

# OHIO RESIDENTIAL BROADBAND EXPANSION GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION

BroadbandOhio

Ohio

Department of  
Development

**Applications must be submitted using this Development-prescribed application form.**

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## Section 1: Applicant Information

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Representative Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant FEIN Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Address:

Project Contact Name (if different than authorized representative): \_\_\_\_\_

Project contact email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Project contact phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Trade Secret & Proprietary Information

The applicant broadband provider must notify Development of any information contained in

the application, or within related documents submitted with the application, that the provider considers proprietary information or a trade secret.

“Trade Secret” means information, including the whole or any portion or phase of any scientific or technical information, design, process, procedure, formula, pattern, compilation, program, device, method, technique, or improvement, or any business information or plans, financial information, or listing of names, addresses, or telephone numbers, that satisfies both of the following:

(1) It derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by, other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use.

(2) It is the subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain its secrecy.

Revised Code section 1333.61(D)

### Trade Secret Information:

Mark every occurrence within the application and/or any attachments with an asterisk (\*) before and after each line containing trade secret information and underline the trade secret information itself.

### Proprietary information:

Mark every occurrence within the application and/or any attachments with an ampersand (&) before and after each line containing proprietary information and underline the proprietary information itself.

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## Section 2: Location And Description Of The Project

Please provide the requested information and properly notarized letters of intent as Attachments labelled as follows:

- Attachment 2A: Residential Addresses
- Attachment 2B Service Provision
- Attachment 2C: Use of Award Funds
- Attachment 2D: Necessity of Project Funds
- Attachment 2E: Location in Economically Distressed Area (OPTIONAL)
- Attachment 2F: Location in Opportunity Zone (OPTIONAL)
- Attachment 2G: Use of Public Infrastructure (OPTIONAL)

### **2A: Residential Addresses**

Provide a list of residential addresses in the unserved or tier one areas where tier two broadband service will be available following completion of the project.

Applicant must provide sufficient evidence that the speeds in the service area are slower than 25 Mbps Download and 3 Mbps Upload, which may include documentation from one of the following sources: (1) the most recent 477 data from the FCC; (2) speed test data; (3) RDOF eligibility data; or (4) other relevant data. Also include an attestation that these are real addresses that are eligible for the project.

### **2B: Service Provision**

Provide a notarized letter of intent that the broadband provider will provide access to tier two broadband service to all the residential addresses listed in the project.

### **2C: Use of Award Funds**

Provide a notarized letter of intent by the broadband provider that none of the funds provided by the program grant will be used to extend or deploy facilities to any residences other than those in the unserved or tier one areas that are part of the project.

### **2D: Necessity of Project Funds**

Provide a notarized statement that neither the applicant nor any other individual or entity has commenced construction of any portion of the project in the application prior to submission of the application, no portion of the project will commence construction prior to receipt of a program grant, and that the receipt of a program grant is essential to the applicant's ability to undertake the project as applied for.

The following attachments are optional. Providing the information will provide additional points but are not necessary to have a completed application.

### **2E: Location in a Distressed Area**

Provide evidence if your project is located within a distressed area (county or municipality) as defined in Revised Code section 122.19.

### **2F: Location in an Opportunity Zone**

Provide evidence if your project is within an Ohio Opportunity Zone or Zones as defined in Revised Code section 122.84(A)(2).

### **Section 2G: Use of Public Infrastructure**

Provide an attachment listing whether your project will utilize state rights-of-way or otherwise require attachment to, or use of, public facilities or conduit to provide tier two broadband service to an eligible project and where these facilities are located.

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### Section 3: Broadband Funding Gap & Amount of Funds Requested

#### **Section 3A: Amount of Broadband Funding Gap**

“Broadband funding gap” means the difference between the total amount of money a broadband provider calculates is necessary to construct the last mile of a specific broadband network and the total amount of money that the provider has determined is the maximum amount of money that is cost effective for the provider to invest in last mile construction for that network.

Broadband Funding Gap: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Section 3B: Amount of Grant funds Requested by the Applicant**

May be equal to but cannot be greater than amount for 3A

Total Grant Funds Requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Section 3C: Total Project Cost**

The ratio of the “Broadband Funding Gap” to the “Total Project Cost” will be used to determine the “economic feasibility” of the project.

Total Project Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## Section 4: Amount And Sources of Financial or In-Kind Contributions

### Section 4A: Information regarding financial or in-kind contributions to be used towards the broadband funding gap.

Potential sources of financial or in-kind contributions may include, but are not limited, to any combination of the following:

- (a) Funds that the broadband provider is willing to contribute to the broadband funding gap;
- (b) Funds received or approved under any other federal or state government grant or loan program;
- (c) General revenue funds of a municipal corporation, township, or county comprising the area of the eligible project;
- (d) Other discretionary funds of the municipal corporation, township, or county comprising the area of the eligible project;
- (e) Any alternate payment terms that the broadband provider and any legislative authority in which the project is located have negotiated and agreed to pursuant to section 122.045 of the Revised Code;
- (f) Contributions or grants from individuals, organizations, or companies;
- (g) Property tax assessments made by the municipal corporation under Chapter 727. of the Revised Code, township under section 505.881 of the Revised Code, or county under section 303.251 of the Revised Code.

Identify the amount and source for each of the contributions you received that will be used toward the broadband funding gap.

#### Financial Contributions:

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Source: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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#### In-Kind Contributions:

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Source: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Source: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 4B: Information regarding financial or in-kind contributions received or approved for any part of the overall eligible project cost not applied to the broadband funding gap.**

Potential sources of financial or in-kind contributions may include, but are not limited, to any combination of the following:

- (a) Funds that the broadband provider is willing to contribute to the broadband funding gap;
- (b) Funds received or approved under any other federal or state government grant or loan program;
- (c) General revenue funds of a municipal corporation, township, or county comprising the area of the eligible project;
- (d) Other discretionary funds of the municipal corporation, township, or county comprising the area of the eligible project;
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**Financial Contributions:**

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Source: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Use: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Source: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## Section 5: Managerial, Technical and Broadband Project Experience

Please submit a description of, or documentation demonstrating, your managerial and technical expertise, and experience with broadband service projects.

### Section 5A: Descriptions of Experience:

Applicant may provide descriptions of expertise and experience on the application itself or on an Attachment labelled "Attachment 5A."

Descriptions of expertise and experience should be in narrative form, and based on company and project-level expertise and experience.

Description of Managerial Expertise:

Description of Technical Expertise:

Description of Broadband Service Project Experience:

### Section 5B: Documentation Demonstrating Experience:

If you choose to include documentation demonstrating experience, please provide the documentation on an Attachment labelled "Attachment 5B."

Provide as Attachment labelled "Attachment 5B."

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## Section 6: Type Of Technology

Please check the circle next to the type or types of technology you plan to use to complete the project.

Wired technology     Wireless technology     Satellite technology

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## Section 7: Download & Upload Speeds

Please provide the megabit-per-second broadband download and upload speeds planned for the project.

Minimum Download Speed: \_\_\_\_\_ Mbps

Minimum Upload Speed: \_\_\_\_\_ Mbps

Maximum Download Speed: \_\_\_\_\_ Mbps

Maximum Upload Speed: \_\_\_\_\_ Mbps

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## Section 8: Scalability Of The Project

Please provide a description of the scalability of the proposed project.

Describe how your proposed project is scalable.

You may provide your description of scalability on the application itself or on an Attachment labelled "Attachment 8."

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## Section 9: Customer Service

Please provide a description of the applicant's customer service capabilities, including any locally based call centers or customer service offices.

You may provide your description of customer service capability and locally-based call centers or customer service offices on the application itself or on an Attachment labelled "Attachment 9A."

Description of Customer Service Capability:

Identification of call centers or customer service offices located within Ohio:

1. Name, Address, etc.

2. Name, Address, etc.

3. Name, Address, etc.

Please provide a copy of applicant's general customer service policies, including any policy to credit customers for service outages or the provider's failure to keep scheduled appointments for service.

Please provide a copy of the requested information on an Attachment labelled "Attachment 9B."

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## Section 10: Provider Operation In Ohio

Provide the length of time that the applicant has operated in Ohio.

The applicant broadband provider has been operating in Ohio for \_\_\_\_\_ years and \_\_\_\_\_ months.

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## Section 11: Proof Of Financial Stability

Provide proof that the applicant broadband provider has the financial stability to complete the project.

The broadband provider must provide evidence of financial stability. This evidence may include: publicly available financial statements, copies of federal and state tax returns, other documents that provide proof of financial stability. Note whether the financial statements were prepared internally or by a third party.

Please provide the requested information as an Attachment labelled "Attachment 11."

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## Section 12: Construction Timetable

Provide a projected construction timetable, including the anticipated date of the provision of tier two broadband service access within the project.

Provide as Attachment labelled "Attachment 12."

Please provide the requested information as an Attachment labelled "Attachment 12."

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## Section 13: Government Authorizations

Provide (1) a description of anticipated or preliminary government authorizations, permits, and other approvals required in connection with the project, and an estimated timetable for the acquisition of such approvals, and (2) a description of any authorizations, permits or other approvals to use public infrastructure that have already been obtained or executed.

Provide as Attachment labelled "Attachment 13."

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## Section 14: Refund Upon Non-Compliance

Provide a notarized statement affirming that the applicant broadband provider accepts the condition that noncompliance with Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant program requirements may require the provider to refund all or part of any program grant the provider receives.

Provide as Attachment labelled "Attachment 14."

Please provide a properly notarized letter as an Attachment labelled "Attachment 14."

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## Section 15: Agreements Related To The Proposed Project

Describe any arrangements, including any subleases of infrastructure or joint ownership arrangements that the applicant broadband provider has entered into, or plans to enter into, with either:

Provide as Attachment labelled "Attachment 15."

- (1) Another broadband provider;
- (2) An electric cooperative; and/or
- (3) An electric distribution utility

to enable the offering of tier two broadband service under the project.

Please provide a description of each of the arrangements, if any, as an Attachment labelled "Attachment 15." There is no need to file an attachment if there are no arrangements that have been entered into.



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## Section 16: Additional Point Criteria; Optional.

### Section 16A: Leveraging Infrastructure

Provide an explanation of applicant's ability to leverage nearby or adjacent tier one or tier two broadband service infrastructure to facilitate the proposed deployment and provision of tier two broadband service to the eligible project.

Describe applicant's ability to leverage infrastructure as explained:

### Section 16B: Utilization of Existing Infrastructure

If existing tier one or tier two broadband service infrastructure exists in the project area, describe the extent to which the project utilizes or upgrades the existing tier one or tier two infrastructure, rather than duplicates it.

Describe whether the project utilizes or upgrades existing infrastructure as explained:

### Section 16C: Executive Summary or Project Narrative

Provide an executive summary or project narrative for the project.

Provide as Attachment labelled "Attachment 16C."

### Section 16D: Letters of Support

Provide copies of any local letters of support, including letters that detail providing broadband to surrounding areas through other means.

Provide as Attachment labelled "Attachment 16D."

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## Section 17: Additional Information The Applicant Deems Necessary

Any additional information. May provide an executive summary or project narrative.

Applications must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on \_\_\_\_\_ and may be submitted either (1) in person, (2) by certified mail (3) by electronic mail, or (4) uploaded to a designated Development Services Agency webpage.

Any application pending at the end of the fiscal year shall be deemed denied, but may be refiled in a subsequent fiscal year provided that all information in the application is still current or has been updated.

Failure to comply with the program or to meet the required tier two broadband service proposed in the application may require the refund of all or a portion of the program grant awarded for the project.

NOTE: The authorized representative of each applicant broadband provider must complete the "Authorized Representative Declaration Form" on the following page and submit it as an Attachment to the Grant application. This form acts as the official signature on the application.

## Authorized Representative Declaration Form

I hereby attest that the information I have provided in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, correct. I understand that falsification of representations in this application may subject the applicant to criminal sanctions including fines and/or imprisonment pursuant to Section 2921.13 of the Ohio Revised Code and make the applicant ineligible for future state assistance pursuant to Section 9.66 of the Ohio Revised Code. By signing this application, the applicant agrees to complete required grant reporting and site visits as deemed necessary by BroadbandOhio, the Development Services Agency, and the Grant Authority if it receives and award.

Authorized Representative's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Representative's Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Representative's Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Original Signature only)