

Retrofit Ancillary Grantee (RANGE) Program

The Massachusetts Broadband Institute's (MBI) Retrofit Ancillary Grantee (RANGE) Program provides \$8 million in grants directly to housing operators already participating in the Residential Retrofit Program. RANGE helps ensure residents can fully benefit from broadband connectivity.

RANGE includes four offerings, and housing operators may apply for up to four uses of funds **per development**. The available categories of services include:



Digital Navigation/ Tenant Coordination

Wages for resident liaisons who facilitate communication between ISPs and residents during Retrofit construction and help residents navigate digital tools and services.



Digital Literacy and Education

Implement training programs that boost residents' digital skills.



Public Space Improvements

Upgrade shared spaces to support connectivity (e.g., Wi-Fi in lounges and community rooms).



Device Distribution

Provide devices such as laptops or tablets to residents.

Only housing operators enrolled in the Residential Retrofit Program are eligible to apply for RANGE. Applications will be accepted on a cyclical basis, as posted on the RANGE website.

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Application Requirements

To apply, applicants must submit the following in an **online application**:

- MBI Budget Sheet
- Signed Property Access Agreement (must include two signatures ISP and operator)
- W-9 Taxpayer ID Form
- UEI Number

Applicants can review the full guidelines, scoring criteria, and apply on the website.
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Tips Before You Apply



- Ensure your project aligns with the RANGE grant priorities.
- Review RANGE webpage for the application guidelines, deadlines and eligibility.
- Prepare all required documents before submission.
- Confirm eligibility and attend any pre-application information sessions. Visit the RANGE website for latest information.

Scoring Criteria

Applications will be scored against six categories with a maximum possible score of **100 points**.

Project Impact	Feasibility & Readiness	Community Engagement & Partnerships
Cost Effectiveness & Budget Justification	Monitor Outcomes	Federal & State Grant Experience

Applicants may also receive up to **20 bonus points** as follows:

- +5 points** if the development is located within a Qualified Census Tract as defined by HUD
- +5 points** for each community benefit that the awarded Retrofit Program ISP will *not* be providing

Questions? Contact broadband@masstech.org

The funding for the Residential Retrofit and RANGE Programs comes from the U.S. Treasury's Capital Projects Fund (CPF), a program launched as part of the national American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The project is part of \$175 million in total CPF funding to address the digital divide in Massachusetts.