

OHIO RESIDENTIAL EXPANSION BROADBAND EXPANSION GRANT PROGRAM CHALLENGE INSTRUCTIONS

BroadbandOhio

Ohio

Department of
Development

Instructions

Please read the following challenge instructions and submit the challenge form and any other necessary documentation as indicated in Ohio Revised Code 122.4030 to 122.4037.

- A challenging provider may submit a challenge only after complete applications are posted on the program website, but no later than sixty-five (65) days after the close of an application period.
- A challenging provider must provide satisfactory evidence that:
 - It is providing service to the residential addresses contained within the application it is challenging; or
 - It is providing service in the area adjacent to the residential addresses contained within the application it is challenging.
- A complete challenge must be submitted to:
 - Ohio Department of Development via Certified Mail:
BroadbandOhio c/o Amy Elbaor,
77 South High Street, 29th Fl.,
Columbus, Ohio 43215
 - Applicant Certified Mail to the applicant's address listed for the application on the program website.
- A challenge will be deemed submitted on the date the challenge is received by Development. If challenges are not received by the applicant being challenged on or about the date the challenge is received by Development, it may either be rejected or not considered until the challenge is received by the applicant being challenged.
- Development may request additional supplemental information from a challenging provider through a written request by electronic email.
 - Failure to provide supplemental information to Development in the time and manner requested will result in the challenge being rejected.
- Please review the Rules found in the Ohio Administrative Code: Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant Program 122:30-1-04 Challenges for additional information on the challenge process once challenges have been submitted to Development and applicants.
- Please complete all portions of the challenge form and indicate if and where proprietary information or trade secrets are included in the form.

Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant Program Challenge Form

Provider Name: _____

Provider Address: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Email: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

1. Applicant Provider: _____

2. Has the applicant provider been sent a copy of the challenge by certified mail? Yes No

3. Date the applicant provider was mailed a copy of the challenge. _____

4. Certified Mail Tracking Number for challenge mailed to the applicant provider: _____

5. Challenge Addresses: You may include additional pages and attachments, if necessary, please label the attachments Attachment 1.

6. If you already provide tier two service to the challenged residential addresses: provide a signed notarized statement that sufficiently identifies the part of the eligible project addresses to which you offer tier two broadband service (labelled Attachment 2)

7. If you provide tier two service in an area adjacent to the residential addresses and plan to offer tier two service into the project area: provide both the following:

a. A signed, notarized statement that sufficiently identifies the part of the eligible project to which the challenger will offer tier two broadband service (labelled Attachment 3)

b. A summary of construction efforts that include the dates when tier two broadband construction is expected to be completed and when tier two broadband service will first be offered to the part of the eligible project being challenged. Per Ohio Revised Code 122.4016(B)(2), tier two service must be completed by a challenging provider not later than two years after the date of a challenge for a project application to be ineligible. You may include additional documents (labelled Attachment 4).

8. Sufficient Evidence must be provided that shows that the challenged address either have existing tier two service or that a challenging provider is currently offering tier two service in an area adjacent to the project area. Sufficient evidence may be in the form of shapefile data, residential addresses, maps, or similar geographic details that otherwise show that the areas are or will be served. Census block or census tract level data will be rejected as insufficient evidence.