

Partnership for a Connected Illinois
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Broadband Innovation Fund Q+A Webinar



ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Any private, public, or non profit entity is eligible to apply, and **may request between \$10,000 and \$100,000** from PCI to use broadband to

- **Stimulate job creation**
- **Education**
- **Healthcare**
- **Agriculture**
- **Public safety**
- **Energy conservation**
- **eGovernment**



- **May the organization we're partnering with be outside the state boundaries of Illinois (i.e. Quad Cities, St. Louis Metro area, etc.?)**

All funds must be spent in the State of Illinois.

- **Although our project is sustainable, it may not have a "residents reached" or "computer trainings offered" statistic. May we still apply?**

Yes. Applicants need to provide measurable outcomes for proposed projects. Look for the "other metrics of sustainability" section and include what your outcomes will be.

- **Is there an implementation deadline?**

This is a fast-paced program, and projects need to be completed in 8 months after awards are made. We're looking for applicants who are seeking to do this work quickly and hit the ground running.

- **Is this program aimed at finding ways to increase broadband usage OR promoting broadband network and speed improvements?**

The Broadband Innovation Fund is about the USE of high-speed networks, not the network itself. We're aiming for the application and use of planned or built broadband infrastructure.





DEADLINE EXTENDED

Tuesday, September 18

Deadline extend for Responses to RFP.

Applications due by 5pm.

Friday, September 28

Awardees notified by PCI; funds will be allocated in two installments.



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- Complete Proposal should be submitted at the website OR emailed to innovation@broadbandillinois.org by **5 p.m. CT, Tuesday, September 18, 2012.**
- Questions can be sent to innovation@broadbandillinois.org
- All available information is located at <http://broadbandillinois.org/innovation>

