



Broadband Grant Pre-application Review Worksheet

When **planning** to apply for the Wyoming State Broadband Infrastructure Grant Fund, the project coordinator should submit the following worksheet with the required information to the Wyoming State Broadband Manager: russ.elliott@wyo.gov.

Location: _____ Contact: _____ Tel: _____

Name of project: _____

In most instances, (there are limited exceptions) you will need to apply for a broadband grant as a Public/Private partnership. Please describe your Public/Private Partnership (what parties are involved?):

If additional space is needed please attach a page.

In order to qualify for this grant fund, you must be able to demonstrate that the community or location for which you are applying for the grant is “Unserved” – unserved is defined as a proposed broadband project area where there is no residential terrestrial (excluding mobile and satellite broadband) broadband offering or the available residential terrestrial broadband offering has a maximum download speed of 10Mbps and/or a maximum upload of 1Mbps upload speed. For “Business Corridor” (Main Street) unserved is where the maximum terrestrial broadband service download speed is 25Mbps and 3Mbps upload.

Please provide your explanation as to why you believe you qualify as unserved by offering up documentation from the area providers or by providing a sample of speed tests that can prove speeds as outlined above:

If additional space is needed please attach a page.

Number of households that will benefit: _____

Number of businesses that will benefit: _____

(Please attach to this form a map of the area you are outlining)

Public Representative:

Signature Printed Date

Private Representative:

Signature Printed Date

For support with this document, please contact your Wyoming Business Council Regional Representative <http://www.wyomingbusiness.org/contacts> or Russ Elliott, Wyoming State Broadband manager at 307-777-6430 or email at russ.elliott@wyo.gov

Wyoming State Broadband Infrastructure Grant Fund Information Page

The Wyoming State Broadband Infrastructure Grant Fund was established through legislation in 2018 to assist Wyoming residents and businesses that are receiving limited to no broadband services in their city or region, along with the stipulation that there are no plans for future builds by regional providers to bridge that gap in service.

The application process is very detailed and requires extensive project information, detailed research and notification. The purpose of this pre-application is to determine whether your project would be considered UNSERVED as defined by legislation prior to investing time and energy into the lengthy application process.

Instructions:

Location – Location you plan to build or serve

Contact – Person who is filling this form out or who has detailed understanding of project

Project name – Does this project have a name, list here if not N/A

Describe your public/private partnership – Eligible applicants will typically need to form a public/private partnership which means there is going to be a private provider (a business entity authorized to be formed under title 17 of the Wyoming statutes, or the laws of another state that are the functional equivalent, which is authorized to transact business in this state and has experience installing broadband infrastructure and providing broadband services in rural areas). along with a public entity such as a city, county, joint powers board or tribe in the state of Wyoming. There are limited exceptions to this requirement. If you believe you qualify for the limited exception, please contact the broadband coordinator to discuss.

Demonstrate UNSERVED – This is where there needs to be an effort on the applicant's behalf to show the proposed area of service is in fact unserved per the definition of unserved in the legislation.

Unserved is defined as an area where the maximum terrestrial (not mobile or satellite) internet speed available:

- a. To residential customers is ten (10) megabits per second download and one (1) megabit per second upload;
- b. To a business corridor within a municipality:
 - i. With a population of less than two thousand (2,000), is twenty-five (25) megabits per second download and three (3) megabits per second upload;
 - ii. With a population of two thousand (2,000) or more, is fifty (50) megabits per second download and five (5) megabits per second upload.
- c. To a business corridor in an unincorporated area of a county, is twenty-five (25) megabits per second download and three (3) megabits per second upload.

To prove your proposed project area is Unserved, speed tests and provider offerings will need to be provided to see that the speeds fall at or under these defined speeds and that the provider who currently offers service in that region does not have an offering that exceeds the above defined speeds. In addition, an application may become ineligible if the current provider has a plan to upgrade the service to exceed the foregoing speeds in that area in the next 24 months.

Number of households that will benefit – Estimate the number of business customers your project will impact.

Number of businesses that will benefit - Estimate the number of residential customers your project will impact.

Attach a map of the proposed service area – This can be an image, PDF or drawing outlining your project coverage area

Notify – Within 7-10 business days you will be notified whether to proceed to take the next steps to complete an application.

Regional Director Consultation- The regional director in your area must be consulted. This pre-application will be considered incomplete without the Regional Director signature.

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Regional Director signature:

Date: _____