

Waiver Request Form

Complete this form to submit a waiver request. Please reference the applicable program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for NTIA waiver guidelines.

1. **Date of Submission:** 8/22/2025

2. **Program:** Broadband, Equity Access and Deployment Program (BEAD)

3. **Entity Name:** Kansas Office of Broadband Development

4. **Point of Contact:**

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5. **Project Identification:**

a. **Project Title:** Kansas NTIA-BEAD-2022

b. **Project Identification Number:** 20-20-B172

6. **NOFO Provision Applicable to Requested Waiver:**

Cost Sharing/Matching

7. **Confirmation that Eligible Entity Is Not Seeking Waiver of a Statutory Requirement:**

Affirmed ☒

8. **Justification:**

Office requests a waiver of the 25% non-federal match requirement for 10,301 locations included in this Final Proposal. The Office finds that the substantial cost savings generated from the Benefit of the Bargain Round reflect the program's overall lower per-location costs and efficient use of public funds. These savings have created space to support projects that fall short of the non-federal match requirement, but are critical to achieving universal broadband access under the BEAD Program.

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