

**CPF ExtEND Line Extension Program
Frequently Asked Questions
As of April 2, 2025**

Q1: What is the CPF ExtEND Program?

A: The North Dakota CPF ExtEND Program is designed to efficiently utilize the state's remaining Capital Projects Fund (CPF) allocations by extending existing broadband networks to nearby unserved and underserved locations. This program prioritizes cost-effective and timely broadband deployments to connect locations eligible for federal broadband grant awards.

Q2: Who is eligible?

A: Eligible applicants include:

- Internet Service Providers (ISPs) with existing networks near CPF-eligible locations.
- Applicants must not have any outstanding compliance issues with prior CPF or other federally funded broadband grants.
- Applicants do not need an existing CPF grant to participate in the CPF ExtEND Program.

Q3: Do applicants need to have a current CPF project to apply?

A: No, applicants do not need to have an existing CPF project to participate in the CPF ExtEND Program.

Q4: What locations are eligible for funding?

A: Projects must focus on unserved or underserved locations listed as CPF-eligible by North Dakota (see Eligible Locations List).

- Unserved: Locations lacking speeds of at least 25/3 Mbps.
- Underserved: Locations lacking speeds of at least 100/20 Mbps.

This location list is derived from the BEAD eligible location list and is updated between application rounds to reflect new bids submitted through both the CPF ExtEND and BEAD programs.

Q5: What is the timeline for application?

A: The Round 1 application window will be open April 7 – May 9, 2025.

Q6: How do I apply?

A: Applications must be submitted via the NDIT WebGrants Portal. Detailed application instructions can be found in the WebGrants User Guide.

Q7: How will subgrantees be selected?

A: The program follows a cost-effectiveness-driven selection process to maximize the number of locations covered with the funds available. Applications will be ranked based on cost-effectiveness,

considering both the amount requested and the number of locations served. Upon ranking proposals, NDIIT may reach out to applicants to explore whether they would be able to accept a partial award by adjusting their project scope or contributing private funds (i.e., a provider match) to maintain their full scope. Due to limited funding, not all applicants will necessarily receive an award in the current round. However, if additional funds become available in the future, applicants that were not awarded will be encouraged to update and resubmit their proposal(s) for consideration in the next funding round.

Q8: What key considerations should I be mindful of when applying?

A: Projects must reach substantial completion before December 31, 2026. Substantial completion is defined as the date for which the Project can fulfill the primary operations that it was designed to perform, delivering services to end-users. At substantial completion, service operations and management systems infrastructure must be operational. Recipients may request extensions beyond this timeframe to the extent that factors outside of the Recipient's control have impacted Project delivery timelines. Treasury will approve extension requests on a case-by-case basis. ([Treasury Guidance for the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund](#))

Q9: How much funding is available?

A: Funding will come from remaining CPF funds from projects completed under budget. Total program funding will be allocated on a rolling basis as CPF projects close out and available funds are confirmed. The selection process prioritizes maximizing locations covered with the available funds, meaning awards may be granted in full or in part, depending on cost-effectiveness and remaining funds. If not awarded funding in the current round, applicants are encouraged to update and resubmit their proposal(s) for consideration in the next funding round.

- Funds available in Round 1: \$1-2M

Q10: Is there a required provider match percentage?

A: There is no set provider match requirement for the program. Applicants should submit their total CPF funds requested as part of the application, and NDIIT will assess available funding to determine the feasibility of an award. Since funding is limited to unspent CPF funds from completed projects, awards will be allocated to maximize the number of locations served. If an applicant receives a partial funding offer, they will have the option to adjust their project scope to fit within the available funds or contribute the remaining funds themselves (i.e., provider match) to maintain the full project scope. If an applicant chooses to self-fund the difference, this may increase the likelihood of receiving an award, as it allows NDIIT to stretch funding across more locations.

Q11: What types of technology are eligible?

A: Only end-to-end fiber projects will be eligible for funding under the CPF ExtEND Program ([House Bill 1021](#)).

Q12: What can funding be used for?

A: The program will reimburse eligible capital expenses required to connect the selected unserved and underserved locations, including but not limited to:

- Network equipment
- Make-ready and pole attachment costs
- Site preparation and installation

Q13: Can CPF Line Extension funding be combined with other broadband grants?

A: Yes, but applicants must ensure compliance with federal and state funding requirements and must disclose all other sources of broadband funding in their application.

Q14: Will there be reporting requirements for awarded projects?

A: Yes, awardees must comply with the U.S. Department of the Treasury's requirements, including:

- Quarterly Project & Expenditure Reports
- Annual Performance Reports

Q15: Who should I contact for additional information?

A: For questions regarding the program or application process, please contact NDIT at broadband@nd.gov.

This document may be updated periodically as new questions arise or additional information becomes available.