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Connect NY Grant Application Period Closes October 5 at 4PM

As a reminder, the application period to apply for the Connect NY Broadband grant closes on **October 5, 2012 at 4 p.m. (EST)**.

All applications must be completed and submitted by that time.

For additional information on Grant Criteria and Guidelines for the Connect NY Broadband Grant Program please visit <http://nysbroadband.ny.gov/assets/documents/connectnygrantguidelines1.pdf>.

Questions regarding the Connect NY Broadband Grant Program can be directed to the Empire State Development Broadband Program Office 866-322-5787 or nysbroadband@esd.ny.gov.



Connect NY Matching Funds Requirement

The Connect NY Broadband Grant Program requires matching funds of 20% of the total project cost and verification of availability of these funds. **The 20% matching funds may include the following:**

10% of Matching Contributions Must Be Cash

Applicants must contribute a minimum of 10% of the total project cost in the form of equity. Equity is defined as cash injected into the project by the applicant or by investors that can be audited through the review of the applicant's financial statements or accounts. In order to qualify for the required cash contribution, the contribution must occur after ESD's Incentive Proposal has been countersigned by the Applicant and must not be funded by borrowing against any item in the project budget.

Matching Contributions In Excess Of 10% Cash Match May Be In-Kind

Matching funds in excess of the required 10% cash match may be in the form of either cash or in-kind contributions. In-kind contributions, which may include third-party in-kind contributions, are non-cash donations of property, goods or services that are reasonable and necessary for the efficient completion of the broadband project.

Examples of Eligible In-Kind Matching Contributions Include:

- The costs of hiring employees and paying salaries, if the employees' job functions are directly related to one or more of the program activities listed in the Impact and Adoption category of the Connect NY program guidelines <http://nysbroadband.ny.gov/assets/documents/connectnygrantguidelines1.pdf>. This can include developing and providing training, broadband awareness campaigns, or web-based digital literacy resources. Applicants should also demonstrate how these costs will be sustained after the grant period ends.
- The cost of computer equipment, software, and training for disadvantaged citizens in the proposed project service area.
- Use of facilities and network infrastructure and expenditures for existing programs presented as part of the project proposal.
- Broadband-related equipment, instrumentation, networking capability, hardware and software, and digital network technology for broadband services.

To view the entire Matching Funds Requirement Document, please visit http://www.nysbroadband.ny.gov/assets/documents/Connect-NY-Matching-Fund-Requirement_final.pdf.

Shapefile Submission Changes to the Connect NY Broadband Grant Application

Please be advised that due to technical errors in uploading Shapefiles to the Connect NY Broadband Grant Application in the CFA portal, we are now requesting all Shapefiles be emailed to the Office of Cyber Security Broadband Mapping Team.

A 'Shapefile' (.shp) of the proposed broadband service area **MUST BE EMAILED** to nysbroadbandmapping@dhses.ny.gov.

When emailing your shape file please indicate your CFA Number in the title followed by the words Shapefile. Once your Shapefile is received you will receive a confirmation email indicating your file has been received. Shapefiles may be compressed into a single .zip file and submitted. (ESRI shapefiles, Google .kmz, MapInfo .tab may be submitted.)

This new question now exists in the CFA and you will be required to indicated YES once you have emailed your Shapefile to the Office of Cyber Security Broadband Mapping Team AND have received your confirmation.



Coming Soon! New Mapping Data

The Office of Cyber Security will soon be adding new layers to the New York State Broadband Map (www.broadbandmap.ny.gov) that will identify:

- Connect NY applicants' proposed project areas and the relationship of the project areas, as it relates to location, to New York State's ten (10) economic development regions;
- Broadband service availability footprints of current Internet service providers (voluntarily self-reported as part of the NYS Broadband Mapping Program);
- Aggregated broadband service availability meeting or surpassing the Connect NY Grant Program speed thresholds of 6 mbps download/1.5 mbps upload; and
- Locations of community anchor institutions.

Watch for this updated information to begin appearing on the New York State Broadband Map after October 6 and refreshed every 48 hours until all the proposed project areas are processed and available for viewing.



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