

Alaska Broadband Grant Program

| Estimated Impact of Executive Orders on the Alaska Broadband Grant Program Criterion and Scoring | | | | Comment |
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| CRITERION (PASS/FAIL) | | | | |
| Criterion 1: Applicant License and Registration Information | | | | No Change |
| Criterion 2: Organizational and Managerial Capability (edited and simplified) | | Removes: "2.7. Identify if the project will use any Non-Traditional Providers such as Local Governments (including municipalities or political subdivisions, electric cooperatives, non-profits, or Tribal Governments) and Utilities." | | This language is removed in eliminate applicant preference. |
| Criterion 3: Financial Capability (edited and simplified) | | Edits subsection 3.4 to read: "3.4. Bond: Each applicant will provide a letter of Bond Commitment (Appendix A1)." Footnote 3 is removed. | | Reduces the choices to the most economical (10% bond). |
| <i>Criterion 4. Other Public Funding Disclosure -- Criterion Eliminated</i> | | | | <i>This is a requirement of the State not the subgrantees.</i> |
| Criterion 5: Technical Capability (edited and simplified) | | Combines 5.2.1. and 5.2.2. to read: All applicants must show: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If an existing provider, or a new entrant to the market, providing of voice, broadband, and/or electric transmission or distribution, certify to these facts and specify the number of years the applicant or its parent company has been operating. • If a provider of voice and/or broadband service, certify it has timely filed Commission Form 477s and the Broadband DATA Act submissions, if applicable, as required during this time-period; that it will continue reporting as required; and that it has otherwise complied with the Federal Communication Commission's rules and regulations. • An applicant is required to explain any pending or completed enforcement action, civil litigation, or other matter in which it failed to comply or was alleged to have failed to comply with Federal Communications Commission's rules or regulations. • If the applicant has operated an electric transmission or distribution service, it is required to submit qualified operating or financial reports that it has filed with the relevant financial institution for the relevant time-period along with a certification that the submission is a true and accurate copy of the reports that were provided to the relevant financial institution. Acceptable submissions for this purpose will be the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Form 7, Financial and Operating Report Electric Distribution; the RUS Form 12, Financial and Operating Report Electric Power Supply; the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC) Form 7, Financial and Statistical Report; the CFC Form 12, Operating Report; or the CoBank Form 7; or the functional replacement of one of these reports. See Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Order, 35 FCC Rcd at 719, n. 202. 5.2.2. | | These elements are merged (5.2.1. and 5.2.2.) to create one set of standards for all applicants. |
| <i>Criterion 6: Project Sustainability (Excel Model) -- Criterion Eliminated</i> | | | | <i>This criterion was added as a function of a fixed "Low Cost Option". With the fixed Low Cost Option removed this criterion is no longer necessary.</i> |
| Criterion 7: Compliance with Applicable Federal, State, and Local Laws | | | | No Change. |
| Criterion 8: Civil Rights and Nondiscrimination Law Compliance | | | | No Change. |
| Criterion 9: Cybersecurity and Supply Chain Risk Management (C-SCRM) | | | | No Change. |
| <i>Criterion 10: Weather/Climate/Natural Hazard Threat Assessment and Mitigation Plan -- Criterion Eliminated</i> | | | | <i>This Criterion has been eliminated as it is not statutorily based.</i> |
| Criterion 11. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Requirements | | | | No Change. |
| Criterion 12. Indian Tribe/Tribal Entity Proof of Support | | | | No Change. |
| <i>Criterion 13. Low Cost Option -- Criterion Eliminated</i> | | | | <i>This Criterion has been moved to scoring section B.</i> |
| <i>Criterion 14. Middle Class Affordability -- Criterion Eliminated</i> | | | | <i>This Criterion has been eliminated as it is not statutorily based.</i> |
| Criterion 15. Application and Grant Agreement Certification | | | | No Change |
| SCORING: | | | | |
| PRIMARY CRITERIA SCORING (80 Points Total) | | | | |
| A. Minimal BEAD Program Outlay. (40 Points) | | | | |
| The ABO Scoring Committee will score how applicants minimize the BEAD program outlay. | | | | |
| A.1. Minimal BEAD Program Outlay Per Location: (20.0 Points) This will be scored using the applicants' project budget sheet provided in Criterion 5: Technical Capability Section 5.1.3., bullet #4: <i>The</i> | | | | |
| Priority | Infrastructure | Below the cumulative EHCLPT (middle and last mile) | Above the cumulative EHCLPT (middle and last mile) | This matrix is added to better identify the most scalable technology withing the IIIA definition of "Priority Broadband Project". |
| 1 | Fiber | If no other fiber projects. Applicant Selected with no other grading. Otherwise goes to scoring | Cost/BSL Passed multiplied by 1 | |
| 2 | Fiber and Non-Fiber, Reliable Broadband Hybrid | Cost/BSL Passed gets multiplied by .5 | Cost/BSL Passed multiplied by 1 | |
| 3 | Fiber and Non-Reliable Broadband Hybrid | Cost/BSL Passed multiplied by .7 | Cost/BSL Passed multiplied by 1 | |
| 4 | Non-Fiber, Reliable Broadband | Cost/BSL Passed multiplied by .6 | Cost/BSL Passed multiplied by 1 | |
| 5 | Non-Fiber, Reliable Broadband and non-reliable broadband hybrid | Cost/BSL Passed multiplied by .8 | Cost/BSL Passed multiplied by 1 | |
| 6 | Non-reliable Broadband | Cost/BSL Passed multiplied by 1 and requires a waiver | Cost/BSL Passed multiplied by 4 | |
| A.2. 100% Connections: (20.0 Points) | | | | |
| An applicant will receive 100% of the available points in this subcategory if all BSLs within a PDPA, or if not using PDPA, every BSL within every community along a non-PDPA path are connected, or | | | | |
| A.3. Matching Funds: (Variable Points) [a 1% bonus will be attributed to each 1% of match above the requirement]. | | | | |
| B. Affordability. (20 Points) | | | | |
| B.1. Low Cost Option -- 100/20Mbps (15 Points). The lowest price for the 100/20 Mbps service per PDPA will receive 100% of the available points, the highest price for the 100/20Mbps Service will receive 0% of the available points, and all other applicants will receive a ratio of available points based off the lowest cost per location passed. | | | | This has been changed from a fixed rate evaluation to evaluating a variable Low-Cost Option. |
| B.2. 1/1Gbps. (5 Points) The lowest price for the 1/1Gbps service per PDPA will receive 100% of the available points, the highest price for the 1/1Gbps Service will receive 0% of the available points, and all other applicants will receive a ratio of available points based off the lowest cost per location passed. | | | | This scoring goes to the availability and scalability of the network. |
| C. Fair Labor Practices. (20 Points) | | | | |
| C.1. Compliance with federal labor and employment laws. (5 Points) This will be scored based on the response provided in MQ Criterion 7. | | | | |
| C.2. Disclosure of applicant or contractor and/or subcontractor violations where applicable, and where the sub-contractors are known at the time of application. (5 Points) Applicants must list all State or Federal labor and/or OSHA violations within the last 3 years. Include any fines and mitigation requirements and status of the mitigation efforts. If no violations, type "None". | | | | |
| C.3. Workplace safety committees Plan for Establishment of a Worker-Led Safety Committee. (10 Points) Applicants must provide a narrative on how they plan to run workplace safety committees to attain points in this category. | | | | |
| SECONDARY CRITERIA SCORING (20 Points Total) | | | | |
| D. Speed to Deployment. (10 Points) | | | | |
| This will be evaluated from the schedule in the Project Budget provided in Criterion 5: Technical Capability, Subsection 5.1.4. Based on the schedule below. | | | | |
| Time to Deployment | Deployment Scoring within the subcategory D. | Fiber Project Points | Non-Fiber Project Points | |
| 47 Months or less | 100% | 10 | 5 | |
| Greater than or equal to 48 Months | 95% | 9.5 | 4.75 | |
| E. Use of State of Alaska/Department of Natural Resources/Office of Project Management and Permitting. (10 Points) | | | | |
| Applicants who agree to use the Office of Project Management and Permitting (OPMP) within the State of Alaska (SOA) Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to assist in efficient permitting and project management will receive an additional 10 Points. Applicants may choose not to use SOA/OPMP. Where this is the case, applicants will receive 0 Points for this category. This will be a "Yes" or "No" selection in the portal | | | | Numbering change only. |