

Oklahoma ARPA SLFRF Broadband Investment Grant Program

Overbuild Prevention Contest Process – Partial Funding Applications

Questions and Responses

Please note that this FAQ was developed as a broad public resource and is intended to be strictly informational. The Answers contained in this FAQ will not include complete information as the questions posed do not provide complete information. This document may be consulted as a reference but should not be relied on for a complete assessment. The OBO encourages potential applicants to consult their legal counsel in finding answers to these questions.

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1. How does the ARPA SLFRF Contest Process work? There is no list to see who won the contests. How do ISPs know if they won the contest and will get to serve a location?

The ARPA SLFRF Overbuild Prevention Contest Process is almost complete, and no projects have been awarded. ISPs with projects containing successfully contested locations now have the opportunity to submit an application for partial funding. An email was sent to ISPs from ARPA@broadband.ok.gov last Friday, January 5, which included documents to use for applications for partial funding. Once those are submitted, the OBO will complete scoring for all projects and subsequently send proposed projects to the Governing Board for its pending approval. If a location has not been successfully contested, the location is still eligible for funding.

2. Concerning resubmission, we uploaded the application last time to the portal. Should the partial funding application be submitted through the portal or the ARPA@broadband.ok.gov email?

All ISPs that received an email from ARPA@broadband.ok.gov saying their proposed projects contained successfully contested locations need to fill out the [partial funding application template](#) and the [location data template \(csv\)](#) that was attached to the email. Please make sure to submit all the necessary information to the OBO. Do not sure the portal for this process.

3. What format (.xlsx or .csv) should ISPs use for the Location Data Template, and which spreadsheet as the template?

For submitting applications for partial funding, please use the template included in the email sent on Friday, January 5. The format will need to be .csv.

4. Should ISPs submit county-specific Word and .csv files or one that incorporates all proposed projects?

Word and .csv documents will need to be submitted for each county-specific ARPA SLFRF project.

5. Should ISPs continue using the ARPA SLFRF Contest Portal?

ISPs no longer need to access the ARPA SLFRF Contest Portal. Partial funding applications will be sent to ARPA@broadband.ok.gov, and when proposed projects are eventually awarded, they will be posted on the OBO website.

6. What does it mean when contests are accepted?

Accepted contests mean locations within the associated ARPA SLFRF proposed project are no longer eligible for funding.

7. A number of ISPs submitted duplicate proposals containing the exact same BSLs through the portal. Now, some of those duplicate proposals have had successful contests completed. In those cases, do partial funding applications need to be submitted for each duplicate?

If you are an ISP that submitted duplicate proposals containing the exact same BSLs, you will not need to submit multiple partial funding applications for each one. Please submit one application, listing the ARPA number of the project that you wish to be considered for partial funding.

8. Are ISPs permitted to send the partial funding application files in a Dropbox link instead?

Yes, if the files are too big to be sent via email.

9. The CSV file has several columns marked required but are post investment. Do ISPs need to fill these out?

Fields marked required will need to be filled out. ISPs are to include their post-investment speeds (100/100Mbps or 100/20Mbps).