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Fixed Amount Subaward Questions

1. What are the milestones for the fixed amount subaward structure?

Applicants must file disbursement requests upon completion of specified project milestones. The milestones and the associated disbursement amount are shown below.

Milestones | Updated reimbursement milestones for fixed amount subawards (FAS)



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Arkansas BEAD milestones for fixed amount subaward reimbursement		
Milestone	Disbursement (percent of award)	Maximum Cumulative Disbursement (percent of award) ¹
Office approval of detailed project budget and schedule	10%	10%
Proof of binding agreement to acquire BABA-compliant equipment and proof that permits have been requested	10%	20%
Provider certification and Office completion of technical and compliance audit that the provider has reached:		
10% of project BSLs	15%	35%
40% of project BSLs	25%	60%
70% of project BSLs	25%	85%
100% of project BSLs and ARConnect approval of completion	15%	100%

A subgrantee may certify that it has "reached" a location when it is capable of performing a standard installation of qualifying broadband service, at a standard installation charge, within 10 business days after the date on which a service request is submitted²

1. IPV2 2. 47 U.S.C. §§ 642(b)(2)(A)(i)-(ii); 47 CFR § 1.7001(a)(19) Note: Updated as of Nov. 18

Additional guidance on the fixed amount subaward structure can be found [here](#).

2. How long after a disbursement request is submitted will the actual funds be dispersed?

There is no specific timeline at this moment. ARConnect will provide additional guidance at a later date.

3. If an applicant is exercising option 2.4 of the Letter of Credit Waiver where they must file for disbursement every six months, but they have not made progress towards the next deployment milestone between the six-month reporting periods, how should they file for disbursement?

If an applicant has not passed any BSLs between the required six-month disbursement period under option 2.4 of the Letter of Credit Waiver, they would submit a disbursement request for \$0.

Preliminary Selectee Questions

4. What environmental permitting information must preliminary selectees provide in the Selectee Additional Information section?

Applicants must research the potential environmental permits required to serve their project area(s) and document them on page 3 of the Engineering Design Packet. Additionally, applicants must account for permitting in their Implementation Plan/Schedule.

Applicants are encouraged to use [NTIA's Permitting and Environmental Mapping Tool](#) to identify what federal permits are required for their project area(s).

Match Requirement Questions

5. Who is eligible to request a match requirement waiver?

ARConnect is the only entity who can submit a waiver request to NTIA. Applicants are, however, entitled to request that ARConnect seek a waiver of the 25% match requirement from NTIA for their projects.

As stated in Section III.B.5 of the BEAD NOFO:

In order to be considered for a waiver, an Eligible Entity must submit a request that describes the special circumstances underlying the request and explain how a waiver would serve the public interest and effectuate the purposes of the BEAD Program. The Assistant Secretary retains the discretion to waive any amount of the match, including up to the full 25 percent requirement.

6. Who can provide a matching contribution?

Section III.B.1 of the BEAD NOFO specifies the following sources for a matching contribution:

A matching contribution may be provided by the subgrantee, an Eligible Entity, a unit of local government, a utility company, a cooperative, a nonprofit or philanthropic organization, a for-profit company, regional planning or governmental organization, a federal regional commission or authority, or any combination thereof.

Matching funds may be either cash or in-kind contributions that are, per 2 CFR 200.306(b):

1. Verifiable from the non-federal entity's records;
2. Not included as contributions for any other federal award;
3. Necessary and reasonable to accomplish project or program objectives;
4. Allowable under subpart E of 2 CFR 200.306;
5. Not paid by the federal government under another federal award, except where the federal statute authorizing a program specifically provides that federal funds made available for such program can be applied to matching or cost sharing requirements of other federal programs;

6. Provided for in the approved budget when required by NTIA; and
7. Conform to other provisions of 2 CFR 200.306, as applicable.