

COMPARISON CHART OF BROADBAND TECHNOLOGY OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM (BTOP) CHANGES BETWEEN ROUND ONE AND ROUND TWO

Round Two changes are highlighted in red

BTOP Program Requirement	Round One	Round Two
Relationship with Rural Utilities Services Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP)	<p>Joint Application</p> <p>Joint NoFA</p> <p>Interagency Collaboration</p> <p>Ability to apply to both BIP/BTOP in a single application</p>	<p>Separate Application</p> <p>Separate NoFA</p> <p>Interagency Collaboration</p> <p>Must choose between BTOP or BIP per project</p>
Project Type		
Project Type	<p>Last Mile and Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure (BI) projects</p> <p>Public Computing Centers</p> <p>Sustainable Broadband Adoption</p>	<p>Comprehensive Community Infrastructure (CCI) (Priority on Middle Mile projects)</p> <p>Public Computing Centers</p> <p>Sustainable Broadband Adoption</p>
Community Anchor Institution focus	BTOP solicited projects connecting schools, libraries, medical and healthcare providers, public safety and community colleges and other higher learning institutions.	BTOP seeks projects that connect the same types of community anchor institutions but have placed a special emphasis on projects involving community colleges.
Application Review Process		
Initial Eligibility Determination	<p>For Round One, initial eligibility required:</p> <p>Eligible Entity status</p> <p>Fully completed application</p> <p>Capital match</p> <p>Timely completion</p> <p>Technical feasibility</p>	<p>For Round Two, initial eligibility requires only the following three elements:</p> <p>Eligible Entity Status</p> <p>Fully completed application</p> <p>Capital match</p> <p>BTOP will consider other criteria during the evaluation and due diligence review</p>

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Capital Match	≥ 20% (unless waiver)	≥ 20% but signaled preferences for applications that have a match ≥ 30% (Waiver still available)
Mapping Info	Report service area by census block Use of online tool required	Report service area by Census tracts and block groups Use of online tool no longer required
Pro Forma Forecast to assess sustainability	5 Year	8 year
Non-discrimination and interconnection	Same	Same
Definitional Changes		
Economically Distressed Area	N/A	An area is economically distressed if per capita income is 80 percent or less and unemployment is at least 1% greater than the national average. Designated projects targeting these areas are third in importance for CCI projects.
Last Mile	Any infrastructure project that delivers broadband service to end user or end-user devices	NTIA has provided a specific definition for Last Mile. (See NOFA Section III)
Funding Round Information		
NoFA publication to Application Submission Deadline	43 days [49 days w/ extension]	59 days
Available Funding	\$1.6 billion Breakdown \$1.2 bil for BI \$50 mil for PCC \$150 mil for SBA \$200 mil for National Reserve	\$2.6 billion total available Breakdown \$2.35 bil for CCI \$150 mil for PCC \$100 mil for SBA
Project Size Guidelines	None provided	CCI: \$5 mil - \$150 mil PCC: \$500k - \$15 mil SBA: \$500k - \$15 mil