

# Grant Application Review and Scoring Criteria

Application Scored Requirements	Weight	Does Not Meet	Partially Meets	Meets	Exceeds
<b>A. Eligible Projects for Unserved and Underserved Areas</b>  Formula: $[300 \times (\text{percentage of houses in unserved areas})] + [300 \times (\text{percentage of passes in underserved areas}/2)]$  Example: Applicant submits 200 addresses to be passed by a proposed project. 100 of the addresses are unserved, and 100 are underserved.  The calculation would be as follows:  $[300 \times (0.5 \text{ unserved passes})] + [300 \times (0.5 \text{ underserved}/2)] = (150) + (75) = 225 \text{ points}$	300	—	—	—	—
<b>B. Broadband Service Speed Based on a Graduated Scale</b>  <b>25 points:</b> $\geq 100$ Mbps downstream and $\geq 100$ Mbps upstream but $< 250$ Mbps downstream and $200$ Mbps upstream <b>50 points:</b> $\geq 200$ Mbps downstream and $\geq 200$ Mbps upstream but $< 300$ Mbps downstream and $300$ Mbps upstream <b>100 points:</b> $\geq 300$ Mbps downstream and $\geq 300$ Mbps upstream but $< 500$ Mbps downstream and $500$ Mbps upstream <b>125 points:</b> $\geq 500$ Mbps downstream and $\geq 500$ Mbps upstream but $< 750$ Mbps downstream and $750$ Mbps upstream <b>150 points:</b> $\geq 750$ Mbps downstream and $\geq 750$ Mbps Upstream but $< 1$ gigabits per second (gbps) Gbps upstream and downstream <b>200 points:</b> $\geq 1$ Gbps downstream and $\geq 1$ Gbps upstream	200	—	—	—	—
<b>C. Rating Broadband Service Cost</b>  The sum of the applicant's 1.) Grant Cost Percentile multiplied by 75, and 2.) The number of points equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ of the applicant's percentage of eligible project funding from all sources other than the ORBEG program.  Grant Cost Percentile is calculated by comparing the cost per address for each submitted eligible application, and assigning a percentage based on this number. The Authority assigns the highest percentiles to applicants with the lowest total cost per address.  Example: If the Applicant's grant cost percentile is 33%, and the applicant has 25% of eligible funding from sources other than the ORBEG program, the calculation would be  $(0.33 \times 75) + (25/2) = 37.25$	150	—	—	—	—

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<b>D. Tier 2 Service Coverage or Greater to Eligible Addresses in an Eligible Project</b>  <b>10 points:</b> for coverage to $\geq 500$ , but $< 1,000$ eligible addresses <b>20 points:</b> for coverage to $\geq 1000$ , but $< 1,500$ eligible addresses <b>30 points:</b> for coverage to $\geq 1,500$ , but $< 2,000$ eligible addresses <b>40 points:</b> for coverage to $\geq 2,000$ , but $< 2,500$ eligible addresses <b>50 points:</b> for coverage to $\geq 2,500$ , but $< 3,000$ eligible addresses <b>60 points:</b> for coverage to $\geq 3,000$ , but $< 3,500$ eligible addresses <b>70 points:</b> for coverage to $\geq 3,500$ , but $< 4,000$ eligible addresses <b>80 points:</b> for coverage to $\geq 4,000$ , but $< 4,500$ eligible addresses <b>90 points:</b> for coverage to $\geq 4,500$ , but $< 5,000$ eligible addresses <b>100 points:</b> for coverage to $\geq 5,000$ eligible addresses	100	—	—	—	—
<b>E. Local Support</b>  <b>25 points:</b> if the application includes a resolution of support from the board of county commissioners in the county where the eligible project is located; <b>15 points:</b> if the application includes a letter of support from a board of township trustees, village, or municipal corporation; <b>10 points:</b> for letters of support from a local economic development agency or a chamber of commerce that advocates for an area of the eligible project with most eligible addresses in the application.  If an applicant's project spans multiple townships, villages, and municipal corporations, the number of points awarded will be on a pro rata basis according to the percentage of eligible addresses for the project in each affected village, municipal corporation, and unincorporated area of the township for which a board of township trustees, village, or municipal corporation submitted a letter of support.	50	—	—	—	—
<b>F. Broadband Provider General Experience and Technical and Financial Ability</b>  Point score to be based on the Authority's judgment. The Authority may award partial points for scores awarded for this factor.	75	—	—	—	—
<b>G. Broadband Provider Experience Based on Years Provider Has Been Providing Tier 2 Service</b>  <b>10 points:</b> 4 years, but $< 5$ years of experience <b>20 points:</b> 5 years, but $< 6$ years of experience <b>30 points:</b> 6 years but $< 7$ years of experience <b>40 points:</b> 7 years but $< 8$ years of experience <b>50 points:</b> 8 years but $< 9$ years of experience <b>60 points:</b> 9 years but $< 10$ years of experience <b>75 points:</b> $>$ ten or more years of experience	75	—	—	—	—

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<p><b>H. County Median Income Based on the Median County Per Capita Income of the U.S. as Determined by the Most Recently Available Data from the U.S. Census Bureau</b></p> <p><b>0 points:</b> for county median income <math>\geq</math> 160%  <b>10 points:</b> for county median income <math>\geq</math> 140% but <math>&lt;</math> 160%  <b>20 points:</b> for county median income <math>\geq</math> 120% but <math>&lt;</math> 140%  <b>30 points:</b> for county median income <math>\geq</math> 100% but <math>&lt;</math> 120%  <b>40 points:</b> for county median income <math>\geq</math> 80% but <math>&lt;</math> 100%  <b>50 points:</b> for county median income <math>&lt;</math> 80%</p> <p>For projects that span multiple counties, the score range will be based on the percentage of eligible addresses for the eligible project in each affected county.</p>	50	—	—	—	—
<p><b>I. Affordability</b></p> <p><b>15 points:</b> Offers at least 100/100 at \$30 or less  <b>10 points:</b> Offers at least 100/100 at \$31-60  <b>5 points:</b> Offers at least 100/100 at \$61-90  <b>0 points:</b> Offers at least 100/100 at \$91+</p> <p>Applicant offers end user speeds of 100/100 or greater at a flat fixed monthly rate. These monthly rates will have to be provided every year and can only be increased by the amount of the consumer price index. These rates need to be a flat rate and cannot be an introductory rate.</p>	15	—	—	—	—