



Washington State Broadband Office

Matching Grants-for federal funding

Application Guidelines

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WSBO MATCHING GRANTS- TO FEDERAL PROGRAMS

The Washington State Broadband Office (WSBO) is authorized by state statute ([RCW 43.330.534](#)) funding opportunities to local governments, tribes, public and private entities, nonprofit organizations, and consumer-owned and investor-owned utilities to develop strategies and plans promoting deployment of broadband infrastructure and greater broadband access to unserved and underserved areas of the state.

Matching Grants for Federal Funding

There is approximately \$ 25 million set-aside for Matching Grant applications. This is an "open cycle" on a first come, first serve basis, until funds are exhausted. There is a maximum \$5 million dollar million or 25 percent of the federal grant amount sought, whichever is less.

Match grant awards will be committed to eligible applicants with broadband projects that are strong candidates for the federal funding opportunity sought.

Eligible projects: eligible entities applying for federal broadband infrastructure funding. Examples include, but are not limited to, funding opportunities by:

- National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)
- USDA ReConnect
- Economic Development Administration

Eligible applicants:

- Units of local government, including but not limited to ports and public utility districts;
- Federally recognized Tribes;
- Nonprofit organizations;
- Nonprofit cooperative organizations; and
- Public-private partnerships.

Applicants must:

- Identify the federal funding program the match will support;
- Include a project budget that demonstrates the total project cost and all anticipated funding sources and their status (applied for, secured);
- Provide adequate information to all for a project evaluation, to determine if the project is a strong candidate for the federal funding source.

Priority will be given to projects that have received funding from the Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) or the Public Works Board (PWB) for a previous phase of the same project or a related project.

Awards for matching funds are contingent upon the applicant successfully securing the federal grant award sought.

Online application instructions

Applications for WSBO Matching Grants for federal funding will be submitted electronically through ZoomGrants. Paper copies will not be accepted.

Click [Apply for WSBO Matching funds via ZoomGrants](#) to reach the ZoomGrants website. If you have a ZoomGrants account, log in and follow the instructions. If you are a new user, complete the required information for a new ZoomGrants account

to create a profile. Please do not use "The" as the first word in the agency name. Once the agency profile has been created, select the WSBO Matching Grants you wish to apply for, check the "apply" button, and start your proposal. Answers are automatically saved.

WSBO Matching Grants for federal funding applications can be submitted anytime, until funds are exhausted.

Questions about the content of your application:

Contact Tammy Mastro, Broadband Infrastructure Programs Senior Specialist, by emailing tammy.mastro@commerce.wa.gov or 360-791-2805.

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