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WELCOME

The Texas Broadband Development Office (BDO) prepared this guide to assist eligible applicants in preparing their applications for the Bringing Online Opportunities to Texas (BOOT) Grant Program. Funding for grants awarded by the program has been allocated to BDO through the American Rescue Plan Act Capital Projects Fund (CPF). This program is administered by the U.S. Department of the Treasury (U.S. Treasury) to carry out critical capital projects directly enabling work, education and health monitoring, including remote options, in response to the public health emergency relating to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the guide, in the event of an inconsistency between this guide, U.S. Treasury regulations and guidance, BDO program rules and the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), including any amendments, the following order of precedence will apply:

- [U.S. Treasury regulations and guidance](#)
- [Program rules \(which can be found at 34 Texas Admin. Code § 16.30 - § 16.46\)](#)
- [BOOT Program Notice of Funding Availability](#)
- Application Guide

If you have any questions about this document, please email our office at broadband@cpa.texas.gov.

Important Compliance Requirements

Applicants and grant recipients will be required to comply with all applicable state and federal rules and laws that govern the BOOT program. BDO encourages applicants to carefully review the [NOFA](#), as well as the applicable state and federal regulations and guidance documents (see below).

Program Guidance

- [Administrative Rules](#)
- [Government Code Chapter 490I](#)
- [Guidance for the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund \(U.S. Treasury\)](#)
- [Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund Compliance and Reporting Guidance \(U.S. Treasury\)](#)

Applicants also are encouraged to check our website for additional information or resources that may be useful in preparing and submitting your application for funding.



Eligibility Requirements

Applicant Eligibility

To participate in the BOOT Program, applicants must be one of the following entity types:

- (1) A political subdivision of this state;
- (2) A commercial broadband service provider;
- (3) A non-commercial broadband service provider; or
- (4) A partnership between political subdivisions of this state, commercial broadband service providers, non-commercial broadband service providers or any combination thereof.

POLITICAL SUBDIVISION	A county, municipality, school district, junior college district, other special district or other subdivision of state government. The term does not include a special purpose district described by Government Code Sec. 403.0241(b).
COMMERCIAL BROADBAND SERVICE PROVIDER	An internet service provider engaged in business intended for profit, a telephone cooperative, an electric cooperative or an electric utility that currently offers or proposes to offer last-mile or middle-mile broadband service for a fare, fee, rate, charge or other consideration.
NON-COMMERCIAL BROADBAND SERVICE PROVIDER	A broadband service provider that is not a commercial broadband service provider.

In addition to either being a political subdivision of this state or a broadband service provider, applicants for funding under the BOOT Program must not be disqualified from receiving funding under the program.

At the time of application, each entity that will materially participate in a proposed project must be in good standing to transact business in the state of Texas and be current on all state tax and reporting requirements (if applicable). In addition, each participant must not:

- Be listed on the [Comptroller of Public Accounts Debarred Vendors List](#).
- Be listed as “excluded” on the federal [System of Award Management](#).
- Be professionally affiliated with a person serving as a member of the [BDO Board of Advisors](#).
- Be delinquent in timely filing with federal and state broadband reporting requirements, including FCC Form 477 and Broadband DATA Act submissions as required during the most recent reporting period (if applicable).
- Be delinquent in providing serviceability data information requested by BDO.
- Be subject to a warrant hold or owe a debt to the state of Texas.
- Have a grade below “C” with the Texas Smart Buy [Vendor Performance Tracking System](#).

Proposed Project Eligibility

Applicants are encouraged to carefully review the NOFA to determine whether their proposed project meets project eligibility requirements.





Project Area Eligibility

Applicants may determine the boundaries of their proposed project area(s). However, a proposed project area must consist of the entirety of one or more contiguous designated areas that are eligible to receive funding as determined by the Texas Broadband Development Map.

Applicants will be required to provide broadband access to all unserved and underserved locations within the selected designated areas. A proposed project may not contain a designated area that is ineligible to receive funding. Applications for proposed projects that bring connectivity to one or more locations within an ineligible area will be disqualified from eligibility.

Register to Apply for Funding

Applicants must access the BDO Application System to register and apply for funding. Using the system, applicants will be able to create a single account that can be used to submit applications for multiple projects.

Supported Browsers

The BDO Application System is hosted on a Salesforce platform and offers the best experience using the browsers listed below. Make sure that your browsers are up to date. Other browsers or older versions of supported browsers are not guaranteed to support all features.

Desktop and Laptop Browsers

BROWSER	SUPPORT
Google Chrome™	Supports latest stable browser version
Mozilla® Firefox®	Supports latest stable browser version
Apple® Safari®	Supports latest stable browser version
Microsoft® Edge Chromium	Supports latest stable browser version. Internet Explorer mode for Microsoft Edge Chromium is not supported.
Microsoft® Internet Explorer®	Not supported
Microsoft® Edge (Non-Chromium)	Not supported

Tablet Browsers

BROWSER	IPADOS	ANDROID
Apple® Safari®	Supported	N/A
Google Chrome™	Not supported	Not supported
Other Browsers	Not supported	Not supported
Salesforce Mobile App	Supported	Supported



Using the BOOT Program Map

Applicants must use the [BOOT Program Applicant Map](#) to select their proposed project area and determine the addresses of unserved and underserved locations that must be included in their application. Applicants may request access to the mapping tool by sending an email to BDO.Map@cpa.texas.gov. When making the request, please include your full name and the name of the applicant and indicate that you are requesting access to the BOOT Program Applicant Map to apply for funding. Once granted access, the applicant will receive an email with instructions on how to set up a password and a link to the map.

After selecting their proposed project area, applicants will generate a CSV file containing the addresses included in the proposed project that must be uploaded as part of the application. Applicants should not alter or edit the CSV file generated by the BOOT Program Applicant Map. Applicants are encouraged to check our website for additional information, including an instructional video, about how to use the mapping tool as part of the application process.

Preparing your Grant Application

Applicants will be required to submit a complete application with all required supporting documentation using the BDO Application System. The BOOT Program Application is divided into eight sections, each containing questions that must be completed before moving to the next section. In addition to providing narrative responses to specific questions, applicants may be required to upload additional information using templates provided by BDO to support their applications.

Applicants are responsible for providing complete and comprehensive answers to each question or request for narrative responses. While BDO may request additional information if needed, applicants should aim to provide detailed information that will allow the office to evaluate the application and make an award decision without the need to request additional information from an applicant.

Application responses will be incorporated into any resulting award agreement, and applicants will be expected to adhere to commitments made in their applications.

Uploading Supporting Documentation

Required supporting documentation should be uploaded in accordance with the File Upload Reference Chart (Appendix C). Applicants should submit documents using the file naming convention and formats as indicated below. Do not use special characters other than the underscore (_) when naming files (examples include @, \$, &, %, +). Applicants must use prescribed templates where indicated.

Section 1 – Applicant Information

Section 1 requests applicants to provide an overview of their proposed project, as well as information about the applicant(s) that includes required identification numbers and contact information for applicant representatives. If the application is being made by multiple entities as part of a partnering agreement, the applicant must identify each entity and provide additional documentation describing the nature of the partnership and identifying each entity's role and responsibilities for the project.

Section 2 – Eligibility

Section 2 requests applicants to provide the amount of funding being requested and the total project cost. Requests for funding under the BOOT Program must be at least \$200,000 but less than \$5,000,000.

Applicants also are requested to provide the anticipated project start and completion dates, as well as the date broadband service would first be available to end users as a result of the proposed project.





Section 2 also contains a series of questions regarding the project and compliance issues that must be answered in the affirmative to be eligible to receive funding under the program. Applicants are encouraged to carefully review the questions to ensure that the applicant meets or will meet the requirements as outlined in each question.

Section 3 – Expansion of Broadband Service

Section 3 requests information regarding the proposed project area. Applicants will be required to provide a detailed map of the proposed project area, including all project area boundaries. While applicants may determine the boundaries of their proposed project area, a proposed project area must consist of the entirety of one or more contiguous designated areas that are eligible to receive funding as determined by the Texas Broadband Development Map. A proposed project may not contain a designated area that is ineligible to receive funding. Applications for proposed projects that bring connectivity to one or more locations within an ineligible area will be disqualified from eligibility.

In addition to a map of the proposed project area, applicants will be required to provide a list of all unserved addresses that will be served by the project. Applicants should note that they will be required to provide broadband access to all unserved locations within the selected designated areas.

Applicants will also be required to provide a list of any known existing internet service providers in the proposed project area and the internet service speeds offered by those providers.

Applicants must also provide information regarding the number of unserved broadband serviceable locations, as well as the total number of broadband serviceable locations located within the proposed project area.

Section 4 – Project Plan Feasibility

Section 4 requests detailed information regarding the technical specifications for the proposed broadband infrastructure project, including access network type, network architecture, and detailed engineering designs. In addition to providing narrative responses to specific questions, applicants must complete and upload additional information about the project using templates provided by BDO to support their applications.

Section 4 includes a question regarding voluntary grantee contributions by applicants. While matching funds are not required to be eligible for an award, preferential consideration will be given to applications based on contributions from other sources of funding, including in-kind contributions, as a percent of the total project costs. Please note that the presence or absence of a matching fund requirement is based on the source of funding; future BOOT Program grants may require matching funds by federal or state law.

Section 5 – Applicant Qualifications

Section 5 requests information regarding applicant qualifications. Applicants should provide narratives regarding the applicant's qualifications to manage the proposed project through the initial deployment phase and the subsequent five years of operation, including history of completion of similar federal- or state-funded projects. Applicants also must disclose any negative history, including a history of bankruptcy or any state or federal criminal or civil litigation involving the use of federal or state grant programs.

Section 6 – Community Support and Involvement

Section 6 seeks evidence that the proposed project is supported by the local community. Applicants should provide documentation describing outreach activities conducted with citizens, local government, businesses and/or institutions in the communities to be served for the purpose of creating awareness and support of the proposed project. If the community or region has one or more active broadband plans, preferential consideration will be given to applications that describe how the proposed project is consistent with, and will address the goals and objectives of, the plan. If the applicant has received letters of support from citizens, local government officials, businesses and/or institutions in the communities to be served, the applicant may upload copies of the letters with the application.



Section 7 – Community Need and Social Impact

Section 7 seeks information regarding the impact the proposed project will have on affected local communities, including information regarding the broadband service the applicant proposes to deploy as a result of the project and the cost of each level of service. Applicants must provide a universally available low-cost option. In addition, this section seeks information on whether the proposed project includes a workforce development plan that prioritizes the hiring of local residents during the life of the project and a plan to implement digital literacy, awareness and/or adoption programs for residents in the proposed project area.

Section 8 – Signature

By submitting the application, applicants certify under penalty of perjury that they are authorized to do so on behalf of the applicant and that the statements and information contained in the application are true, complete and accurate. Applicants also agree that by signing the application they are aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject the applicant or the signer to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties under state or federal law. Applicants also agree to comply with any resulting terms if they accept an award.

BOOT Program Grant Application Help

Contacting BDO for Assistance

Potential applicants should review application guide documents and other materials before beginning an application to better understand what is needed to complete an application. If a potential applicant has questions about how to complete an application after reviewing the guide documents and other materials, they may contact the office at broadband@cpa.texas.gov.





APPENDICES



Appendix A – Acronyms

- ACP** – Affordable Connectivity Program
- ARPA** – American Rescue Plan Act
- BDO** – Broadband Development Office
- BOOT** – Bringing Online Opportunities to Texas
- CAI** – Community Anchor Institutions
- CBRS** – Citizens Broadband Radio
- CFO** – Chief Financial Officer
- CMBL** – Centralized Master Bidder List
- CPA** – Comptroller of Public Accounts
- CPF** – Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund
- DAS** – Distributed Antenna Systems
- DBE** – Disadvantaged Business Enterprise
- DUNS** – Data Universal Number System provided by Dun & Bradstreet
- FCC** – Federal Communications Commission
- HB** – State of Texas House Bill
- HUB** – Historically Underutilized Business
- Mbps** – Megabits Per Second
- MOU** – Memorandum of Understanding
- NOFA** – Notice of Funding Availability
- SAM** – System for Award Management
- SBE** – Small Business Enterprises
- SWIC** – Statewide Interoperability Coordinator
- TAC** – Texas Association of Counties
- UEI** – Unique Entity Identifier for SAM.GOV





Appendix B – Supporting Documentation Checklist

Prior to filling out an application, applicants may wish to consult the following checklist of information and data needed to prepare a comprehensive grant application.

Application Checklist

- [UEI Number](#).
- [Texas Taxpayer ID](#).
- [Centralized Master Bidder List \(CMBL\) Vendor ID](#).
- [DUNS Number](#).
- [Federal Employer ID Number \(FEIN\)](#).
- Project Primary, Secondary, Project Administration, and Reporting Contacts and Contact Information.
- Total project cost.
- BOOT funding request (\geq \$200,000 and $<$ \$5,000,000).
- Cost per premise covered.
- Completed U.S. Department of the Treasury's [Environmental Checklist \(pdf\)](#).
- Project Partner(s) Names, addresses and FEINs, if applicable.
- Documentation (pdf)** verifying the existence of the partnership, if applicable.
- Completed **address list (csv)** created from the BOOT Program Applicant Map.
- Description of the proposed service area boundaries.
- Created **map** of the proposed project's service area with boundaries.
- Description of existing providers in the proposed project area and their service packages.
- Completed **Speed Improvements Template (xlsx)** provided by BDO.
- Completed **Network Architecture Diagram** (two sets of PDF diagrams).
- Completed **Detailed Engineering Design Plan (pdf)** provided by BDO.
- Completed **Network Support Requirements Report (pdf)** provided by BDO.
- Completed **Wired Infrastructure Report (pdf)** provided by BDO and a **detailed diagram (pdf)** of the backbone infrastructure, if applicable.
- Completed **Fixed Wireless Infrastructure Report (pdf)** provided by BDO, if applicable.
- Completed **Project Plan and Milestones Report (xlsx)** provided by BDO.
- Completed **Detailed Budget Template (xlsx)** provided by BDO.
- Description of any voluntary fund contributions and contributors, if applicable.



- Completed **letter signed by each voluntary fund contributor (pdf)** indicating amount and source of funds, as well as status of funding commitment and any steps required to secure final approval of the use of such funds for the proposed project, if applicable. Template provided by BDO.
- Completed **resumes of key personnel (pdf)** for the proposed project. Template provided by BDO.
- Description of previous and current broadband infrastructure projects, including publicly funded projects.
- Description of applicant's experience providing broadband service inside and outside of the state.
- Three years of **audited financial statements (pdf)**.
- Completed **Financial Capacity Template (xlsx)** provided by BDO.
- Description and status of any petitions for bankruptcy and **supporting documentation (pdf)**, if applicable.
- Description and status of **all pending litigation** against the applicant, if applicable.
- Description and **evidence of community outreach activities**, including surveys, roundtables, etc.
- Completed **letters of support** from citizens, local government officials, businesses and/or institutions in the communities to be served.
- Description and excerpts of the applicant's **alignment with community or regional broadband plans**, if applicable.
- Description of broadband-related problems and challenges facing the targeted project area, specifically focused on the critical employment, education and health monitoring needs of the community that were exacerbated by the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- Description of any public or private educational facilities impacted and served by the proposed project.
- Completed **Service Package Template (xlsx)** identifying all service packages to be provided through the proposed project. Template provided by BDO.
- Description of the pricing strategy for determining the universally available low-cost option to be offered.
- Identify if the universally available low-cost option provided through the applicant's proposed project will be fully covered by the \$30 monthly subsidy provided through the FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program.
- Identify and provide documentation of **the applicant's digital opportunity plan** for residents impacted by the proposed project, if applicable.
- Identify and provide documentation of **the applicant's workforce development plan** that prioritizes the training and hiring of residents, if applicable.
- Confirm coordination with and approval from the Texas Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) Office for a proposed project using radio and wireless technology as a solution.





Appendix C – File Upload Reference Chart

QUESTION	FILE NAMING CONVENTION FOR SUBMISSION	FILE FORMAT	TEMPLATE	INSTRUCTIONS
Documentation verifying the existence of a partnership	[ApplicantName]_Partnerships.pdf	PDF	No	Mandatory only if partnership exists, which can include memoranda of understanding between partners and an organizational chart showing the partnership roles and responsibilities. The certification should describe the nature of the partnership, provide the specific terms and conditions, and be signed and attested to by the parties.
Exemption from Standard Minimum Network requirements	[ApplicantName]_NetworkStandardExemption.pdf	PDF	No	Mandatory only if the proposed project cannot practically deliver at least 100 Mbps symmetrical speeds. Must still deliver a minimum of 100/20 Mbps speeds. Exceptions will be reviewed and evaluated for reasonableness before being approved or denied.
Address List from the selected Project Area on the Map	[ApplicantName]_AddressList.csv	CSV	Yes	Mandatory for all applications.
Screenshot of the selected Project Area on the Map	[ApplicantName]_ProjectArea. jpeg	JPEG JPG PNG	No	Mandatory for all applications. Satellite or terrain map clearly indicating the project area boundaries. This is a visual reference for the Address List submitted.
Voluntary Grantee Contribution Details	[ApplicantName]_VoluntaryContribution.pdf	PDF	No	For use if applicant has voluntary grantee contribution (i.e., matching funds). For any voluntary grantee contribution funds listed in the Project Plan Feasibility section of the application, please provide a letter signed by an authorized representative of each fund provider (chief financial officer, treasurer or equivalent) describing the amount and source of funds, status of funding commitment and any steps required to secure final approval of the use of such funds for the proposed project.
Service Packages	[ApplicantName]_ServicePackages.xlsx	XLSX	Yes	Mandatory for all applications. The applicant will provide details for every standard service package tier to be offered via the proposed project, including a universally available low-cost option. Monthly costs should reflect non-promotional pricing.



QUESTION	FILE NAMING CONVENTION FOR SUBMISSION	FILE FORMAT	TEMPLATE	INSTRUCTIONS
Detailed Budget	[ApplicantName]_BudgetSchedule.xlsx	XLSX	Yes	Mandatory for all applications. The budget template includes various cost categories. The budget should reflect the funding request and total project amount.
Project Plan and Milestones Report	[ApplicantName]_ProjectPlanMilestonesReport.xlsx	XLSX	Yes	<p>Mandatory for all applications. The upload should include details relevant to each stage of the project and milestones for each phase of the project, cover the entire project period, and align to the proposed project budget.</p> <p>The plan should include at least the following milestones:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preconstruction Planning - Engineering 2. Permitting - Leasing - Licensing 3. Construction 4. Equipment Installation 5. Project Implementation 6. Adoption and Marketing Outreach 7. Operational Validation Plan
Network Architecture Diagram	[ApplicantName]_NetworkArchitecture.pdf	PDF	No	Mandatory for all applications. The applicant will provide two sets of PDF diagrams: One will include a high-level set of logical network diagrams, and the other will contain the detailed physical network diagram.
Detailed Engineering Design Plan	[ApplicantName]_EngineeringDesign.pdf	PDF	Yes	Mandatory for all applications. The applicant will provide information about the design of the proposed project, including access network type, equipment, vendors, etc.
Network Support Requirements Report	[ApplicantName]_NetworkSupportRequirements.pdf	PDF	Yes	Mandatory for all applications. The applicant will provide information about their Network Operations Center, customer trouble reporting procedures and technical operations including staffing.
Wired Infrastructure Report	[ApplicantName]_WiredInfrastructureReport.pdf	PDF	Yes	Mandatory only for applications with wired infrastructure. The applicant will provide a description of design and deployment, as well as other related information for the proposed project.





QUESTION	FILE NAMING CONVENTION FOR SUBMISSION	FILE FORMAT	TEMPLATE	INSTRUCTIONS
Wired Infrastructure Diagram	[ApplicantName]_WiredInfrastructure.pdf	PDF	No	Mandatory only for applications with wired infrastructure. The applicant will provide a detailed diagram of the backbone infrastructure, to include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If copper gauge, number of pairs. 2. If fiber, number of strands for trunk and branches. 3. If coaxial cable, what type. 4. Indicate what cable is buried and what is aerial.
Fixed Wireless Infrastructure Report	[ApplicantName]_FixedWirelessInfrastructure.pdf	PDF	Yes	Mandatory only for applications with fixed wireless infrastructure. The applicant will provide an explanation of existing networks and equipment to be used, as well as other related information for the proposed project.
Managerial Capacity	[ApplicantName]_KeyPersonnelResume.pdf	PDF	Yes	Mandatory for all applications. Using the template provided, the applicant will identify and provide the experience of key personnel who will be directly involved in development and oversight of the proposed project. One personnel per page; consolidate all supporting documents into a single PDF for submittal.
Three years of audited financial statements	[ApplicantName]_AuditedStatements.pdf	PDF	No	Mandatory for all applications. If the applicant has been in operation for less than three years, provide statements for the years in business and relevant supporting documentation on financial capacity. If the current year has not been audited at the time of submission, an audited version may be requested when it is available. If possible, consolidate all supporting documents into a single PDF for submittal.
Financial Capacity	[ApplicantName]_FinancialStatements.xlsx	XLSX	Yes	Mandatory for all applications. The applicant will provide financial data for the previous three completed fiscal years, demonstrating capacity as well as other assets and liabilities. Data will need to align with financial statements provided.
Proof of Bankruptcy Discharge	[ApplicantName]_BankruptcyDischarge.pdf	PDF	No	Mandatory only for applicants with past discharged bankruptcy(ies).



QUESTION	FILE NAMING CONVENTION FOR SUBMISSION	FILE FORMAT	TEMPLATE	INSTRUCTIONS
Pending Litigation	[ApplicantName]_Litigation.pdf	PDF	No	Mandatory only for applicants with pending litigation. The applicant will provide a list and the status of all pending litigation against the applicant. Simple list form with relevant information will suffice.
Community Outreach	[ApplicantName]_Outreach.pdf	PDF	No	<p>Applicants who conducted outreach activities with citizens, local government, businesses and/or institutions in the communities to be served for the purpose of creating awareness and support for the proposed project can evidence of that outreach.</p> <p>Include examples, if any, of how the feedback collected through outreach activities resulted in a modified project scope.</p>
Letters of Support	[ApplicantName]_CommunityLettersofSupport_#.pdf	PDF	No	Applicants may include any letters of support or other supporting correspondence from citizens, local government officials, businesses and/or institutions in the communities to be served.
Alignment with Community or Regional Broadband Plan	[ApplicantName]_CommunityPlan.pdf	PDF	No	<p>Applicants may include excerpts of regional or community plans to demonstrate how the proposed project aligns goals and objectives of the plan.</p> <p>Applicants should not copy and paste passages from the broadband plan. If desired, applicant may upload key excerpts and highlight the plan goals or objectives that the proposed project addresses.</p>
Digital Opportunity Plan	[ApplicantName]_DigitalOpportunity.pdf	PDF	No	<p>Applicants may include localized digital literacy and training strategies for the proposed project that include programs centered on awareness and/or adoption programs for community members.</p> <p>Plans can be in memo format on official letterhead indicating programs being considered.</p>
Workforce Development Plan	[ApplicantName]_WorkforceDevelopment.pdf	PDF	No	<p>Applicants can include a workforce development approach for the proposed project that includes training and hiring local residents.</p> <p>Plans can be in memo format on official letterhead indicating programs being considered.</p>





Appendix D – Helpful Resources

Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP): All grant recipients will be required to participate in the ACP. Applicants are encouraged to incorporate the ACP in their community outreach and adoption strategies.

BOOT NOFA: The BOOT NOFA outlines the program requirements and process that will be followed for the initial BOOT funding round.

BOOT Program Rules: The BOOT Program Rules as published in 34 Texas Admin. Code § 16.30 - § 16.46 detail the rules adopted by BDO to implement the tasks outlined by HB 5 (87R).

CPF Reporting Guidance: Selected BOOT Program Grantees funded by CPF will be required to provide BDO periodic reports of project progress and metrics. The required information for reporting will include but is not limited to the same data elements that U.S. Treasury will require BDO to submit on a quarterly and annual basis.

CPF Treasury Guidance and the **CPF FAQs**: Selected BOOT Program Grantees funded by CPF will be required to comply with the CPF compliance requirements. The CPF Treasury Guidance and FAQs provide information on eligible expenses and other U.S. Treasury CPF grant administration requirements. BOOT Grantees will be expected to be knowledgeable of and monitor any updates that are issued from the date of the grant agreement through March 31, 2027.

FCC Map: The FCC has published the FCC National Broadband Map based on recent broadband data collection efforts. The map provides detail on where broadband is and is not available across the country.

HB 5 (87R): HB 5 established BDO within CPA and tasks BDO with fulfilling several broadband expansion mandates, including but not limited to establishing a broadband development program to award grants. The BOOT Grant Program is the first program established.

RDOF Grant Recipients: The BOOT Grant Program cannot fund a location that has an existing commitment to provide speeds of 100Mbps/20Mbps. Applicants should exercise their own due diligence to confirm the eligibility of submitted locations.

State Broadband Plan: The State Broadband Plan outlines observations from outreach conducted, background on broadband terminology and technology, and areas of focus to close the digital divide in Texas.

Texas Broadband Development Map: Consistent with HB 5, the BOOT Program Rules and the BOOT NOFA, the Texas Broadband Development Map will identify the designated areas that are eligible for funding. However, once an organization has created a BDO Application System account, applicants will need to use the BOOT Program Applicant Map to identify their project area and submit a CSV generated from that process. See “[BOOT Program Applicant Map](#)” to learn more.

Uniform Guidance (2 CFR 200): All federally funded grant programs will follow compliance requirements of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards.



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