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Alaska Broadband Grant Program Application Period Re-Opens

Thursday, July 3, 2025 (Anchorage, AK) – The Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Alaska Broadband Office (ABO) announced the re-opening of the Alaska Broadband Grant Program today.

The Broadband Office received a Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) Grant from the National Telecommunications & Information Administration (NTIA), of which over \$991 million will be made available for broadband infrastructure build-out to locations with the most need throughout the state. The Alaska Broadband Grant Program will provide funding to successful applicants proposing projects to bring broadband Internet to Unserved and Underserved locations and Community Anchor Institutions as defined in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Originally launched in December 2024, the Alaska Broadband Grant Program was paused in March after notification from the NTIA that there would be important changes with the new federal administration. The NTIA released a BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice on June 6, 2025, that revised the BEAD Notice of Funding Opportunity and shortened the timeline for states to run their grant programs. The re-opened Alaska Broadband Grant Program incorporates these revisions. "The Trump Administration applied common sense logic to the revised plan, eliminated wasteful provisions, and curtailed the program to fit Alaska's unique needs," said Governor Dunleavy.

"The ABO is grateful to Congress and the U.S. Department of Commerce for continuing to prioritize robust, durable, and scalable infrastructure in Alaska to assist in fully unleashing the state's extraordinary resource potential," said Thomas Lochner, ABO Director.

The Alaska Broadband Grant Program application deadline is 11:59:59 AKDT on Sunday, July 27, 2025. Award notifications are anticipated to be announced before the end of the year.

Additional information and access to the Alaska Broadband Grant Program portal is available on the ABO webpage at <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/abo/>.

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