states, territories, and tribal governments “to carry out critical capital projects directly enabling work, education, and health monitoring, including remote options, in response to the public health emergency.”

**APPLICATION OVERVIEW**

1. **Grant Plan:** A brief description of the objective(s) intended to be achieved with CPF grant funds, and the Program(s) expected to be funded
2. **Program Plan for Broadband:**
   - Questionnaire
   - Program Narrative
     - Program summary: Description of program objectives, project eligibility and selection criteria, timeline, key milestones, application process, etc.
     - Eligibility: Explanation of communities to be served by broadband projects and how the communities with critical needs were identified
     - Supporting Documents (optional): Draft Application Evaluation and Scoring Process and draft Application
   - Program Administration
   - Program Budget

**ESTIMATED TIMELINE**

- Grant Plan and Program Plans Due to Treasury 9/24
- Treasury reviews Plan Submissions
- Grant and Program Plan Approval, Quarterly Reporting, Project Implementation
- Projects must reach substantial completion before 12/31/2026

Timeline approximate unless exact date specified
CPF Broadband Grant Program Development Process

1. **Understand general parameters**
   - **Objective:** Understand what is permissible under Treasury Guidance for the Broadband Plan

2. **Review approved programs**
   - **Objective:** Understand what has been approved by Treasury for use of CPF funds for other states

3. **Determine Overall Program Structure**
   - **Objective:** Make recommendations for overall program based on State policy priorities and stakeholder input

4. **Develop Program Plan and Grant Plan**
   - **Objective:** Develop the required submission materials for the Program and Grant
     - Due 9/24

**Where we are**

- **Broadband Governing Board Approval**
  - As CPF Application deadline falls before next scheduled Governing Board on 9/27, Guidehouse Team will continue to collaborate with the Policy Sub-Committee to complete application
Methodology for drafting the Program Plan

**GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

Four guiding principles inform the recommendations for developing Oklahoma’s Broadband Infrastructure Grant (OBIG) Program:

1. **Treasury Guidance** Adherence to clear Treasury Guidance will be the first principle used to inform program plan recommendations for Oklahoma.
2. **Consistency across approved plans** Where clear Treasury Guidance is not available, look for consistency across CPF Plan submissions by approved states.
3. **Oklahoma Policies** Alignment with Oklahoma’s existing broadband policy planning documents and priorities.
4. **Flexibility** In the absence of (1), (2), (3), develop recommendations that allow for the greatest flexibility for the Program.

**1. Reviewed state broadband programs that have successfully received CPF funds and identified common attributes**

Adapted program attributes that are common across CPF-funded state programs to Oklahoma’s Program Plan.

**2. Identified state broadband programs that align with Oklahoma’s policy priorities and provide a starting point to inform undefined program components**

Leveraged examples from Missouri and Minnesota’s broadband programs to create program components.

**3. Received additional guidance and input from Governing Board Policy Sub-Committee to inform program plan components**

Incorporated Policy Sub-Committee input on program components into the first draft of the Program Plan.
# Oklahoma’s Proposed Broadband Infrastructure Grant (OBIG)

## Program Plan Components

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| **Program Parameters** | • **Program Type:** Statewide competitive broadband grant program  
                          • **Eligible projects:** Connects unserved and underserved communities*; technology agnostic; delivers speeds of at least 100/100 Mbps (100/20 Mbps scalable with documented exception)**; last-mile and middle-mile  
                          • **Eligible Applicants:** Internet Service Providers (ISPs), Political subdivisions (e.g., towns, cities, counties), Tribal Entities, Non-profits and Community Anchor Institutions, Utilities (e.g., Electric Cooperatives, Muni Cooperatives, and Investor-Owned Utilities) |
| **Additional DRAFT Program Plan components were developed with input from the Broadband Governing Board Policy Sub-Committee:** |
| **Program Objectives** | • Unserved and underserved areas with a priority on rural and economically distressed communities |
| **Grant Matching** | • Applicants must contribute at least 20% of the total eligible project cost |
| **Evaluation Criteria** | • Number of network connections and speeds prioritized. Additional evaluation criteria modeled after Missouri and Minnesota. |
| **Program Administration** | • The program will launch in **March 2023**, with Round 1 applications open until May 2023. The State Broadband Office will review applications from May 2023 - July 2023 and announce awards in July 2023. Depending on the results of Round 1, State Broadband Office has the option to introduce a Round 2 application cycle  
                          • Oklahoma will allocate 5% of its award ($8.35M) toward program administration |

* Definitions for unserved and underserved based on Treasury Guidance: Unserved – lacking a fixed terrestrial connection that supports at least 100/20 Mbps; Underserved – lacking a fixed terrestrial connection that supports between 100/100 Mbps & 100/20 Mbps  

** Treasury Guidance stipulates that projects are eligible that achieve 100/100 Mbps. 100/20 Mbps with documented exceptions are also eligible

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**Governing Board Input and Approval on partial draft**

*If the Governing Board approves of the partial draft and components above, Guidehouse can continue to collaborate with the Policy Sub-Committee to carry forward the application development and submission*