Broadband Opportunity Program Round 2

Statewide Technical Assistance Webinar Q&A

Q: Do you have a Local Technology Planning Team (LTPT) contact list that you can distribute?

A: For the latest LTPT contact list, please email Broadband@DEO.MyFlorida.com.

Q: How do we participate in the LTPT meetings?

A: Please email <u>Broadband@DEO.MyFlorida.com</u> for a list of LTPT leaders. Schedules of LTPT meetings and how to get involved can be obtained through these team leads.

Q: Will you share the Broadband Opportunity Program Statewide Technical Assistance Webinar slides?

A: Yes, the slides are available on the Office of Broadband website.

Q: Is there an anticipated date to release the remaining Broadband Opportunity Grant Program Round 1/Capital Projects Fund Broadband Infrastructure Program awards?

A: The Capital Projects Fund- Broadband Infrastructure Program awards will be announced in late June 2023. The first round of Broadband Opportunity Program awards were announced on <u>February 2, 2023</u>, <u>April 10, 2023</u>, and <u>May 26, 2023</u>. The second application window for the Broadband Opportunity Program will close on July 14, 2023, and awards are expected to be announced in January 2024.

Q: What are the minimum speed requirements for program eligibility?

A: Areas with speeds less than 25/3 Mbps are eligible for the Broadband Opportunity Program.

Q: Does the Broadband Opportunity Program require a 50 percent match or can the grant award include a 100 percent funded project?

A: There is no match requirement. Private investment and leverage are encouraged and taken into consideration during the review of the application. A project can be funded at 100 percent when that amount does not exceed five million dollars and does not utilize other public funds.

Q: What are the priority areas in Florida for the Broadband Opportunity Program Round 2 application window?

A: The Broadband Opportunity Program prioritizes unserved areas in Florida.

Q: Will there be an updated map that we can use to find an eligible area?

A: A map is currently being developed and we anticipate its release at the end of the summer. Please reach out to the Florida Office of Broadband if you have any questions regarding eligibility of specific areas via email at Broadband@DEO.MyFlorida.com.

Q: Can you provide address level technology data?

A: We encourage Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to share their data.

Q: Can the project cost go above five million dollars if the rest is covered by private funds?

A: Yes, the State of Florida can fund up to \$5 million for a project through the Broadband Opportunity Program and the total project cost can exceed that amount.

Q: Can a Keyhole Markup Language Zipped (KMZ) file of the Florida map be obtained with location points?

A: For specific mapping questions, email Broadband@DEO.MyFlorida.com.

Q: If we filed an application for Capital Projects Fund Broadband Infrastructure Program, do we need to resubmit a new application for Broadband Opportunity Grant Program while final awards are pending?

A: Please submit an application for the Broadband Opportunity Program if you have not been awarded funds for the Capital Projects Fund Broadband Infrastructure Program. If an application is submitted for the Broadband Opportunity Program and the ISP is later awarded funding for the Capital Projects Fund Broadband Infrastructure Program, we will withdraw all or a portion of the application as applicable.