

# Idaho Broadband Advisory Board

## Idaho Broadband Fund Grants

December 22, 2022 – January 2, 2023

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### Idaho Broadband Fund Grant Guidelines, Instructions and Questions

- 1) The Board will be prioritizing projects that have the following characteristics:
  - a. Middle-mile;
  - b. Shovel Ready; and
  - c. Significant Financial Match.The Board's consideration of these characteristics is discretionary. The Board may weigh and evaluate the characteristics in any manner determined by the Board.
- 2) For guidance on application submissions and content, please review the document [here](#) and the Board's [Strategic Plan](#).
- 3) All proposals submitted during the Board's RFI and posted [here](#) will be considered for these monies and no new application is required. However, previously submitted proposals under the recent RFI may be updated/modified for resubmission **AND all applicants must submit responses to the three questions below.**
- 4) The Board's decision to award funds is final and no challenges will be considered by the Board. Submitted proposals will be posted online for public comment prior to the award of funds. The comment period will run from noon (MT) on Wednesday, January 4, 2023, until noon (MT) on Friday, January 6, 2023. Any party wishing to comment in favor or against a proposal may submit comments during the open comment period. Comments may not be used by a proposer to amend their proposal. Interested parties are cautioned that the Board may take no testimony or may limit comments at the Board meeting. Interested parties are encouraged to submit comments during the comment period.
- 5) The Board is not obligated to spend the entirety of the approximately \$35 million in the Idaho Broadband Fund.
- 6) The Board will make final decisions concerning the recipients and amount of funds awarded during an open meeting.
- 7) Any and all grant awards are at the complete discretion of the Board. No proposer has a right to the award of funds by the Board. There will be an open, public comment period on any funding decisions made at the January 11, 2023, Board meeting. If funding actions are taken, the comment period will run from January 12, 2023, through January 19, 2023.

- 8) For consideration by the Board, all proposals must be submitted by 11:59pm (MT) on Monday, January 2, 2023.
- 9) Please submit proposals and comments to: COM Broadband:  
[broadband@commerce.idaho.gov](mailto:broadband@commerce.idaho.gov)
- 10) For questions, please contact:

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### **Application Questions**

Please summarize and explain how this project meets the Board's priority of middle-mile broadband infrastructure.

Please summarize and explain how this project meets the Board's priority of being shovel ready.

Please summarize and explain how this project meets the Board's priority of having significant financial match.