

State of Kansas Priorities for Round 2 BTOP Applications

Under the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Round 2 of the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP), all states are provided an opportunity to make recommendations concerning the allocation of funds for qualifying projects. Parallel with the State's process, 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

Note: If a project impacts only one sector, a score will be assigned per the sector as shown above. If a project addresses more than one or all of the above, a score of 30 points will be assigned.

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

- Schools
- Libraries
- Medical facilities
- 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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4. Projects that place an emphasis on geographies of need (20 points).

- Project targets a county in “Significantly High” rank = 20 points
- Project targets a county in “High” rank = 15 points
- Project targets a county in “Moderate” rank = 10 points
- Project targets a county in “Low” rank = 5 points
- Project targets a county in “Significantly Low” rank = 0 points

Note: Rank scores are provided in the attached “Geographies of Need County Rankings”. Statewide solutions will be awarded 10 points. Multiple-county solutions that are not statewide will receive a score that averages the ranks for counties included in the project area.

A list of all counties the project impacts in Kansas must be included with the self-score.

Example: A project area that includes both Wyandotte County and Leavenworth County would calculate their score as follows – Wyandotte (20 points) + Leavenworth (0 points) = 20 points / 2 = 10 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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Geographies of Need - County Rankings*

County	Rank Points
Allen County, Kansas	20
Anderson County, Kansas	15
Atchison County, Kansas	15
Barber County, Kansas	10
Barton County, Kansas	10
Bourbon County, Kansas	20
Brown County, Kansas	20
Butler County, Kansas	0
Chase County, Kansas	15
Chautauqua County, Kansas	20
Cherokee County, Kansas	20
Cheyenne County, Kansas	15
Clark County, Kansas	15
Clay County, Kansas	5
Cloud County, Kansas	10
Coffey County, Kansas	0
Comanche County, Kansas	10
Cowley County, Kansas	10
Crawford County, Kansas	20
Decatur County, Kansas	15
Dickinson County, Kansas	5
Doniphan County, Kansas	15
Douglas County, Kansas	0
Edwards County, Kansas	20
Elk County, Kansas	20
Ellis County, Kansas	0
Ellsworth County, Kansas	10
Finney County, Kansas	5
Ford County, Kansas	5
Franklin County, Kansas	5
Geary County, Kansas	10
Gove County, Kansas	5
Graham County, Kansas	10
Grant County, Kansas	0
Gray County, Kansas	5
Greeley County, Kansas	10
Greenwood County, Kansas	20
Hamilton County, Kansas	15
Harper County, Kansas	15
Harvey County, Kansas	5
Haskell County, Kansas	10
Hodgeman County, Kansas	5
Jackson County, Kansas	5

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Jefferson County, Kansas	5
Jewell County, Kansas	15
Johnson County, Kansas	0
Kearny County, Kansas	10
Kingman County, Kansas	5
Kiowa County, Kansas	15
Labette County, Kansas	20
Lane County, Kansas	0
Leavenworth County, Kansas	0
Lincoln County, Kansas	10
Linn County, Kansas	15
Logan County, Kansas	5
Lyon County, Kansas	15
Marion County, Kansas	5
Marshall County, Kansas	5
McPherson County, Kansas	0
Meade County, Kansas	5
Miami County, Kansas	0
Mitchell County, Kansas	5
Montgomery County, Kansas	15
Morris County, Kansas	15
Morton County, Kansas	10
Nemaha County, Kansas	0
Neosho County, Kansas	15
Ness County, Kansas	5
Norton County, Kansas	10
Osage County, Kansas	5
Osborne County, Kansas	15
Ottawa County, Kansas	5
Pawnee County, Kansas	5
Phillips County, Kansas	5
Pottawatomie County, Kansas	0
Pratt County, Kansas	0
Rawlins County, Kansas	15
Reno County, Kansas	10
Republic County, Kansas	10
Rice County, Kansas	10
Riley County, Kansas	5
Rooks County, Kansas	10
Rush County, Kansas	15
Russell County, Kansas	10
Saline County, Kansas	5
Scott County, Kansas	0
Sedgwick County, Kansas	5
Seward County, Kansas	10
Shawnee County, Kansas	5
Sheridan County, Kansas	5

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Sherman County, Kansas	10
Smith County, Kansas	15
Stafford County, Kansas	20
Stanton County, Kansas	10
Stevens County, Kansas	0
Sumner County, Kansas	10
Thomas County, Kansas	0
Trego County, Kansas	10
Wabaunsee County, Kansas	0
Wallace County, Kansas	20
Washington County, Kansas	5
Wichita County, Kansas	15
Wilson County, Kansas	20
Woodson County, Kansas	20
Wyandotte County, Kansas	20

*Factors used in determining a county's rank include the percent of population that lives in rural areas, the percent of population that is minority, the percent of children in poverty, median household income and the rate of unemployment. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000, 2008; and Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2009. Compilation of rank scores by Connected Nation, <http://connectednation.org/>.

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