

State of Kansas Priorities for BTOP Applications

Under the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP), all states are provided an opportunity to make recommendations concerning the allocation of funds for qualifying projects. Prior to state receipt, all applications will be judged for content and ranked by officials of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA).

Upon receipt of qualifying submissions from NTIA, the State of Kansas may review BTOP applications and compare them to the State's broadband priorities (listed below):

1. Projects that meet the needs of the state in one or more of the following sectors (30 points):

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| a. Telemedicine | 30 |
| b. Distance Learning | 28 |
| c. Economic Development | 26 |
| d. E-Government | 24 |

- Yes, the project addresses one or more of these areas = 24-30 points
- No, the project does not address one or more of these areas = 0 points

2. Projects that leverage partnerships and/or programs of existing anchor institutions, including, but not limited to the following (20 points):

- a. Schools
- b. Libraries
- c. Medical facilities
- d. Public safety organizations

- Yes, the project leverages partnerships/programs with anchor(s) = 20 points
- No, the project does not leverage partnerships with anchor(s) = 0 points

3. Projects that place an emphasis on the needs of unserved Kansans (20 points).

- Yes, the project places an emphasis on the needs of unserved Kansans = 20 points
- No, the project does not place an emphasis on unserved Kansans = 0 points

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<http://broadbandusa.sc.egov.usda.gov/files/BB%20NOFA%20FINAL%2007092009.pdf>

4. Projects that place an emphasis on the needs of rural Kansans (20 points).

- Project includes only remote areas as defined by the NOFA or is statewide = 20 points
- Project includes rural areas but no non-rural areas = 15 points
- Project overlaps one or more non-rural areas and is not statewide = 5 points

5. Projects that utilize local providers/partners for project development (10 points).

- Application from provider/partner currently operating in or serving Kansas = 10 points
- Application from provider/partner not currently in Kansas = 0 points

Applications will be scored by a state review team and those scores will be utilized to determine any recommendation to NTIA from the State of Kansas.

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