

Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program 3 (TBCP 3) and Native Entities Grant Program (NEGP) Webinar



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TBCP 3 & NEGP Overview

TBCP 3 & NEGP | Overview

National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) is launching two new **Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs)** for broadband programs for Tribal and Native Entities.



NTIA is excited to announce the launch of the **Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program's round 3 (TBCP 3)** of funding and the **Native Entities Grant Program's (NEGP)** round of funding.



TBCP 3 and NEGP have been **reformed to streamline key aspects of each program** to promote flexibility and align NTIA's grant opportunities to better serve Tribal broadband connectivity.



While TBCP 3 and NEGP were aligned in several key aspects and given a shared focus on universal Tribal broadband connectivity, each has a **unique NOFO** and must be applied to separately.

TBCP 3 & NEGP | Goals

NTIA is committed to delivering measurable outcomes through strong stewardship of taxpayer dollars with TBCP 3 and NEGP.



**Deliver Durable
Connectivity for Tribal &
Native Communities**



**Address Challenges to
Broadband Affordability
and Adoption in an
Evidence-Based Manner**



**Maximize Impact of Federal
Investments**

TBCP 3 Highlights

TBCP 3 | Focus & Eligible Applicants

TBCP 3 will fund both Broadband Infrastructure Deployment (ID) and Use and Adoption (U&A) projects for Eligible Applicants.

PROGRAM FOCUS



TBCP 3 supports Tribal governments by bringing high-speed internet to Tribal Lands, including broadband infrastructure, telehealth, distance learning, affordability, and broadband adoption.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS



- A Tribal Government
- A Tribal College or University
- The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands on behalf of the Native Hawaiian Community, including Native Hawaiian Education Programs
- A Tribal organization
- An Alaska Native Corporation
- A partnership between Eligible Applicants (Consortium)

TBCP 3 | Award Allocation

NTIA will allocate TBCP 3 awards within specific funding ranges.



Total Funding Available:

In total, approximately **\$540M** of funding will be available for Eligible Applicants through the TBCP 3.



Award Amounts:

Awards will be made through a competitive process. NTIA expects to make awards under this program within the following funding ranges:

Infrastructure Deployment:

\$1M to \$25M

Use and Adoption:

\$500K to \$2.5M



Equitable Distribution:

NTIA will allocate up to **\$500,000** to each of the Federally Recognized Tribes delineated by the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs that did not receive previous TBCP funding.

TBCP 3 | Statutory Funding Uses

According to the statute,* eligible applicants may use grant funds for broadband Infrastructure Deployment and broadband Use and Adoption during a **four-year period of performance**.



Broadband Adoption Activities



Infrastructure Deployment Projects



Affordable Broadband Programs



Telehealth



Distance Learning

* 47 USC 1705(c)(5)

TBCP 3 | Project Examples

Applicants may consider adopting the following programs, activities, and interventions.

USE AND ADOPTION



Device Distribution Programs

Programs to provide devices such as laptops, tablets, or other internet-enabled devices that are both practical and responsive to the needs of individuals



Affordable Broadband Subsidy Programs

Programs to provide low-cost internet service are allowable but are subject to specific funding restrictions listed in the NOFO



Digital Skills Training Program

Skills training programs that provide training and education on the use of digital tools, online resources, and safe and responsible online behavior

BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE



Network Deployment and Facilities Equipment

Fund the construction and deployment of infrastructure needed to deliver Qualifying Broadband Service



Long-term Facilities Leases

Fund facilities required to provide Qualifying Broadband Service, including infeasible right-of-use agreements



Engineering and Network Design

Fund projects including route mapping for broadband infrastructure, permitting, and work related to environmental, historical, and cultural reviews



NEGP Highlights

NEGP | Focus & Eligible Applicants

NEGP is supported by two programs that have set aside fund for Native Entities – the “State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program” and the “Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program.”

PROGRAM FOCUS



The purpose of NEGP is to **advance the Use and Adoption of broadband** within native communities.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS



- Indian Tribes
- Alaska Native entities
- Native Hawaiian organizations
- A partnership between eligible applicants (Consortium)

NEGP | Award Allocation

NTIA will allocate NEGP awards within specific funding ranges.



Total Funding Available:

In total, approximately **\$250M** of funding will be available for Native Entities through the NEGP.



Award Amounts:

NTIA expects to make individual awards within a range of **\$500,000 to \$2,500,000**. Awards will be made through a competitive process and will depend upon the number of applicants and the size of the proposals submitted.



Match Requirement:

Applicants must contribute at least ten (10) percent matching funds as part of the application. However, applicants may include a petition to the Assistant Secretary to waive some or all of the required 10% match, if needed.

NEGP | Statutory Funding Uses

According to statute,* Native Entities may use their grant funds to support broadband Use and Adoption during a four-year period of performance. Recipients may continue evaluation activities for an optional fifth year.



Develop and implement Use and Adoption of broadband activities



Make available equipment, instrumentation, hardware and software at low or no cost



Facilitate educational and employment opportunities through broadband



Construct, upgrade, expand, or operate new or existing public access computing centers through CAIs



Implement training programs that address skills such as online safety and work to prevent online harassment and abuse



Undertake any other project that the Assistant Secretary finds to be consistent with the purposes of the Program

* 47 U.S.C. § 1724 (d)(b)(2)(A)

NEGP | Project Examples

Applicants may consider adopting the following programs, activities, and interventions. Uses are subject to specific funding restrictions, as listed in the NOFO.

USE AND ADOPTION



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Programs to provide devices such as laptops, tablets, or other internet-enabled devices that are both practical and responsive to the needs of individuals



Affordable Broadband Subsidy Programs

Programs to provide low-cost internet service are allowable



Digital Skills Training Programs

Skills training programs that provide training and education on the use of digital tools, online resources, and safe and responsible online behavior

Understanding Program Differences

Eligibility Comparison

Potential applicants must determine which program, if any, they are eligible for based on statutory requirements.

TBCP 3

Eligible applicants for TBCP 3 are:

- i. a Tribal Government
- ii. a Tribal College or University
- iii. the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands on behalf of the Native Hawaiian Community, including Native Hawaiian Education Programs
- iv. a Tribal organization
- v. an Alaska Native Corporation
- vi. a partnership between Eligible Applicants (Consortium)

NEGP

Eligible applicants for NEGP are:

- i. an Indian Tribe
- ii. an Alaska Native entity
- iii. Native Hawaiian organization (“Native Entity”)
- iv. a partnership between Eligible Applicants (Consortium)

Key Program Differences

Applicants should consider which program best aligns with their specific needs, goals, and capacity. As TBCP 3 and NEGP are each derived from different legislative origins, each has specific requirements defined by law.

Category	Program Element	TBCP 3	NEGP
Allowable Uses of Funding	Use and Adoption Funding	✓	✓
	Infrastructure Deployment Funding	✓	-
	Equitable Distribution Awards*	✓	-
Award Information	Funding Availability	\$540M	\$250M
	Award Amount	\$500K to \$2.5M (<i>Use and Adoption</i>) \$1M to \$25M (<i>Infrastructure</i>)	\$500K to \$2.5M
	Period of Performance	4 Years	4 Years + 1 Optional Year to continue Evaluation
	Match Requirement	-	10%
Spending Caps	Administrative Spending Cap	2%	10%
	Evaluation Spending Cap	-	10%

* Only Tribal Governments that have not previously received a TBCP award in previous rounds of TBCP funding are eligible for Equitable Distribution Awards.

Application Overview

Application Information

Applicants may select whichever application is the most appropriate for their preferred program and type of project.

Infrastructure Deployment Projects	Use and Adoption Projects	
<p>TBCP 3 Infrastructure Deployment Application</p>	<p>TBCP 3 Use and Adoption Application</p>	<p>NEGP Use and Adoption Application</p>

Key Application Guidance

- While applicants may apply to **both TBCP 3 and NEGP**, each program has a separate application.
- Applicants may **only submit one application per program**, whether as a single applicant or as part of a consortium.
- Applicants may only apply to TBCP 3 **under one project type**, Use and Adoption **or** Infrastructure Deployment.
- The Use and Adoption application for both programs are very **similar**, but have small differences to be observant of.

Application Prioritization

NTIA will prioritize the review of applications and award funding to the highest priority projects prior to reviewing lower priority projects.

- 1 Applications proposing Broadband Use and Adoption projects** from a Tribal Government or its designee that has issued a Tribal Resolution approving deployment of BEAD services on its lands, including Consortia.
- 2 (TBCP 3 Only) Applications proposing Broadband Infrastructure Deployment projects** to Unserved Households, from eligible applicants, including Consortia.
- 3 All other projects** (for TBCP 3 only, Equitable Distribution awards, including projects that include connection to Community Anchor Institutions).

Application Requirements

Applicants must submit specific forms based on the program and funding type they apply to.

REQUIRED FOR ALL APPLICATIONS

- Federal Financial Assistance Forms: SF-424, CD-511, SF-LLL
- Project Information Form
- Funded and Unfunded Entity Form
- A Tribal Government Resolution or equivalent formal authorization providing express authority to file an application
- A Tribal Resolution approving deployment of BEAD services on the applicant's land consistent with the State Broadband Office's Final Proposal under the BEAD program (if applicable)
- Resumes of Key Personnel
- Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement with a Cognizant Federal Agency (if applicable)
- All required certifications

REQUIRED FOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEPLOYMENT *(TBCP 3 ONLY)*

- SF 424-D
- ID Project Narrative
- ID Consolidated Budget Form
- Tribal Resolution of Consent from each Tribal governing body upon whose Tribal Lands broadband infrastructure will be deployed
- Network Sustainability Plan
- Maps of Proposed Service Areas
- Physical Network Diagrams

REQUIRED FOR USE AND ADOPTION

- SF 424-B
- U&A Project Narrative
- U&A Consolidated Budget Form

Application Submission

Applicants must be aware of key deadlines and submission requirements to apply for program funds.

KEY DATES



- **9/17/26:** Applications must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) on September 17, 2026. Applications submitted by postal mail or courier service must be postmarked or show clear evidence of mailing by the same date and time.
- **Spring 2027:** Awards issued on a rolling basis.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit their applications through [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov). However, applications may be submitted one of the following ways for both programs:



By grants.gov:
www.grants.gov



For TBCP 3, by Email: TBCP3@ntia.gov
For NEGP, by Email: broadbandgrants@ntia.gov



For TBCP 3, by Mail or Courier:
Tribal Connectivity and Nation to
Nation Coordination
Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth
National Telecommunications and
Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW Room 4878
Washington, DC, 20230

For NEGP, by Mail or Courier:
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Additional Resources

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Eligible applicants may reference the following additional resources for more information.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- **TBCP 3 NOFO:** [link](#)
- **NEGP NOFO:** [link](#)
- **TBCP 3 NOFO Primer:** [link](#)
- **NEGP NOFO Primer:** [link](#)
- **TBCP 3 Website:** [link](#)
- **NEGP Website:** [link](#)

NTIA will host *additional webinars* in July & August 2026.



Q&A

Any questions?

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