Utah BEAD Program Policy for Priority Broadband Projects

This policy applies to all broadband service providers **seeking to have their projects identified as "Priority Broadband Projects."** Under the NTIA BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice dated June 6, 2025, Priority Broadband Projects may include fiber-to-the-premises (FTTP), fixed wireless (licensed and unlicensed), low Earth orbit (LEO) satellite, hybrid fiber-coaxial (HFC), and future qualifying technologies. Specifically, the IIJA requires States to prioritize funding for "Priority Broadband Projects" which are defined in the statute as those projects designed to: (i) provide broadband service that meets speed, latency, reliability, consistency in quality of service, and related criteria as the Assistant Secretary shall determine; and (ii) ensure that networks built by the project can easily scale speeds over time to: (a) meet the evolving connectivity needs of households and businesses; and (b) support the deployment of 5G, successor wireless technologies, and other advanced services.

NTIA has defined a Priority Broadband Project as "a project that provides broadband service at speeds of no less than 100 megabits per second for downloads and 20 megabits per second for uploads, has a latency less than or equal to 100 milliseconds, and can easily scale speeds over time to meet the evolving connectivity needs of households and businesses and support the deployment of 5G, successor wireless technologies, and other advanced services."

To enable the Broadband Center to determine whether a provider's project qualifies as a Priority Broadband Project, please answer the following questions:

- ***Does your network meet the following standards: Speed 100/20 Mbps; Latency ≤ 100 ms?***
- ***Please provide a roadmap and costs to upgrade to the following speeds within 10 years:***
    - ***500Mbps symmetrical***
    - ***1 Gbps symmetrical***
    - ***10Gbps symmetrical***
- ***Can your project support the deployment of 5G and advance wireless technologies?***
    - ***Please describe how and provide supporting evidence including technical and operational documentation that shows your networks can support 5G and advanced wireless technologies?***

    - ***Metrics should include Latency ≤ 50 ms; Backhaul ≥1 Gbps (scalable to 10Gbps) with fiber or microwave links; Spectrum Support; Speed ≥100 bps (sustained), peak ≥1 Gbps; Jitter < 10ms; Availability ≥99.99% network uptime (carrier grade reliability);***