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PA Broadband Infrastructure Program Guidelines Approved

The Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority recently approved grant guidelines for the Pennsylvania Broadband Infrastructure Program. The program will provide \$200 million in funding to businesses, nonprofits, local governments and economic development organizations seeking funding for broadband development projects.

Key program requirements include:

- 25% match: Federal, state or local funding received by the applicant is eligible towards the match requirement.
 - Grant amounts: The minimum request considered will be \$500,000 and the maximum may not exceed \$10 million.
 - Universal coverage: Applicants are required to ensure that all projects either achieve or are part of a plan to achieve universal broadband for the locality or region.
 - Affordability: Applicants must participate in the Affordable Connectivity Program and will be asked to describe and document their digital equity efforts to ensure low- to moderate-income households in the proposed project area will have sustained and affordable access.
 - Labor: The Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act may apply to projects funded under this program. Prevailing wage requirements are generally applicable to grants for construction, demolition, reconstruction, alteration, repair work, renovations, build-out and installation of machinery and equipment more than \$25,000.
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