

2.4.2.1 As a required attachment, submit the scoring rubric to be used in the subgrantee selection process for deployment projects. Eligible Entities may use the template provided by NTIA or use their own format for the scoring rubric.

Rounds One and Two Priority Project Scoring Rubric

Primary Criteria:			
Minimal BEAD Program Outlay	To determine the BEAD funding needed for a project, both projected costs and the subgrantee's proposed match (minimum 25% of project cost) will be accounted for. Points or credits will increase as BEAD costs decrease. MBI shall also consider the cost per location and any factors that may impact the project's scalability or resilience.	30% (60 points)	75% (150 points)
Affordability	The prospective subgrantee's commitment to provide the most affordable total price to the customer for 1 Gbps/1 Gbps service in the project area.	30% (60 points)	
Fair Labor Practices	MBI shall prioritize projects based on prospective subgrantees' compliance with federal labor and employment laws. New entrants without a compliance record may make specific commitments to strong labor and employment standards to mitigate this. Section IV.C.1.e of the NOFO provides more details about this prioritization requirement.	15% (30 points)	
Secondary Criteria:			
Speed To Deployment	All subgrantees that receive BEAD Program funds for network deployment must deploy the planned broadband network and begin providing services to each customer that desires broadband services within the project area not later than four years after the date on which the subgrantee receives the subgrant from MBI. MBI shall give secondary criterion prioritization weight to the prospective subgrantee's binding commitment to provide service by an earlier date certain, subject to contractual penalties to MBI, with greater benefits awarded to applicants promising an earlier service provision date.	5% (10 points)	25% (50 points)
Serving CAIs	Servicing CAIs as part of Round One projects will not be mandatory but is strongly encouraged and incentive by MBI. This scoring criteria will assess the percentage of CAIs within the project area that will be served as part of the proposed project.	5% (10 points)	
Low-Cost Plans	MBI will allocate points for committed service pricing of the low-cost plan below \$30/month.	10% (20 points)	
Serving MDUs at Enterprise Level	This scoring criteria will award points if applicants plan to offer service at an enterprise level for MDUs. Full points will be awarded if the applicant can commit to offering this service option.	5% (10 points)	

Primary Criteria

Minimal BEAD Program Outlay – 60 points

Scoring criteria are included below:

Total project cost: 20 points

Criteria	Score
Project cost is > +25% of cost estimate	0
Project cost is +25% to + 16% of cost estimate	5

Project cost is +15% to 0% of cost estimate	7
Project cost is -0.1% to -15% of cost estimate	10
Project cost is -16% to -25% of cost estimate	15
Project cost is < -25% of cost estimate	20

Grant to Project Cost (ratio of requested grant funds): 40 points

Criteria	Score
> 65% to ≤ 75% of Total Project Cost	0
> 55% to ≤ 65% of Total Project Cost	8
> 45% to ≤ 55% of Total Project Cost	16
> 35% to ≤ 45% of Total Project Cost	24
> 25% to ≤ 35% of Total Project Cost	32
≤ 25% of Total Project Cost	40

Affordability – 60 points

Affordability of 1 Gbps/1 Gbps service, for Priority Broadband Projects.

The scoring rubric is included below:

Criteria	Score
> \$100.00/month	0
\$100.00-\$95.00/month	25
\$94.99-\$90.00/month	30
\$89.99-\$85.00/month	40
\$84.99-\$80.00/month	50
<\$80/month	60

Fair Labor Practices – 30 points

The scoring rubric is included below:

Criteria	Score
Using a directly employed workforce, as opposed to a subcontracted workforce	3
Paying prevailing wages and benefits to workers, including compliance with Davis Bacon and Service Contract Act requirements	3
Using project labor agreements (i.e., pre-hire collective bargaining agreements between unions and contractors that govern terms and conditions of employment for all workers on a construction project)	3
Use of local hire provisions	3
Commitments to union neutrality	3
Use of labor peace agreements	3

Provide evidence of an appropriately skilled workforce using one of the following examples: through Registered Apprenticeships or other joint labor-management training programs that serve all workers, particularly those underrepresented or historically excluded, etc.	3
Demonstrated commitment to engage with and recruit historically underrepresented populations	3
Provide evidence of an appropriately credentialed workforce using one of the following examples: satisfying requirements for appropriate and relevant pre-existing occupational training, certification, and licensure, etc.	3
Provide evidence of a plan to prevent the misclassification of workers	3

Secondary Scoring Criteria

Speed To Deployment – 10 points for Priority Project

The scoring rubric is included below:

Criteria	Score
>42 months	0
36 - 42 months	2.5
30 - < 36 months	5
24 - < 30 months	7.5
< 24 months	10

Serving CAIs – 10 points for Priority Project

The scoring rubric is included below:

Criteria	Score
0%	0
1% to 49%	2.5
50% to 74%	5
75% to 99%	7.5
100%	10

Low-Cost Plans – 20 points for Priority Project

The scoring rubric is included below:

Criteria	Score
> \$30.00/month	0
\$30.00-\$20.00/month	10
\$19.99-\$10.00/month	15
<\$10.00/month	20

Serving MDUs at the Enterprise Level – 10 points for Priority Project

The scoring rubric is included below:

Criteria	Score
Commitment to offer Enterprise Level Agreements for 5 years	2
Commitment to offer Enterprise Level Agreements for 10 years	5
Commitment to offer Enterprise Level Agreements for the life of the BEAD funded network	10

Rounds One and Two All Other Last Mile Deployment Project Scoring Rubric

Primary Criteria:			
Minimal BEAD Program Outlay	To determine the BEAD funding needed for a project, both projected costs and the subgrantee's proposed match (minimum 25% of project cost) will be accounted for. Points or credits will increase as BEAD costs decrease. MBI shall also consider the cost per location and any factors that may impact the project's scalability or resilience.	32.5% (65 points)	75% (150 points)
Affordability	Prospective subgrantee's commitment to providing the most affordable 100/20 Mbps service in the proposed area	32.5% (65 points)	
Fair Labor Practices	MBI shall prioritize projects based on prospective subgrantees' compliance with federal labor and employment laws. New entrants without a compliance record may make specific commitments to strong labor and employment standards to mitigate this. Section IV.C.1.e of the NOFO provides more details about this prioritization requirement.	10% (20 points)	
Secondary Criteria:			
Speed of Network and Other Technical Capacities	Applications proposing easily scalable technologies with longer asset cycles and lower future investment should be favored over those with costlier upgrades and shorter asset cycles.	5% (10 points)	25% (50 points)
Speed To Deployment	All subgrantees that receive BEAD Program funds for network deployment must deploy the planned broadband network and begin providing services to each customer that desires broadband services within the project area not later than four years after the date on which the subgrantee receives the subgrant from MBI. MBI shall give secondary criterion prioritization weight to the prospective subgrantee's binding commitment to provide service by an earlier date certain, subject to contractual penalties to MBI, with greater benefits awarded to applicants promising an earlier service provision date.	4% (8 points)	
Serving CAIs	Servicing CAIs as part of Round One projects will not be mandatory but is strongly encouraged and incentivized by MBI. This scoring criteria will assess the percentage of CAIs within the project area that will be served as part of the proposed project.	4% (8 points)	

Low-Cost Plans	MBI will allocate points for committed service pricing of the low-cost plan below \$30/month	8% (16 points)	
Serving MDUs at Enterprise Level	This scoring criteria will award points if applicants plan to server service at an enterprise level for MDUs. Full points will be awarded if the applicant can commit to offering this service option.	4% (8 points)	

Minimal BEAD Program Outlay – 65 points

Scoring criteria are included below:

Total project cost: 20 points

Criteria	Score
Project cost is > +25% of cost estimate	0
Project cost is +25% to + 16% of cost estimate	5
Project cost is +15% to 0% of cost estimate	7
Project cost is -0.1% to -15% of cost estimate	10
Project cost is -16% to -25% of cost estimate	15
Project cost is < -25% of cost estimate	20

Grant to Project Cost (ratio of requested grant funds): 45 points

Criteria	Score
> 65% to ≤ 75% of Total Project Cost	0
> 55% to ≤ 65% of Total Project Cost	9
> 45% to ≤ 55% of Total Project Cost	18
> 35% to ≤ 45% of Total Project Cost	27
> 25% to ≤ 35% of Total Project Cost	36
≤ 25% of Total Project Cost	45

Affordability – 65 points

Affordability of 100 Mbps/20 Mbps service, for Non-Priority Broadband Projects.

The scoring rubric is included below:

Criteria	Score
> \$75.00/month	0
\$75.00-\$70.00/month	30
\$69.99-\$65.00/month	35
\$64.99-\$60.00/month	45
\$59.99-\$50.00/month	55
<\$50/month	65

Fair Labor Practices – 20 points

The scoring rubric is included below:

Criteria	Score
Using a directly employed workforce, as opposed to a subcontracted workforce	2

Paying prevailing wages and benefits to workers, including compliance with Davis Bacon and Service Contract Act requirements	2
Using project labor agreements (i.e., pre-hire collective bargaining agreements between unions and contractors that govern terms and conditions of employment for all workers on a construction project)	2
Use of local hire provisions	2
Commitments to union neutrality	2
Use of labor peace agreements	2
Provide evidence of an appropriately skilled workforce using one of the following examples: through Registered Apprenticeships or other joint labor-management training programs that serve all workers, particularly those underrepresented or historically excluded, etc.	2
Provide evidence of an appropriately credentialed workforce using one of the following examples: satisfying requirements for appropriate and relevant pre-existing occupational training, certification, and licensure, etc.	2
Provide evidence of a plan to prevent the misclassification of workers	2
Demonstrated commitment to engage with and recruit historically underrepresented populations	2

Secondary Scoring Criteria

Speed of Network and Other Technical Capacities (Applies only to Other Last Mile Deployment Projects) - 10 points for Other Last Mile Deployment Project

The scoring rubric is included below:

Speed - 5 points

Criteria	Score
Minimum 100 download / 20 upload (Mbps)	0
Minimum 200 download / 50 upload (Mbps)	2
Minimum 400 download / 100 upload (Mbps)	3
Minimum 1000 download / 250 upload (Mbps)	4
Minimum 1000 download / 1000 upload (Mbps)	5

Technology - 5 points

Criteria	Score
Low Earth (LEO) satellite	0
Wireless using unlicensed spectrum	1
Wireless using licensed spectrum	2
Hybrid fiber coaxial (HFC)	3
Fiber to the Home (FTTH)	5

Speed To Deployment - 8 points for Other Last Mile Deployment Project

The scoring rubric is included below:

Criteria	Score
>42 months	0
36 - 42 months	2
30 - < 36 months	4
24 - < 30 months	6
< 24 months	8

Serving CAIs – 8 points for Other Last Mile Deployment Project

The scoring rubric is included below:

Criteria	Score
0%	0
1% to 49%	2
50% to 74%	4
75% to 99%	6
100%	8

Low-Cost Plans – 16 points for Other Last Mile Deployment Project

The scoring rubric is included below:

Criteria	Score
> \$30.00/month	0
\$30.00-\$20.00/month	4
\$19.99-\$10.00/month	10
<\$10.00/month	16

Serving MDUs at the Enterprise Level – 8 points for Other Last Mile Deployment Project

The scoring rubric is included below:

Criteria	Score
Commitment to offer Enterprise Level Agreements for 5 years	2
Commitment to offer Enterprise Level Agreements for 10 years	5
Commitment to offer Enterprise Level Agreements for the life of the BEAD funded network	8

Round Three CAI Scoring Rubric

Primary Criteria:			
Minimal BEAD Program Outlay	To determine the BEAD funding needed for a project, both projected costs and the subgrantee's proposed match (minimum 25% of project cost) will be accounted for. Points or credits will increase as BEAD costs decrease. MBI shall also consider the cost per location and any factors that may impact the project's scalability or resilience.	30% (60 points)	75% (150 points)

Affordability	Prospective subgrantee's commitment to providing the most affordable 100/20 Mbps service in the proposed area	30% (60 points)	
Fair Labor Practices	MBI shall prioritize projects based on prospective subgrantees' compliance with federal labor and employment laws. New entrants without a compliance record may make specific commitments to strong labor and employment standards to mitigate this. Section IV.C.1.e of the NOFO provides more details about this prioritization requirement.	15% (30 points)	
Secondary Criteria:			
Speed To Deployment	All subgrantees that receive BEAD Program funds for network deployment must deploy the planned broadband network and begin providing services to each customer that desires broadband services within the project area not later than four years after the date on which the subgrantee receives the subgrant from MBI. MBI shall give secondary criterion prioritization weight to the prospective subgrantee's binding commitment to provide service by an earlier date certain, subject to contractual penalties to MBI, with greater benefits awarded to applicants promising an earlier service provision date.	12.5% (25 points)	25% (50 points)
Creativity and Innovation	MBI shall prioritize projects that demonstrate, by means of a strong and persuasive narrative, that if successful, they would create an innovative program that contributes to connectivity and digital equity, and that other CAIs might wish to imitate (Wi-Fi access points, etc.)	12.5% (25 points)	

Minimal BEAD Program Outlay – 60 points

Scoring criteria are included below:

Total project cost: 20 points

Criteria	Score
Project cost is > +25% of cost estimate	0
Project cost is +25% to + 16% of cost estimate	5
Project cost is +15% to 0% of cost estimate	7
Project cost is -0.1% to -15% of cost estimate	10
Project cost is -16% to -25% of cost estimate	15
Project cost is < -25% of cost estimate	20

Grant to Project Cost (ratio of requested grant funds): 40 points

Criteria	Score
> 65% to ≤ 75% of Total Project Cost	0
> 55% to ≤ 65% of Total Project Cost	10
> 45% to ≤ 55% of Total Project Cost	15
> 35% to ≤ 45% of Total Project Cost	20
> 25% to ≤ 35% of Total Project Cost	30
≤ 25% of Total Project Cost	40

Affordability – 60 points

Affordability of 1 Gbps/1 Gbps service, for CAI Projects.

The scoring rubric is included below:

Criteria	Score
> \$100.00/month	0
\$100.00-\$95.00/month	12
\$94.99-\$90.00/month	24
\$89.99-\$85.00/month	36
\$84.99-\$80.00/month	48
<\$80/month	60

Fair Labor Practices – 30 points

The scoring rubric is included below:

Criteria	Score
Using a directly employed workforce, as opposed to a subcontracted workforce	3
Paying prevailing wages and benefits to workers, including compliance with Davis Bacon and Service Contract Act requirements	3
Using project labor agreements (i.e., pre-hire collective bargaining agreements between unions and contractors that govern terms and conditions of employment for all workers on a construction project)	3
Use of local hire provisions	3
Commitments to union neutrality	3
Use of labor peace agreements	3
Provide evidence of an appropriately skilled workforce using one of the following examples: through Registered Apprenticeships or other joint labor-management training programs that serve all workers, particularly those underrepresented or historically excluded, etc.	3
Provide evidence of an appropriately credentialed workforce using one of the following examples: satisfying requirements for appropriate and relevant pre-existing occupational training, certification, and licensure, etc.	3
Provide evidence of a plan to prevent the misclassification of workers	3
Demonstrated commitment to engage with and recruit historically underrepresented populations	3

Speed To Deployment – 25 points

The scoring rubric is included below:

Criteria	Score
>42 months	0
36 - 42 months	5
30 - < 36 months	10

24 - < 30 months	15
< 24 months	25

Creativity and Innovation – 25 points

The scoring rubric is included below (applicants are eligible to earn points for multiple criteria):

Criteria	Score
No evidence of contribution to connectivity and digital equity	0
Enhancing an existing program(s), contributes to connectivity and digital equity	12.5
Supports creation of new program(s), contributes to connectivity and digital equity	12.5