CONNECTME

Broadband Planning Grant Scoring Guide
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Engagement & Participation – up to 30 points

The engagement & participation score is based on relevant factors including but not limited to, evidence of community support, engagement & participation for the project. Strong consideration will be given to those applications that include petitions or listings of a significant number of the available households and businesses expressing a strong desire to subscribe to broadband service.

Show of Engagement	Points
Community Broadband Team	0-10
Community Meeting (please submit attendee list)	0-10
Business Support	0-10

Project Focus – up to 30 points

The project focus score is based on the degree to which the application proposes a project that is likely to produce the required results:
- Defines local broadband needs and goals
- Inventories existing broadband infrastructure assets within the community
- Includes a gap analysis defining the additional broadband infrastructure necessary to meet the identified goals
- Include one or more potential network designs, cost estimates, operating models and business models
- Include an assessment of municipal procedures, policies, rules and ordinances that impact or influence broadband infrastructure deployment

Project Preparation – up to 15

Completeness of precertification and application materials including narratives that outline on how the project will complete the project focus areas.

Financial Commitment – up to 25

The score is based on the amount of financial support to be provided by members of the community/communities.

Community Contribution %	Points
50%+	25
35-50%	20
25-35%	15
10-25%	10
1-10%	5