**Broadband Matching Grant Initiative**

*Fund Application (Form BMGI-01)*

Dear applicant,

The Broadband Matching Grant Initiative (BMGI) Fund was established upon passage of Senate Bill 85 and House Bill 2 in 2021 (and revised by Senate Bill 445 in 2022). Since its enactment, the Department of Business and Economic Affairs (BEA) has worked diligently to develop a program that best reflects the intent of the Legislature and the needs of our state’s unserved and underserved broadband population. We are proud to help municipalities, communication districts, and internet service providers (ISPs) work together to address these gaps and enhance the economic development in our communities.

The following is the application for the BMGI Fund, which is the first step in submitting a package of information to BEA for consideration of funds. Included with this application are both the state law and administrative rules for the BMGI Fund.

Submit the package of information via email, Microsoft Office®, and/or .pdf format, to broadband@livefree.nh.gov. You may also mail or hand-deliver the packet to our office address listed below.

**Please review the laws and rules before applying.** If you have any questions or concerns, please email or call Matt Conserva, broadband program manager, at 603.271.4963.

Thank you,

Taylor Caswell

Commissioner – Business and Economic Affairs

**Broadband Matching Grant Initiative Fund Application**

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Contact person submitting application: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Representing (name of municipality, ISP, or communication district): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City, state, zip code: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone no. and email address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

ISP doing work in political subdivision or communication district: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Which entity will own broadband infrastructure? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Political subdivision(s) provider will serve: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION**

Has construction started on this project? (if yes, add date of construction start and estimated % completed; if no: add expected date of project start): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Expected date of project end: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Total 2020 Census population of political subdivision(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Population of unserved and underserved in eligible service area: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Percent of political subdivision(s) population in unserved and underserved areas: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_%

Technology used in buildout (i.e., fiber, copper): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Est. miles of fiber/cooper to be deployed in the eligible service area: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Will available speeds for every location be 100/100 symmetrical? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If no, estimated date speeds every location will scale up to 100/100 speeds? (*Include justification statement on separate document for why 100/100 speeds cannot immediately be achieved*): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**ESTIMATED PROJECT IMPACT**

Complete the table below with the estimated impact of the project. The column “Total Number Served” should capture all beneficiaries of the project, regardless of eligibility based on existing service access. All other columns should reflect ONLY the number of beneficiaries who do not have access to minimum of 25Mbps/3Mbps upload/download speeds before the project, and an estimate of the standard reliable speed the beneficiary will have the opportunity to access after project completion.

|  | **Currently** | **Post-Buildout** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Type of beneficiary** | **# ≤25/3 Mbps** | **# <100/20 Mbps** | **#≥100/20 Mbps** | **# ≥100/20 Mbps** | **# ≥100/100 Mbps** |
| *Example* | *20* | *100* | *20* | *120* | *120* |
| Households |  |  |  |  |  |
| Businesses |  |  |  |  |  |
| Elementary schools |  |  |  |  |  |
| Secondary schools |  |  |  |  |  |
| Higher ed. institutions |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public libraries |  |  |  |  |  |
| Healthcare facilities |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public safety organizations |  |  |  |  |  |
| **TOTAL** |  |  |  |  |  |

**ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS**

Total est. project costs (includes ineligible expenditures, such as infrastructure upgrades in areas not eligible for BMGI): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Summary of eligible costs within the eligible service area (please complete the table below):

*These are costs for a project that meet the requirements as prescribed by state and federal guidance. For example, if a project cost $1M but only $500k is used to bring access to unserved/underserved parts of the community, these costs should summarize costs proportional to bringing service to allowable groups.*

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| Est. planning costs | $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Est. construction costs | $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| *Est. cost per passing* | *$\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* |
| *Est. cost per mile of wiring* | *$\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* |
| Est. costs for utility pole access | $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Est. other costs (includes admin) | $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **TOTAL EST. ELIGIBLE COSTS** | **$\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |

Amount applicant is applying for through BMGI Fund: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Percent of eligible costs applicant is applying for (no more than 75 percent): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_%

Will any part of the project be financed through bonding? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Will part of the project be financed through federal funds (if yes, how much)? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

RDOF funds received within eligible service area (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

LFRF funds allocated toward broadband within eligible service area (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**PROVIDER PROGRAM COSTS (\* *May be submitted on separate sheet \*)***

Number of service tiers offered (separate between residential and business): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Description of each tier (download speed, upload speed, price): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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If applicable, description of “low-cost option” tier (speeds, price, qualifications): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Will the ISP participate in the FCC Affordable Connectivity Program: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*If there is an overbuild within the eligible service district, please explain rationale and costs – here or in separate document.* ***Any connections to locations that already have broadband service are not eligible for funding.***

**Service Provider**

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**ISP Representative (sign then print)**

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**Date**

**Municipality/Communication District**

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**Chair of Governing Board (sign then print)**

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*If more municipalities are represented by this application, please have remaining chairs of the other municipalities sign and date on separate pages.* ***This is not necessary if multiple towns are working within a communication district.***