



## **OFFICE OF STATEWIDE BROADBAND**

# ***Connect Maryland:***

## ***FY24 Home Stretch for Public Housing Grant Program***

### ***REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS***

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## 1. Executive Summary

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COVID-19 has further exposed the digital divide in Maryland and its consequences for all residents. Families who do not have access to the internet or cannot afford internet service are at an impossible disadvantage. The State has made available funding for the Home Stretch for Public Housing Grant Program (HS-PH), a transformative initiative aimed at addressing the digital divide and fostering digital equity in the State of Maryland. The Department of Housing and Community Development has allocated \$45 million in the FY2022 Budget to support the Office of Statewide Broadband (OSB) in its mission to bridge the gap in digital accessibility. Funding for this program has been made possible through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Coronavirus Capital Projects Funds administered by the US Treasury. It is imperative to note that all funded projects must align with ARPA requirements, and applicants, upon receiving an award, are bound by federal regulations governing this allocation.

The primary objective of the HS-PH program is to optimize the utilization of limited resources by assisting local jurisdictions, both County and Municipal, in implementing solutions for the delivery of broadband to unserved residents. Referred to as the "Project," this endeavor seeks to provide access to high-speed internet services with a minimum of 100Mbps download and 100Mbps upload speeds, with a maximum latency of 50 milliseconds. Each dwelling unit must be capable of receiving the minimum required speeds and service. Additionally, the program is committed to offering a range of service options and extending free broadband service via WiFi connectivity through all common areas of the housing community. Best efforts for common area WiFi connectivity should be to deliver a minimum of 100Mbps download and 20Mbps upload speeds, with a maximum latency of 50 milliseconds.

To ensure open access for all service providers, the internal wiring infrastructure shall be designed to facilitate accessibility. Provisions should be integrated into the construction process to configure the wired network and related equipment to guarantee an environment conducive to open access use. The OSB understands that technology and population distribution may require creative options for ubiquitous wired broadband deployment.

Participation in this RFA is voluntary. Neither the OSB nor the Department will pay for the preparation of any information submitted by an applicant in response to the RFA or for the OSB's use of that information. Detailed application instructions, eligibility criteria, and key deadlines can be found in the attached application package.

## 2. Definitions

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A **"dwelling unit"** is a structure or the part of a structure that is used as a home, residence, or sleeping place by one person who maintains a household or by two or more persons who maintain a common household. Also referred to as a residential unit throughout.

A **"public area/common area"** is an area that is open for use by more than one individual. The spaces are those that are open to all residents, (or) groups of renters and their invitees. Common areas can

include, but are not limited to both functional areas of property, like hallways, lobbies, sidewalks, elevators and stairs, and amenities like parking lots, swimming pools, gyms, computer rooms, recreation centers, laundry facilities, etc.

**“Free broadband service”** means a broadband service for the residents of a low-income community, and for which residents of the low-income community do not pay out-of-pocket costs, and provided that all residents of the low-income community have access to that service.

**“Internal Wiring”** means broadband wiring inside a residential unit or multi-dwelling unit (MDU) building.

A **“low-income community”** is a publicly supported housing development or housing community, as defined herein.

A **“minimum point of entry”** (MPOE) is either the closest practicable point to where wiring crosses a property line or the closest practicable point to where the wiring enters an MDU building or buildings.

**“Project”** means the work to connect a broadband network to a low-income community, as defined herein, that is requesting or has been authorized funds for a grant under one application from the HS-PH.

A **“service drop”** means wire or cable or wireless transmission equipment, and associated supporting structure, from the point of connection from the provider’s distribution facilities to the customer premises network interface device. A service drop serves only the unit to which it services.

A **“network drop”** means wire or cable and associated supporting structure, from the point of connection from the provider’s distribution point to the public housing premise network interface location.

**“Publicly owned housing development”** is a publicly supported multi-unit housing development that is wholly owned by a local jurisdiction or a public housing agency that has been chartered by the state, or by any city or county in the state.

### 3. Summary of Program Requirements

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This is a summary of the Broadband for Public Housing Grant Program requirements additional requirements and details are contained in the topic specific section of this guide.

#### **Eligible Applicants**

Local jurisdictions (county or municipal), including recognized jurisdictional housing authorities, that own and maintain a stock of publicly supported housing for low- and moderate-income households are eligible to apply for program funding.

#### **Eligible Project Area**

A publicly owned housing development that is identified as having a need for additional broadband investment. This is to include lack of access to a connection that reliably meets or exceeds a minimum internet connectivity of 100 Mbps download and 20 Mbps upload speeds.

#### **Network Requirements**

Projects must be able to provide a minimum internet connectivity of 100 Mbps down and 100 Mbps up with a maximum latency of 50 milliseconds measured at each dwelling unit. Applicant must agree to maintain and secure Project Equipment and Technology, and to acquire the necessary hardware warranty and service agreement to support the operation of the proposed network for at least 5 years after project completion.

*The OSB will support Projects that are able to provide a minimum internet connectivity of 100 Mbps down and 20 Mbps up with a maximum latency of 50 milliseconds measured at the served subscribers' location ("Broadband") only if the network is scalable to a minimum of 100 Mbps symmetrical for download and upload speeds based on future technology advances, with a maximum latency of 50 milliseconds measured at the served subscribers' location. The ISP will be required to submit a Certificate as to circumstances preventing the ISP from achieving the minimum connectivity required. The circumstances preventing the minimum connectivity from being provided must be related to geography, topography or excessive cost.*

#### **Covered Populations:**

While the grant program and its funding offer the ability to serve all communities in Maryland the following covered populations who are most at need:

- individuals who live a household with income less than or equal to 150 percent of federal poverty level;
- aging individuals;

- individuals with disabilities;
- individuals with a language barrier, including individuals who -
  - are English learners; and
  - have low levels of literacy;
- individuals who are members of a racial or ethnic minority group; or

### **Funding Limits**

Minimum grant amount: \$500,000

Maximum grant amount: \$9,000,000

While not required, we highly encourage applicants to identify other funding sources to leverage the available grant funding.

### **Required Match**

The grant program will require a cash match from the applicant of a minimum of 5% of the actual capital construction costs for the project.

In addition, applicants will be required to pay all non-capital administrative costs related to the project that exceed the 1% cap, including any costs necessary to complete the required reporting requirements and community engagement costs to promote broadband adoption, including broadband education and ACP registration assistance.

*Please note, other state or federal funds can be used for the match requirement.*

### **Eligible Grant Purposes**

The OSB will reimburse the below project-related expenses after a review of the project progress or completion reports and supporting documentation. The program's eligible purposes are comprised of three categories:

- 1) installation or extension of wiring necessary to deliver wireless service to the public areas;
- 2) installation of end user facilities including wiring, wireless access points and necessary electronics; and
- 3) educational and technical assistance outreach to support adoption.

#### **Extension of fiber optic facilities**

The extension of fiber optic facilities to a publicly owned housing structure is an eligible use of

funds. These extensions can be jurisdictionally owned, or ISP owned. To reduce the necessity of reconstructing or expanding facilities in the future, applicants will be encouraged to consider potential future uses in their designs.

#### Installation of end user facilities

The installation of interior wiring to individual units within the publicly owned housing is an eligible use of funds. This includes electronic equipment necessary for the distribution of broadband service, any minor building modifications necessary for the final distribution of broadband service, and any in-unit equipment or labor that is required to provide broadband service. As a part of the wiring to the individual units, applicants will be required to install wireless access points in public & common areas that will provide free internet service to those who cannot afford a wired service even with an ACP subsidy or are unable to subscribe to a provider due to past billing or other reasons. While ACP can help pay for broadband service, some ACP eligible households may be resistant to applying for ACP due to citizenship, legal or other personal reasons or a household may have a past billing issue with a provider that may prevent them from utilizing the project's wired service provider. For these circumstances, the wireless access points will be available for broadband delivery. Due to building materials, layout, or other physical impediments, it is recognized that it may not be possible for the wireless network to deliver the preferred 100Mbps download by 100Mbps upload speeds to each household unit. However, it is critical that those household units that cannot subscribe to a wired service still have broadband access.

#### Educational support and technical assistance

Applicants are required to include community engagement costs as part of their grant applications, with the intent to minimally provide beneficiaries with ACP registration assistance and/or educational assistance to ensure connectivity per unit. Grantees will be responsible for ensuring that community engagement strategies are in place during the development of projects.

Engineering design services whether in-house or consultant-based are eligible expenses.

#### **Additional examples of eligible grant funding expenses include:**

- All broadband networking equipment (hardware and software), wireless access points, modem(s), switches, router(s), and firewall(s) for network security but not personal computers, laptops, handheld or human interface devices.
- Low voltage contracting work including the installation of inside wiring, network cabinets, NEMA boxes, conduits, patch panels, cable tray or ladders, and other cabling

requirements to provide power and connectivity for the broadband network equipment funded as part of the project.

- Broadband network engineering and designing documentation.
- Installation, provisioning, and configuration labor costs at the Minimum Point of Entry (MPOE), MDFs (Main Distribution Frame), IDFs (Intermediate Distribution Frame), WAPs (Wireless Access Point) and Switched Ethernet.
- Taxes, shipping and insurance costs (if applicable) that are directly related to broadband network equipment deployed under the HS-PH.

### **Ineligible Grant Purposes**

- 1) Middle mile infrastructure except to facilitate service to the location from the nearest point.
- 2) **Major** rehabilitation, demolition or construction work will not be funded (any minor rehabilitation, demolition or construction work should be approved by the OSB).
- 3) Expenses related to the provision of telephone or video service which are not necessary for the delivery of Broadband Service.
- 4) The purchase of land or towers, construction of buildings, towers or tower improvements.
- 5) Operating expenses except as identified above.

### **Timeframe**

Applications are due on or before December 22, 2023. It is the OSB’s intent to award funds in February 2024. Projects must be completed by June 30, 2026.

#### **4. Application Criteria**

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Through the Broadband for Public Housing Grant Funding Program (“Program”), the OSB will facilitate the award of funding to selected applicants to assist in the implementation of Projects that involve partnering with jurisdictions to enhance existing broadband service into underserved communities. The OSB will review submitted applications to ensure that the information contained therein is complete and proposes an eligible and sustainable Project. While the Department will provide financial resources to help fund the Project, and the OSB will provide technical assistance and oversight, the Applicant and/or its Partner will be the owner of any facilities constructed as part of the Project, and will be responsible for the overall funding, implementation and operation of the Project.

Provided funding is not to exceed \$9,000,000 per eligible project with a minimum of \$500,000 to eligible applicants that are working to further the OSB’s goals. Grants will also be used to cover necessary related costs, including wireless access units, electronics necessary to deliver service, the



installation of fiber optic service to the MDU buildings, minor building modifications necessary to support the project (network closet, modifications for the incoming fiber optic cable, etc.), and non-capital administrative costs such as community engagement outreach. Non-capital administrative costs are capped at 1% of the total project costs and must support efforts to engage with the community as part of the process for adoption and affordability.

Any Applicant awarded funding under the Program must also commit to funding a portion of the Project's capital construction cost ("Match") outlined in the Match section of this guide. The source of the Match must be identified in the Response.

Applicants must submit the following information to the Office for each proposed project. Applications and supporting material must be submitted online as identified in section 4 of this guide. Applicants are required to provide the following information as part of their respective applications. Applications that do not include each item listed below will not be considered for approval.

### **Application Form**

The application form must be completed in its entirety. Any missing information may result in the application being deemed ineligible. Instructions for the application form are provided to help guide applicants.

### **Project Summary**

Responses should explain how the Project will further the OSB's goal of closing the digital divide and ensuring covered populations have access to reliable high-speed internet. While there is no minimum or maximum length of the required response, please be concise and limit your response to the information requested. If some of the information requested is not available at this time, please state this in your response.

**Failure to completely address each of the following sections or failure to provide the indicated information may result in the application being deemed ineligible.**

Executive Summary: The Executive Summary for the Project should provide an overview of the public housing location being served, how the location was chosen and what problems the residents in the public housing location face. It should include how the proposed Project will help alleviate those problems, increase the resident's quality of life, and how the Project will provide enhanced opportunities for the residents and community. Be clear and provide convincing links between the Project and the benefits to the proposed funded location.

Statement of Experience: Applicants must provide a written narrative describing their demonstrated capability and experience, if any, as it relates to the proposed project. The applicant must include principal employees' relevant work experience that would ensure the success of the project. Describe any past network deployments and successes.

Network Design: The description of the network to be constructed should provide the network speed, latency capabilities and backhaul requirements. The description should discuss pole attached vs. underground for wired network. Identify whether the network build-out will be performed by the applicant, or if contracted services will be utilized, or a combination of the two. While it is anticipated that the applicant or its partners will ultimately own and operate the network constructed, please confirm the operations and any restrictions to be placed on the future use of any equipment and network constructed as part of the Project. In your network design applicants must include the following:

- Type of technology to be used
- If known, identify the underlying Broadband internet service provider and Broadband Internet Access Bandwidth Size (e.g. Comcast and mbps, Verizon and mbps, etc.)
- Identify the technology used at MPOE.
- Proposed downstream and upstream Internet service speed capabilities of the proposed wired and wireless network for residents.

The network diagram of the wireless network and the wired (only if the applicant is delivering wired service) must be included with the submission.

Community Profile: Applicant must attest to whether the low-income community that will be connected through the proposed project has access to a broadband internet service provider that offers the community residents free broadband service that meets or exceeds standards identified in section 2. Provide a description of the community and any existing internet service in the area as well as demographic data relating to the community and residents of the Project area. Please also provide information on how many residents you plan to utilize the network (being sure to separate between paid plans and the free WiFi access).

Community engagement strategies must be in place during the development of the projects. Discuss the community engagement initiatives to be taken including the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) registration assistance and/or educational assistance to ensure connectivity per unit. If offering service plans please provide information on how many subscribers you expect to enroll in the ACP.

Subscriber Cost (if applicable): Provide a listing of the partner ISP's subscriber service options for the Project, their costs and any limitations of service such as data caps.

- Include any low and moderate subscriber options.

Potential Barriers: Discuss any barriers you might encounter.

Partners and Local Engagement: Applicants should include a list of community and local government partners and describe their involvement in the building and deployment of networks. Partners may include but are not limited to: entities of local jurisdictions (city and county personnel), educational institutions (K-12, community colleges and universities), libraries, businesses, nonprofit organizations, internet service providers, and faith groups. We encourage applicants to reach out to any partners in advance of developing their application.

Schedule: Describe the proposed schedule for implementing the Project, assuming a February 2024 start. The schedule should identify major prerequisites such as a detailed project plan with a timeline including construction, network installation, provisioning and configuration, testing, submission of closeout package with project completion report, and any other milestones that can be verified by the Commission staff. The schedule should list the following: 1) Major Milestone Description, 2) Milestone Start and End dates, 3) Milestone Risks. Additionally, the following should be identified and included:

1. A plan to encourage the use of broadband internet service, specifying activities used to encourage this use.
2. Any permit review time in the construction schedule with a reference to the government agencies that will issue the permits.

Funding Scope and Budget: A scope of work related to the funding must be provided. The scope of work should be specific to the funding requested. Provide a line item capital construction budget outlining cost of all major construction work to be performed including outside plant, electrical equipment, cabinets, customer premise equipment, etc. on the Capital Budget form attached (an electronic version of the form is available at <https://dhcd.maryland.gov/broadband>). A sample budget is included with the electronic version.

**Failure to provide a line item breakdown of the work and material quantity and costs required for the Project may result in the application being deemed ineligible.**

### Grant Funding Purposes.

Matching funds will only be considered if used for eligible grant purposes.

Grant funds may be used to finance:

- 1) Construction of open access wired internet facilities to individual public housing MDU apartment units;

- 2) Construction of fiber optic facilities to serve the public housing building;
- 3) Installation of wireless access points for free internet service (may not provide the same level of service as the wired network);
- 4) Building modifications necessary for the installation of required electronic equipment for the distribution of high-speed internet to individual apartment units and wireless access points;
- 5) Outreach to encourage broadband adoption by residents including required ACP registration assistance; and
- 6) Other construction necessary for internet service delivery.

**NOTE: All equipment purchased for this Project must be new and non-depreciated.**

### **Ineligible Grant Purposes**

- 1) Middle mile infrastructure.
- 2) Expenses related to the provision of telephone or video service which are not necessary for the delivery of Broadband Service.
- 3) Engineering design services whether in-house or consultant-based.
- 4) The purchase of land or towers, construction of buildings, towers, building renovations or tower improvements except as noted as a Match Exception; see section 4.8 for additional information.
- 5) Operating expenses.

**NOTE: Costs incurred by the applicant, or others on behalf of the applicant, for facilities, installed equipment, or other services rendered prior to submission of a completed Response shall not be considered as eligible for grant or match purposes.**

## 5. Response Process

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Please submit one (1) electronic pdf copy of your Response to [osb.md@maryland.gov](mailto:osb.md@maryland.gov) on or before December 15, 2023. "Broadband for Public Housing", the local jurisdiction name and the "Project Name" must be included in the subject line of the email.

Please identify any information contained in your Response that you contend to be proprietary or confidential. Should a request for this information be made under the Maryland Public Information Act, we consider the request for confidentiality.

## 6. Scoring Criteria

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Applications will be scored and awards made based on high to low score as funding permits. The maximum score is 40 points based on the criteria presented below.

1. **Project Description:** This evaluates the overall scope of the project, the technologies used, and should identify the need for service in the project location and the benefit of the project to the community it serves. (up to 15 points)
  - Overview of the project area and how it was determined.
  - How the project achieves universal broadband coverage in a locality, or how a project fits into a larger plan for universal broadband coverage.
  - Degree to which the proposed technology solution and the project area are clearly described; including justification of a technology solution that does not deliver or cannot be scaled to at least 100/100 speeds and the geographical, topographical, or excessive costs justifications of not delivering scalable 100/100 speeds.
  - Sufficiency of detail in the application to assess whether the proposed solution including network diagram and design is logical and capable of achieving the project goals.
  - Degree to which the task descriptions are clear, detailed, timely, and reasonable, resulting in a high likelihood that the proposed scope of work will succeed in meeting the project goals.
2. **Community Engagement Initiatives:** evaluates the level of support or engagement from the community that will be served by the funded project (up to 10 points)
  - Evidence of community support and demonstration of community engagement. This may include, but is not limited to, personalized letters of support, attendance at events/meetings demonstrating community engagement at-large, and planning/organizing events for community members; and engagement with stakeholders outside of the project team, which may include residents, businesses, community leaders, project partners, elected officials, and community broadband task forces, etc
  - Degree to which project fits into an existing community strategic plan.
  - Degree to which project will include local hires and provide opportunities for local hires such as apprenticeship programs, job fairs, and training programs.
3. **Affordability and/or Adoption Assistance:** Rewards applicants that have committed to providing service at an affordable rate (as defined by the state's criteria or at the agency's discretion), or that have included a plan or dedicated resources to increasing adoption, including through digital literacy programs and community outreach (up to 5 points)

- Service offerings and price points reflected to meet the unique needs of economically disadvantaged households and their affordability levels.
  - Will technical support or training on broadband be offered?
4. Match Contribution (up to 5 points)
- Rewards applicants that can cover a higher percentage of the project’s total costs, and therefore require less in state funding.

Match percent of eligible project costs	Points
5%	0
>5 to 10%	1
>10 to 15%	2
>15 to 20%	3
>20%	5

5. Subscriber Options (up to 5 points)
- Letter from ISP describing readiness to serve.
  - Is there a low-income broadband assistance program offering from ISP?

## 7. Project Status and Reporting

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HS-PH project grantees are required to submit a project status report within two months of the project award date and every six months thereafter, if the project has not been completed, irrespective of whether the grantee requests reimbursement or payment. The project status report must include the following:

- Project Plan and deployment schedule showing major milestones with planned and actual completion dates.
- Any variance between planned and actual dates need to support with proper reasoning.
- Project Risk Mitigation plan (Plan that identifies, evaluates, selects, and implements options in order to balance the HS-PH project cost and schedule implications associated with risk response or mitigation plan by setting risk at acceptable levels given program constraints and objectives.)
- Budget Plan with a cost line item matched with the application. Grantees must certify that each project status report submitted is true and correct under penalty of perjury. HS-PH project grantees must submit a project completion report with all required supporting

documentation in order to receive final payment. The project completion report contains, total project cost, project cost summary breakdown, project milestone deployment details, speed test results, bill of materials (BOM), invoices supporting BOM, network and low-voltage engineering and design documentation, installation and commissioning checklist, provisioning and configuration files, as-built documentation with pictures showing labels and annotations, and project expenses summary.

HS-PH project grantees are required to maintain the broadband network for a minimal period of five years after the network is installed and internet services turned on for residential use. From the date broadband network and internet services are turned on the grantees are required to submit a KPI (Key Performance Indicator) report bi-annually for a period of five years.

The KPI report includes the following:

1. Monthly Percentage Uptime of network and internet services
2. Monthly Wireless Bandwidth Utilization by the residents (the amount of internet data transferred or the usage in gigabytes on the network)
3. Monthly Number of Unique User Devices Logged-in to the wireless network by the residents to access the broadband network for internet services

## 8. Labor-Related Reporting

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Per Treasury guidelines, for projects receiving \$5 million or more in funding, the Authority must require the following:

1. A grantee may provide a certification that, for the relevant Project, all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and subcontractors in the performance of such project are paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing, as determined by the U.S. Secretary of Labor in accordance with subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code (commonly known as the “Davis-Bacon Act”), for the corresponding classes of laborers and mechanics employed on projects of a character similar to the contract work in the civil subdivision of Pennsylvania, or by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry pursuant to the Pennsylvania State Prevailing Wage Act (442 of 1961). If such certification is not provided, a grantee must provide a Project employment and local impact report detailing:
  - The number of contractors and sub-contractors working on the Project;
  - The number of employees on the Project hired directly and hired through a third party;
  - The wages and benefits of workers on the Project by classification; and Whether those wages are at rates less than those prevailing.

- Grantees must maintain sufficient records to substantiate this information upon request.
2. A grantee may provide a certification that a Project includes a project labor agreement, meaning a pre-hire collective bargaining agreement consistent with section 8(f) of the National Labor Relations Act (29 U.S.C. 158(f)). If the grantee does not provide such certification, the grantee must provide a project workforce continuity plan, detailing:
    - How the grantee will ensure the Project has ready access to a sufficient supply of appropriately skilled and unskilled labor to ensure high-quality construction throughout the life of the project, including a description of any required professional certifications and/or in-house training, registered apprenticeships, or labor-management partnership training programs, and partnerships like unions, community colleges, or community-based groups;
    - How the grantee will minimize risks of labor disputes and disruptions that would jeopardize timeliness and cost-effectiveness of the Project;
    - How the grantee will provide a safe and healthy workplace that avoids delays and costs associated with workplace illnesses, injuries, and fatalities, including descriptions of safety training, certification, and/or licensure requirements or all relevant workers (e.g., OSHA 10, OSHA 30);
    - Whether workers on the Project will receive wages and benefits that will secure an appropriately skilled workforce in the context of the local or regional labor market;
    - Whether the Project has completed a project labor agreement;
    - Whether the Project prioritizes local hires; and
    - Whether the Project has a Community Benefit Agreement. Grantees must provide a description of any such agreement.

## 9. Additional Information

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1. The OSB reserves the right to waive any formalities of the RFA process, to re-issue the RFA, to amend the RFA, to extend the dates provided herein, or to suspend the RFA as the OSB may determine, at its sole discretion, is in the best interest of the OSB.
2. No reimbursement will be made by the OSB for any costs incurred in responding to this RFA, developing or submitting responses to the RFA, or attendance at meetings or interviews.
3. The OSB reserves the absolute right to conduct such investigations as it deems necessary to assist in the evaluation of any response to the RFA, to establish the claimed participant experience, the responsibility, reliability, references, reputation, business ethics, history, qualifications and financial ability of the applicant, proposed partner(s), independent consultants and suppliers.



4. Successful applicants will be chosen based on qualifications, evaluation of Responses, and a possible interview. The OSB reserves the right to conduct such discussions or negotiations as it deems necessary to assist in the evaluation of any proposal, to secure maximum clarification and completeness of any proposal, and to select the Responses that best meet the requirements of the OSB and the public interest.
5. All awardees will be required to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) that outlines the obligations of the awardee and State to the Project.
6. Questions should be addressed to Ronnie Hammond, Program Manager, Office of Statewide Broadband at [ronnie.hammond@maryland.gov](mailto:ronnie.hammond@maryland.gov) or 301-429-7514.

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**Project Construction Budget**

Budget Category <i>Budget Line item</i>	Unit	No. of Units	Unit cost	Total	Grant	Match	Other Funding *	Description
<b><u>BROADBAND NETWORK</u></b>								<b>Note:</b> These items are general in nature, applicants should modify as required to describe their specific project.
Electronic Equipment (cabinets, switches, routers, wireless access points, etc.)								
<i>Provide specific type of equipment to be funded</i>	EA							
Location Upgrades (fiber, coaxial, copper, etc.)								
<i>Provide specific types of material to be funded including fiber line size or other identifying informaton</i>	LF							
Middle Mile/Interconnection Outside plant - (fiber, coaxial, copper, etc.) <i>**If applicable</i>								
<i>Provide specific types of material to be funded including fiber line size or other identifying informaton</i>	LF							
Customer premises equipment								
<i>Provide a description of CPE to be funded</i>	EA							
Buildings – <u>minor</u> construction or renovation	EA							
<i>Provide description of building purchase or improvement to be funded</i>								
Engineering								
<i>Engineering costs must be tied to a Funded Capital Asset</i>	LS							
<i>Add lines as necessary to provide a full construction budget for the constructed network</i>								
<b>Total Broadband System</b>				<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b><u>OTHER CONSTRUCTION RELATED COSTS</u></b>								
<i>Provide a complete description of Other construction related costs</i>								
<b>Total Other Costs</b>				<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b><u>SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES</u></b>								
Broadband Network				<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
Other				<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL PROJECT CONSTRUCTION COSTS</b>				<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	

\* to be used for ineligible items necessary for the project



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**FY24 Grant Application Form**

*(additional information required – see RFA for all application requirements)*

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Information

Jurisdictional Legal Name (must match W9):

\_\_\_\_\_

Federal EIN Number: \_\_\_\_\_ SAM.gov UEI Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*Attach a copy of your most current IRS W-9 Form*

Address:

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Information

Estimated Funding:

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

ISP: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Partner/Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Total: \_\_\_\_\_



Proposed Funded Service Location:

***Location(s) must be publicly owned affordable housing units identified as having a need for additional broadband investment. This is to include lack of access to a connection that reliably meets or exceeds 100 Mbps download and 20Mbps upload speeds, lack of affordable access to broadband service, or lack of reliable broadband.***

Project Location Address

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Units in Location: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Residents at Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Grant Speed:

***Minimum service speeds of 100 Mbps download by 100 Mbps upload speeds (with exceptions) with a maximum of 50ms latency must be available to all end users within the PFSA.***

Technology used to serve the subscriber:

*Check all that apply*

Fiber Optics to the Premise

Coax to the Premise

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe how this location was identified for this project

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## LOCAL JURISDICTIONAL APPLICANT

### CERTIFICATION OF GRANT APPLICATION REVIEW

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information provided in this Application is true and correct. I further certify that I have reviewed the Request for Applications, FY24 Broadband for Public Housing Funding Program documentation including eligibility of costs and expansion areas and have discussed these requirements with our ISP partner.

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*Signed*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

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*Typed Name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Title*

#### Contact Information

*This should be the primary contact for the person coordinating all elements of this application for the Applicant. This is the person the Office will contact with any questions regarding the application.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_