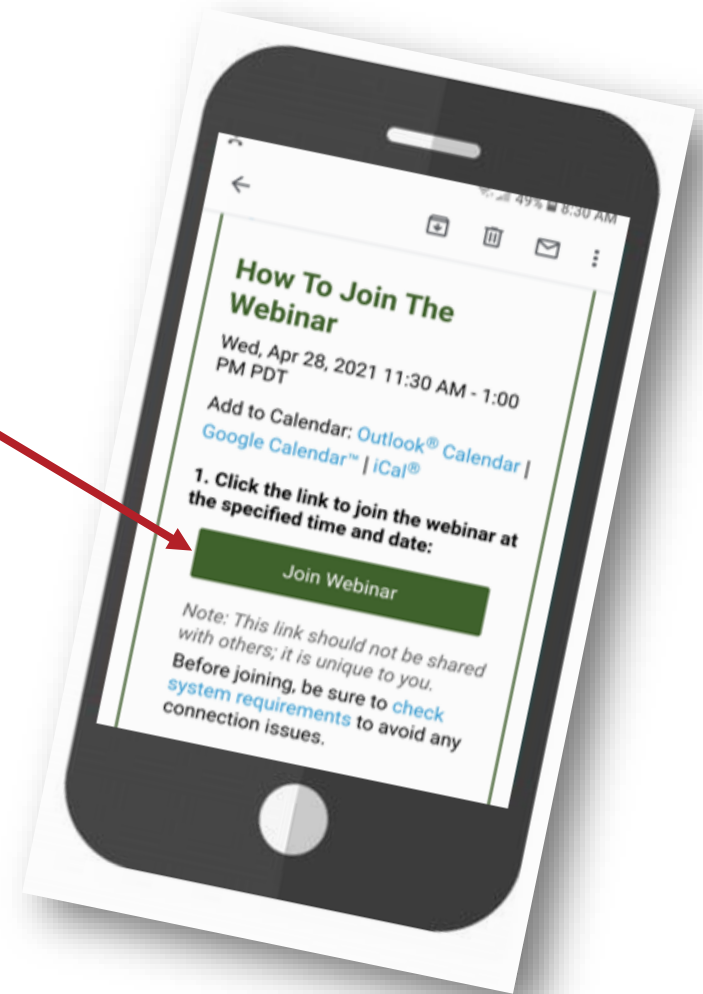


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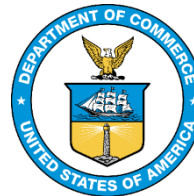


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# Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program

November 17 & 18, 2021



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# Speakers

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- Yongming Qiu, Grants Officer, NIST

## Moderator:

- Cameron Lewis, Broadband Program Specialist, NTIA

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# CMC Webinar Content Recap

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May 2021

## CMC Eligibility Criteria and Methodology

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- Biden Administration on Broadband
- CMC Stakeholder Outreach Feedback
- Publicly Available Data Resources

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June 2021

## Overview of CMC Final Rule and CMC Dashboard

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- Overview of the CMC Pilot Program
- CMC Anchor Community Eligibility Dashboard
- Stakeholder Outreach & Technical Assistance
- Call for Merit Reviewers

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July 2021

## CMC Team, NIST, and Indicators of Broadband Need

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- CMC Program Overview
- Introducing the CMC Team
- NIST Grants Office Update
- CMC Dashboard Update
- Indicators of Broadband Need Map Demonstration

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# CMC Webinar Recap

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August 2021

## Notice of Funding Opportunity Overview

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- Welcome from Secretary Gina Raimondo
- CMC NOFO Overview: Eligible Entities, Eligible Expenses
- CMC Program Examples
- NIST Grants Office Application Submission Process
- CMC Application Review Process

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September 2021

## FAQs, Evaluation, and Application Submissions

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- CMC Program Updates
- FAQs – Top 5 Questions
- NIST Application Submission Process
- CMC Evaluation and Data Collection
- Call for Merit Reviewers

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October 2021

## FAQs and Application Support Reminders

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- FAQs
- NIST Application Submission Support
- Application Submission Mistakes and Reminders
- Developing a Results Framework

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## CMC Program Team

# Frequently Asked Questions



# Q1: CMC Pilot Program Eligibility

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- **Historically Black Colleges or Universities (HBCUs)**
- **Tribal Colleges or Universities (TCUs)**
- **Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs)**
  - ✓ Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs)
  - ✓ Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institutions (NASNTI)
  - ✓ Alaska Native or Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions (ANNH)
  - ✓ Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institutions (AANAPISI)
  - ✓ Predominantly Black Institutions (PBI)
- **Consortiums led by HBCUs, TCUs, or MSIs that include a Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) or Tax-Exempt 501(c)(3) Organization**
- Applicants may also utilize the CMC Anchor Community Eligibility Dashboard at:  
<https://broadbandusa.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/1725df85c8b94d0ab91f5807bcc91c39>.



## Q2: Consortia Eligibility

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**Can multiple educational institutions collaborate on a project that just serves students and/or builds institutional capacity without forming a consortium?**

Yes, multiple schools can collaborate on a project that serves the needs of the educational institutions and their students without the need to form a consortium. The lead applicant must be an eligible HBCU, TCU, or MSI, and can include the other schools as subrecipients on the application. However, the following restrictions apply:

- 1) The participating schools must conduct programmatic activities only within the qualifying anchor community census tracts within the 15-mile radius of the eligible lead applicant institution (i.e., census tracts that have an estimated median annual household income of not more than two hundred and fifty percent (250%) of the poverty line). See Section III of the NOFO for additional information regarding the eligibility requirements of the CMC Pilot Program;
- 2) Any school that is listed as a subrecipient in an application is prohibited from submitting its own application as a lead applicant for CMC funding, even if it is an eligible HBCU, TCU or MSI; and
- 3) Any school that is listed as a subrecipient in an application is prohibited from participating as a Funded Project Participant in another CMC application.

Please note that the other schools do not need to be an eligible HBCU, TCU, or MSI to participate in a project as subrecipients or contractors. However, these schools will be required adhere to all grant laws, rules and reporting requirements. Regardless of where the other school is physically located, the programmatic activities must be conducted at the lead institution or within the qualifying census tracts of the anchor community radius of the lead institution. In addition, an eligible institution cannot combine the designated anchor community radii of multiple campuses in one application.



## Q3: Consortia Eligibility

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### When would a CMC applicant apply as a consortium?

If an eligible applicant seeks to collaborate with an MBE and/or tax exempt 501(c)(3) to propose a project that serves the needs of their surrounding anchor community, the applicant could apply as a consortium subject to the following requirements:

- 1) The consortia must be led by an eligible HBCU, TCU or MSI higher education institution;
- 2) The consortia must include at least one MBE or tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization; and
- 3) An eligible consortium must conduct community focused program activities only within qualifying census tracts within the 15-mile radius of the eligible lead institution (i.e., census tracts that have an estimated median annual household income of not more than two hundred and fifty percent (250%) of the poverty line). See Section III of the NOFO for additional information regarding the eligibility requirements of the CMC Pilot Program.

Please note that a consortium could also be formed to conduct student and/or institutional based program activities at the lead institution. The above example focuses on a community-based project.

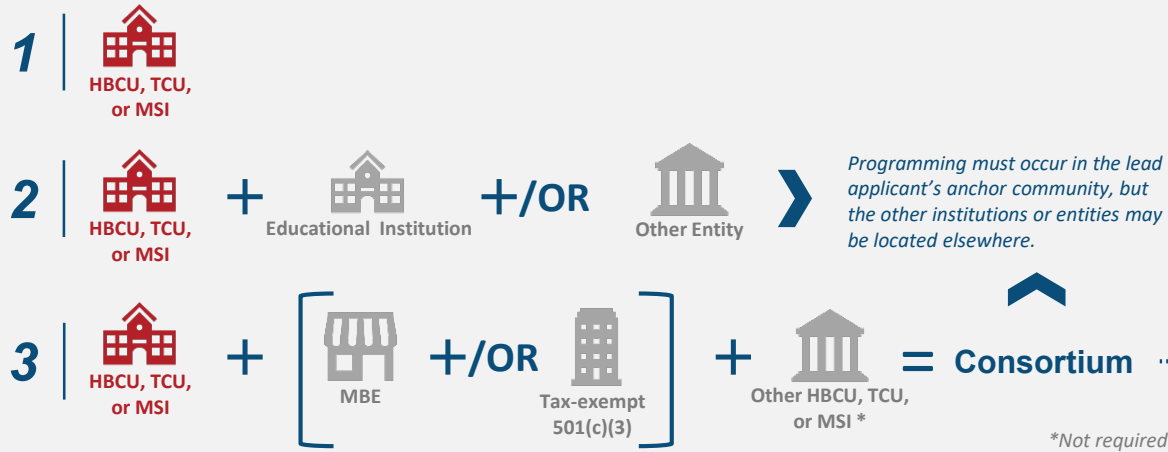
# Who is eligible to apply for the Connecting Minority Communities (CMC) Pilot Program?

The **lead applicant** (🏠) must be a designated Historically Black College or University (HBCU), Tribal College or University (TCU), or an eligible Minority-serving institution (MSI).<sup>1</sup> **Funded subrecipients** can include community institutions (e.g., educational institutions, libraries, and state or local government entities), minority business enterprises (MBEs), and tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations. The inclusion of MBEs and tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations qualifies the application as a consortium.

Applications are due by **December 1, 2021** before 11:59 pm EST.

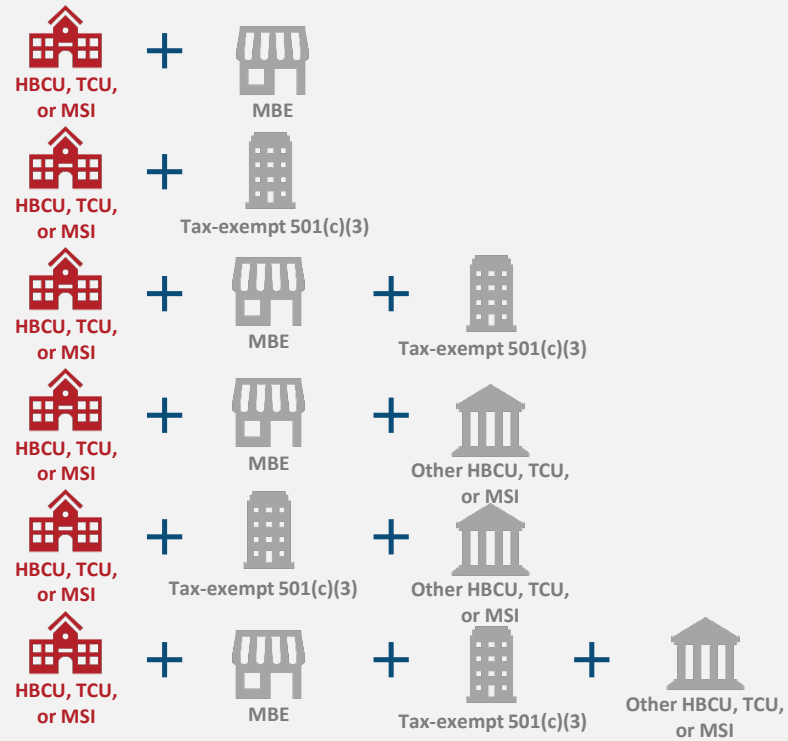
Note: Any entity can participate in a project as an unfunded collaborator.

## CORE TYPES OF APPLICATIONS



- An **ANCHOR COMMUNITY** is any census tract that a) except as provided in the definition of Certain Tribal Colleges or Universities, that is not more than 15 miles from an HBCU, a TCU, or an MSI and b) has an estimated median annual household income of not more than 250% of the poverty line. **All programmatic activities must be conducted within the qualifying anchor communities of the lead applicant institution.**
- An eligible **CONSORTIUM** is led by an HBCU, a TCU, or an MSI and includes an MBE or a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization.

## TYPES OF CONSORTIA



## CONSORTIUM CLARIFICATIONS

- Multiple MBEs and tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations may participate in a consortium.
- MBEs and tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations may participate in more than one consortium.
- A consortium may contain multiple HBCUs, TCUs, and/or MSIs.

1. The Department of Education defines MSIs as the following: Alaska Native or Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions (ANNHs), Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs), Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs), Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institutions (NASNTIs), Predominantly Black Institutions (PBIs). The Eligibility Matrix for MSIs is available at [www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/idades/eligibility.html#tips](http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/idades/eligibility.html#tips). A list of eligible HBCUs and TCUs can be found at [www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator](http://www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator).



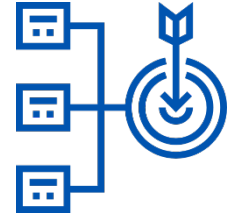


## Q4: Consortia Eligibility

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**Can an eligible HBCU, TCU or MSI propose its own project focused on student and institutional needs AND lead a consortium project that proposes programming with the surrounding community on the same application?**

Yes. Since an eligible HBCU, TCU or MSI can only submit one application per institution, an eligible school can serve as both the applicant for its own project, and as the lead of a consortium community-based project. Two program components, one single CMC application.



## Q5: Greatest Unmet Financial Need Data

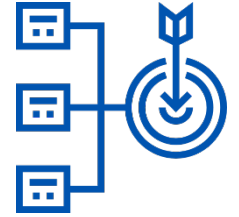
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**What data is required to establish the greatest unmet financial need? What should the applicant do if they don't have all the data that the CMC NOFO requests (i.e., low-income consumer data, student unemployment, etc.)?**

To determine the eligible anchor institutions with the greatest unmet financial need, NTIA will assess the following information for each institution:

1. Student population size;
2. Number and percentage of students that are eligible to receive Federal Pell Grants;
3. Number and percentage of students that receive other need-based financial aid from the Federal government, a State, or that institution;
4. Number and percentage of students that are low-income individuals as that term is defined in section 312(g) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1058(g));
5. Number and percentage of students that qualify as low-income consumers for the purposes of the program carried out under 47 C.F.R. Part 54, Subpart E;
6. Number and percentage of students that have been approved to receive unemployment insurance benefits under any Federal or State law since March 1, 2020.

Currently, all accredited institutions of higher learning are required to submit annual student financial aid data (criteria 1-3 above) to the U.S. Department of Education's Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).). However, NTIA acknowledges that the low-income consumer and unemployment student data may not be readily available to eligible institutions. Therefore, applicants are encouraged to submit as much of the information as is reasonably available to the institution as well as supplemental data and information to include additional demographic, income, and employment data to illustrate the unmet financial need of their students and/or their target communities and program beneficiaries.



## Q6: Anchor Community Census Tract Data

**Our school is located in a U.S. territory. How do we determine which census tracts are considered eligible anchor communities under the CMC Pilot Program, since current U.S. Census data is not available here?**

The American Community Survey (ACS) only covers the U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, however NTIA will accept 2010 Census data for the anchor community eligibility calculations for U.S. Territories - American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The methodology for determining anchor community eligibility is described in the CMC webinar conducted on May 5<sup>th</sup> and is available here - [NTIA Grant Program: Connecting Minority Communities Webinar, Session 1a | BroadbandUSA \(doc.gov\)](#). Anchor Community eligibility for each census tract can be calculated using the median household income and average household size. The 2010 Census data on Median Household Income and Average Household Size for American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) and the U.S. Virgin Islands is tabulated in Census Tables HCT11 and HBG available here: <https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?q=hct11%20hbg3>.

Additionally, an applicant may argue that a census tract initially designated by NTIA as ineligible under the anchor community eligibility methodology (i.e., the poverty threshold calculation) is in reality eligible, and explain why, based on supplementary Census Bureau data submitted with the application. Information regarding CMC anchor community eligibility is available via the CMC Final Rule, CMC NOFO, and on the “About” tab on the CMC Anchor Community Eligibility Dashboard.





## Q7: Non-Duplication of Federal Funds

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**Can an eligible institution use CMC Pilot funds together with federal funding from another agency to support different aspects and activities of a multi-faceted program (for example, the training costs associated with previously funded devices and equipment)?**

Applicants should only submit applications to CMC for specific projects that can be completed with CMC funding, if awarded. (An eligible recipient may propose to contribute non-federal matching funds towards a CMC project, but this is not a CMC requirement and NTIA will not give additional consideration for applications proposing to contribute non-federal matching funds.) To the extent that your project could be expanded and/or supplemented using other grant funds, applicants may provide NTIA with that information in the application. But the application will be evaluated based on whether the project can be completed with CMC funds, and the project budget submitted to NTIA must reflect the project that can be completed with CMC funding. CMC funding cannot be used to pay for costs already covered by another source of funding.

Further, CMC funds may not be used as match funding for any other federal funding programs. In general, federal funds may not be used to provide the non-federal cost share of a federal award, except as expressly authorized by federal statute. (*See* 2 C.F.R. § 200.306(b)(5).) The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, which authorized the CMC, does not expressly authorize CMC funds to be used as the nonfederal cost share for another federal award. NTIA is not aware of any other existing federal program whose authorizing statute allows its funds to be used as match funds for CMC.



## Q8: Eligible Uses of CMC Funds

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**Are work-based training and education programs such as apprenticeships and internships eligible for CMC funding?**

Yes. Work-based training programs such as apprenticeships and internships are eligible for CMC funding, including the costs of stipends, staffing, equipment and training, and other allowable costs in accordance with the cost principles identified in 2 C.F.R. Part 200. Please see Section J of the CMC NOFO for additional information about eligible and ineligible uses of CMC funds.



## Q9: Extension of the Period of Performance

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**We are proposing to conduct a CMC program over a duration of two years. However, we expect to continue our data collection, program analysis and evaluation beyond this time period. Can CMC funding be used to cover the costs of activities beyond the initial two-year period of performance of the grant?**

Possibly. While NTIA has set the initial award period as no more than two years from the receipt of grant funds, NTIA, may extend the initial award period if the eligible recipient certifies that (1) it has a plan for the use of the grant funds, (2) the execution or implementation of the project is underway, or (3) extenuating circumstances require an extension of time to allow the project to be completed. See Extensions in Section II.B.1 of the CMC NOFO.



## Q10: COVID Vaccination Requirements

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**Do the COVID vaccination requirements as stated in Executive Order 14042, *Ensuring Adequate COVID Safety Protocols for Federal Contractors* (issued on September 9, 2021) apply to CMC grant recipients and their partners including subrecipients, consortia members and/or subcontractors?**

No, CMC grant recipients are not subject to the federal government's COVID vaccination requirements through this grant program. Per the CMC NOFO, the funding instrument is a grant award and Section 5(b)(i) of Executive Order 14042 expressly provides that federal grants are not subject to the COVID vaccination requirements described in the Executive Order's implementing guidance, released by the Safer Federal Workforce Task Force. However, receipt of a CMC grant or participation in a CMC-grant-funded project does not exempt an entity from complying with the Executive Order or the guidance if it is otherwise covered by the terms of the Executive Order.

**Ming Qiu**  
*Grants Officer*  
*NIST*

## NIST Grants Office Recap

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July 2021

NIST Grants Office Introduction

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- Application Systems
- Intro to Administrative Requirements
- General Principles for Cost Allowability
- Intro to Financial Management Standards

August 2021

Application Submission Process

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- Application systems submission requirements
- Review of Application Components
- Introduction to Completing Standard Forms
- Overview of Budget Documents

September 2021

SF-424 and Budget Preparation

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- Pre-application Activities
- Completing the SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance
- Preparing your Budget

October 2021

Budget Topics of Interest

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- 2 CFR 200 citations for indirect costs, equipment, supplies, subrecipients
- Final application reminders

# Q1: What level of detail is required for the project budget and budget narrative?

The project budget must include itemized calculations for each item or activity. The budget narrative must explain the necessity and basis for all costs.

SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES					
6. Object Class Categories	GRANT PROGRAM, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY				Total (5)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	
a. Personnel	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00			
b. Fringe Benefits	7,500.00	7,500.00			
c. Travel	2,500.00	2,500.00			
d. Equipment					
e. Supplies	10,000.00	10,000.00			
f. Contractual	25,000.00	25,000.00			
g. Construction					
h. Other	5,000.00	5,000.00			
i. Total Direct Charges (sum of 6a-6h)	75,000.00	75,000.00			
j. Indirect Charges	25,000.00	25,000.00			
k. TOTALS (sum of 6i and 6j)	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00			
7. Program Income					

Cost Category	Cost Breakdown
Personnel	Position: Salary, level of effort = Total salary charged to award
Fringe Benefits	Position: Total salary charged to award, rate = Total fringe charged to award
Travel	Trip: Location, specify the costs associated with travel, the basis for the travel costs (mileage: # of miles x cost/mile); (air transportation, specify the cost); (per diem: # of days x daily cost); (lodging: # of nights x daily cost)
Equipment	Item: Quantity, purchase cost, percentage dedicated to award = Total cost of equipment charged to award
Supplies	Item: Quantity, unit cost = total cost of supply items charged to award
Contractual	Name/Entity: Itemized line breakdown, indirect costs and rate. List contract, consultant, or consortium agreement.
Other	Item: Quantity, unit cost = Total cost of Other items charged to the award
Indirect Charges	Base * IDC rate = Total indirect costs charged to the award

<b>Personnel</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Position title</li> <li>• Name</li> <li>• Describe roles and responsibilities</li> </ul>	<b>Fringe Benefits</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Position title</li> <li>• Fringe benefits type</li> </ul>	<b>Travel</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Destination</li> <li>• Dates</li> <li>• Purpose</li> <li>• Specify basis for itemized costs</li> </ul>	<b>Equipment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe the equipment item(s)</li> <li>• Relate the use of each item to the scope of work</li> <li>• Include the basis of how costs were estimated</li> </ul>
<b>Supplies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain the type of supplies to be purchased</li> <li>• Describe how it relates back to meeting the project objectives</li> <li>• Describe the basis for the cost</li> </ul>	<b>Contractual</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name/Entity</li> <li>• Identify products or services to be obtained</li> <li>• Summarize the scope of work and specific tasks to be performed</li> <li>• Include the dates/length for the performance period.</li> </ul>	<b>Other</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe the item</li> <li>• Explain the necessity of each cost for successful implementation and completion of the project</li> </ul>	<b>Indirect Charges</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specify type of rate</li> <li>• Describe base used to determine indirect charges amount.</li> <li>• If applicable, include a copy of the current fully executed NICRA</li> </ul>

# Q1 continued: Detailed Project Budget

Cost Category	Item/Activity	Cost Breakdown
Personnel	Position	Salary (\$), level of effort (%) = Total salary charged to award (\$)
Fringe Benefits	Position	Total salary charged to award (\$), rate (%) = Total fringe charged to award
Travel	Trip	Travel costs such as: Mileage: # of miles x cost/mile); Airfare: specify the cost (\$); Per diem: # of days x daily cost; Lodging: # of nights x daily cost
Equipment	Item	Quantity, purchase cost, percentage dedicated to award = Total cost of equipment charged to award
Supplies	Item	Quantity, unit cost = total cost of supply items charged to award
Contractual	Name/Entity	Itemized line breakdown, indirect costs and rate. List the budgets for each sub-award, contract, consultant, or consortium agreement.
Other	Item	Quantity, unit cost = Total cost of Other items charged to the award.
Indirect Charges		Base (\$) * IDC rate (%) = Total indirect costs charged to the award



# Q1 continued: Detailed Budget Narrative

## Personnel

- Position title
- Name
- Describe roles and responsibilities

## Fringe Benefits

- Position title
- Fringe benefits type

## Travel

- Destination
- Dates
- Purpose
- Specify basis for itemized costs

## Equipment

- Describe the equipment item(s)
- Relate the use of each item to the scope of work
- Include the basis of how costs were estimated

## Supplies

- Explain the type of supplies to be purchased
- Describe how it relates back to meeting the project objectives
- Describe the basis for the cost

## Contractual

- Name/Entity
- Identify products or services to be obtained
- Summarize the scope of work and specific tasks to be performed
- Include the dates/length for the performance period.

## Other

- Describe the item
- Explain the necessity of each cost for successful implementation and completion of the project

## Indirect Charges

- Specify type of rate
- Describe base used to determine indirect charges amount.
- If applicable, include a copy of the current fully executed NICRA

## Q2: Are the items listed as “eligible equipment” considered equipment for cost classification purposes?

It depends. These items may be considered equipment or supplies.

### Eligible Equipment:

The NOFO defines eligible equipment as:

- \* a Wi-Fi hotspot;
- \* a modem;
- \* a router;
- \* a device that combines a modem and router;
- \* a connected device; or
- \* any other equipment used to provide access to broadband internet access service.

### Equipment

- \* An item having a useful life of more than one year
- \* And a per-unit acquisition cost which equals or exceeds \$5,000 OR a lower capitalization level established by the non-Federal entity.
- \* 2 CFR § 200.1

### Supplies

- \* An item not covered in the definition of equipment
- \* An item with a per-unit acquisition cost which is less than \$5,000 or a lower capitalization level established by the non-federal entity.
- \* 2 CFR § 200.1

# Q3: Subrecipient and Contractor – what’s the difference?

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Key difference is the scope of work and compliance requirements. (See 2 CFR §200.331)

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## SUBRECIPIENT

A subaward is for the purpose of carrying out a portion of a Federal award and creates a Federal assistance relationship with the subrecipient. See definition for Subaward in [§ 200.1 of this part](#). Characteristics which support the classification of the non-Federal entity as a subrecipient include when the non-Federal entity:

- (1) Determines who is eligible to receive what Federal assistance;
- (2) Has its performance measured in relation to whether objectives of a Federal program were met;
- (3) Has responsibility for programmatic decision-making;
- (4) Is responsible for adherence to applicable Federal program requirements specified in the Federal award; and
- (5) In accordance with its agreement, uses the Federal funds to carry out a program for a public purpose specified in authorizing statute, as opposed to providing goods or services for the benefit of the pass-through entity.

## CONTRACTOR

A contract is for the purpose of obtaining goods and services for the non-Federal entity's own use and creates a procurement relationship with the contractor. See the definition of *contract* in [§ 200.1 of this part](#). Characteristics indicative of a procurement relationship between the non-Federal entity and a contractor are when the contractor:

- (1) Provides the goods and services within normal business operations;
- (2) Provides similar goods or services to many different purchasers;
- (3) Normally operates in a competitive environment;
- (4) Provides goods or services that are ancillary to the operation of the Federal program; and
- (5) Is not subject to compliance requirements of the Federal program as a result of the agreement, though similar requirements may apply for other reasons.

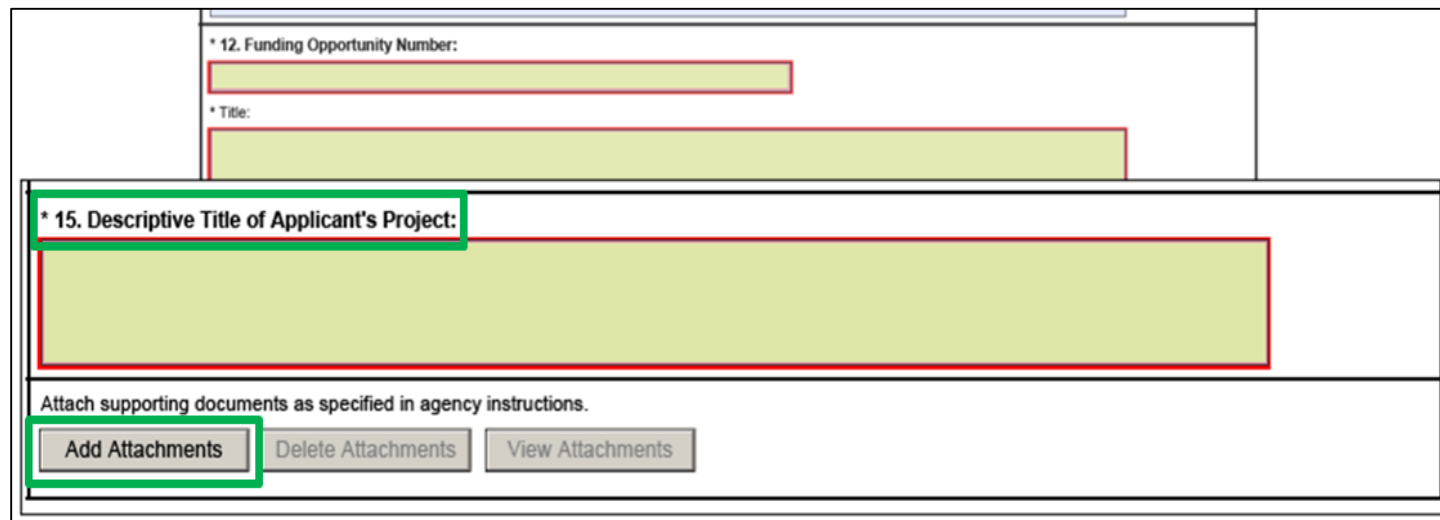
# Q4: How are the Project Narrative and other required attachments included with the application?

The NOFO covers attaching documents to the application in Section IV.D. Applicants will attach documents to the SF-424 form.

## D. Attachment of Required Documents

Items in Section IV.B.1 through IV.B.5 above are part of the standard application package in Grants.gov and can be completed through the download application process.

Items in Section IV.B.6 through IV.B.11 and Section IV.C must be completed and attached by clicking on “Add Attachments” found in item 15 of the SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance. This will create a zip file that allows for transmittal of the documents electronically via Grants.gov.



\* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:  
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\* Title:  
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\* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:  
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Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

[Add Attachments](#) [Delete Attachments](#) [View Attachments](#)

# Helpful Resources

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Obtain a DUNS	<a href="http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform">http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform</a> (1-866-705-5711)
System for Award Management (SAM.gov)	<a href="https://sam.gov/">https://sam.gov/</a>
Grants.gov	<a href="https://www.grants.gov/">https://www.grants.gov/</a>
Grants.gov Training Resources	<a href="https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/applicant-training.html">https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/applicant-training.html</a>
Grants.gov Applicant Support (24/7)	<a href="mailto:support@grants.gov">support@grants.gov</a> (1-800-518-4726)
Recordings, transcripts & presentations from past CMC Pilot Program webinars	<a href="https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/events/past-events">https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/events/past-events</a>
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# CMC NOFO Amendment

# CMC NOFO Amendment – Initial Review Process

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## Section V.B.1 - Initial Administrative and Eligibility Review of Complete Application Packets

**Action:** Modifies the Initial Review Process to include a process for requesting missing or incomplete information.

**Amendment:** NTIA may continue the initial administrative review process for an application that is timely submitted by an eligible applicant, but that is missing certain information or documentation required by this NOFO; NTIA will request missing or incomplete information from the applicant as needed. The eligible applicant will have seven (7) calendar days to submit the missing or incomplete materials responsive to the NTIA request, unless this period is extended by NTIA. An eligible applicant's failure to submit the requested materials by the established deadline will result in NTIA's rejection of the application. Any application already submitted at the time this amendment is published will receive the same opportunity to submit missing or incomplete materials as all other applications.



# Human Subjects Research Guidance

# Q & A

# Thank you!

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CMC Anchor Community Eligibility Dashboard:

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Indicators of Broadband Need Map:

[Indicators of Broadband Need \(arcgis.com\)](https://www.broadbandusa.ntia.gov/indicators)