



COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT

Broadband and Cellular Expansion Projects

NOHFC support for broadband and cellular expansion projects is intended to address broadband gaps in northern Ontario by increasing connectivity for unserved or underserved areas.

Who is eligible?

Municipalities, municipal organizations, Indigenous Communities, and Community-based networks or ICT community champions (not-for-profit economic development/innovation centres) in Northern Ontario.

Program Requirements

- The maximum amount of funding from all government sources will not exceed 90%.
- A copy of a map and identification of property defining the geographic coverage of cellular or broadband projects must be provided with the proposal to NOHFC.
- Applicants must provide an overview of the network design to demonstrate that it can support the delivery of speeds to customers as outlined in applications.

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What projects are Eligible?

- Projects that improve broadband and cellular coverage to areas with broadband download speeds of less than 25 megabytes per second (mbps) (un-served or under-served areas).
- Projects must deliver a minimum of 25 mbps to consumers at a cost comparable to cost paid by the nearest urban consumer.
- Projects that expand cellular coverage along the Trans-Canada and King's Highways.
- A minimum of 85 % of eligible costs must be broadband or cellular-related capital and equipment costs (i.e. towers, antennas, electronics, and site buildings).

Funding

Funding is in the form of a conditional contribution, and will support the following:

- Fifty (50) % of eligible costs up to a maximum of \$1 million dollars per project with a targeted funding of \$500 per dwelling (average) within the coverage area. This cost per dwelling may need to be exceeded in areas where the backhaul network cannot support target speeds; however, it cannot be used to overbuild network solutions.
- Projects that deliver 50 mbps or greater will be considered up to \$1,500 per dwelling.

