Broadband Infrastructure Program (BIP)

A Capital Projects Fund Program

Overview

The U.S. Department of Treasury awarded \$279 million to Pennsylvania for critical capital projects. In June 2022, the Pennsylvania General Assembly appropriated this funding to the Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority (PBDA), which is using the funds to establish grant programs that identify eligible projects that meet program guidelines and federal requirements.

The <u>CPF-Broadband Infrastructure Program (BIP)</u> is one of the three funding programs created by PBDA to help deploy these funds in communities across Pennsylvania.



Who Can Apply

- Businesses
- Not-for-profits
- Municipalities
- Economic Development Organizations

Eligible Projects

The program will fund construction or extensions of existing last-mile cable modem and fiber-to-the-premise broadband networks, as well as large-scale regional projects that can transform broadband availability by serving large numbers of eligible addresses.

Funding

BIP awarded \$205 million in competitive grants. Individual grants are between \$500,000 and \$10 million. Matching funds are required and must cover 25% of total project costs. Existing federal, state, or local grants, loans, or subsidies can be used as part of matching funds.

Contact

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How to Apply

The application period closed August 9, 2023.

Awards were announced on April 18, 2024.

Details about the awarded grants can be found on the BIP Program Page. Contracts are anticipated to be issued in July 2024.

Projects are anticipated to be completed by December 31, 2026.