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Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs

Next Level Connections Broadband Grant Program

Letter of Intent Walk-Through

December 17, 2019

Who's Who?



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Agenda

OCRA Background

NLC Broadband Grant Program

- Changes
- Eligibility

Walk-through

- Letter of Intent PDF
- Census Block List Excel tables

Questions

- Submit via chat

Vision



OCRA works with Indiana communities to build **relevant** and **economically thriving** places where people want to live, grow, work and play.

Mission



OCRA works with local, state and national partners to provide **resources** and **technical assistance** to aid communities in shaping and achieving their vision for **economic development**.



Infrastructure

Broadband,
Wastewater/Drinking Water,
Stormwater Improvement



Capacity Building

Stellar Communities,
Transformational
Strategies,
Impact Main Street



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Four Competencies



Quality of Place

Blight Clearance, Public
Facilities, Quick Impact
Placebased, Main Street
Revitalization,
Historic Renovation,
Placemaking
Workshops

Economic Development

Site Certified,
Indiana Main Street



NLC Round II



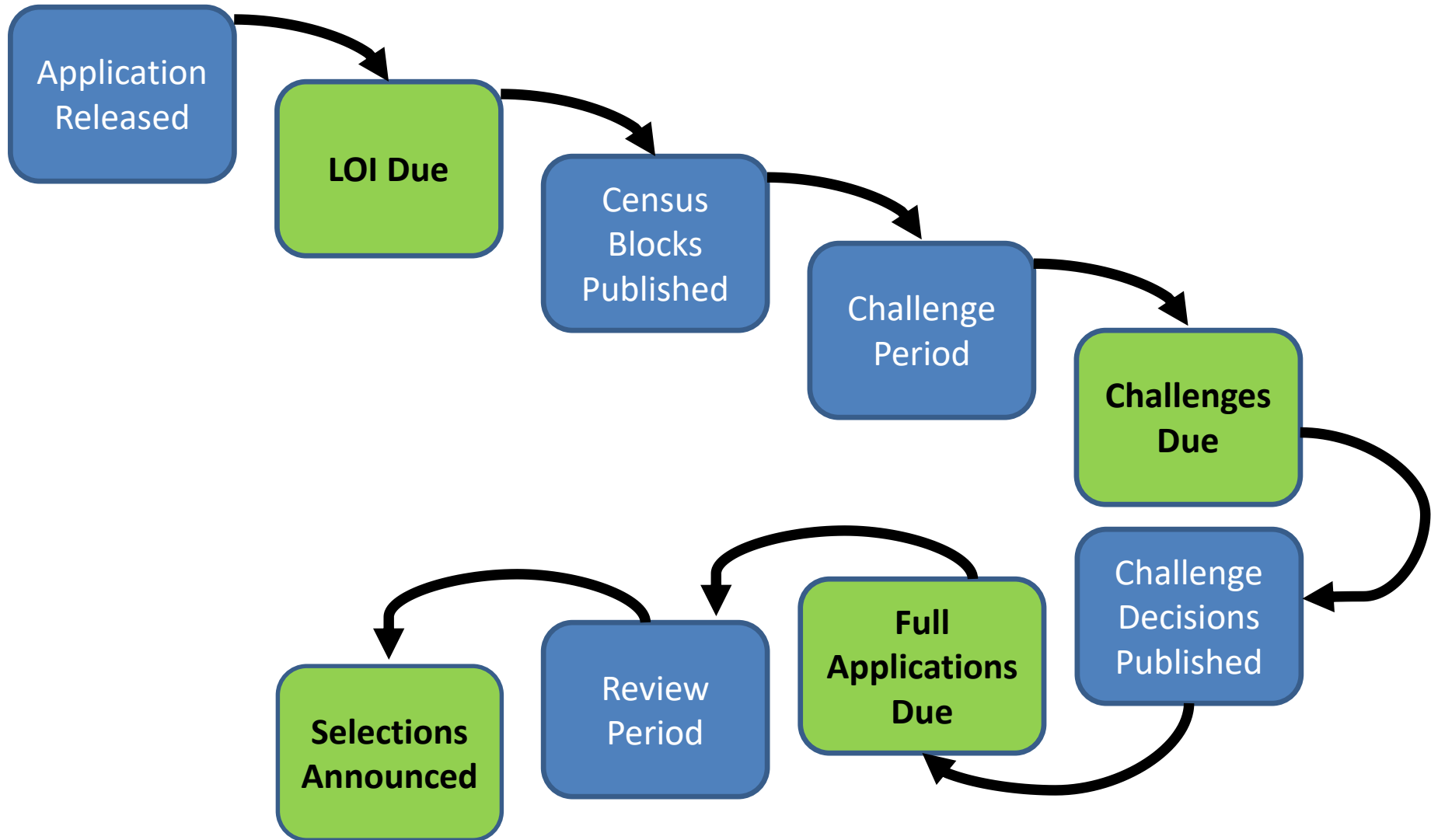
NextLevel Connections

Broadband Grant Program

Timeline

Application Issue Date	December 10, 2019
LOI Informational Webinar	December 17, 2019
Deadline for Letters of Intent Submission	January 6, 2020
Full Application Informational webinar	January 9, 2020
Deadline for Challenges Submission	February 10, 2020
Expected Date for Challenge Decisions	February 26, 2020
Submission Deadline for Full Applications	March 9, 2020
Expected Date for Selections	May 1, 2020

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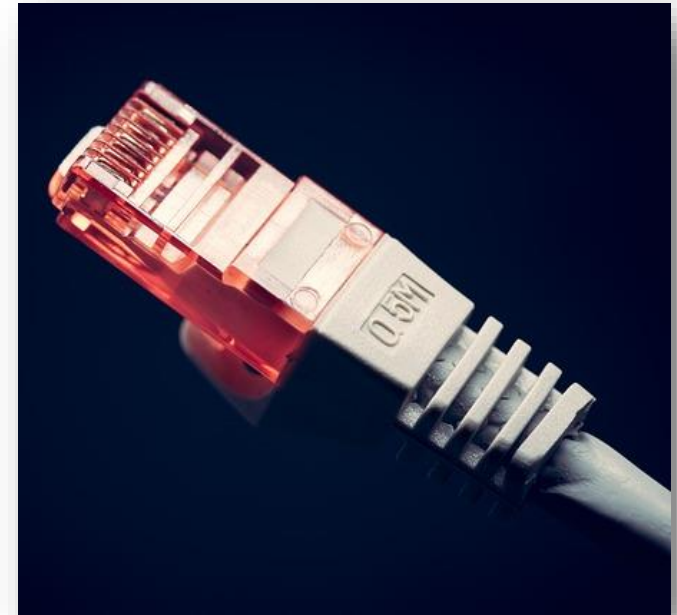
Changes in process

- Letter of Intent
- Challenge prior to Full Application submission
- Focus remains on unserved areas of Indiana



Eligible Broadband Service

- Must be able to provide a fixed, terrestrial Connection to the Internet
 - No mobile or satellite carriers
- Minimum actual speeds of 25 Mbps downstream and 3 Mbps upstream

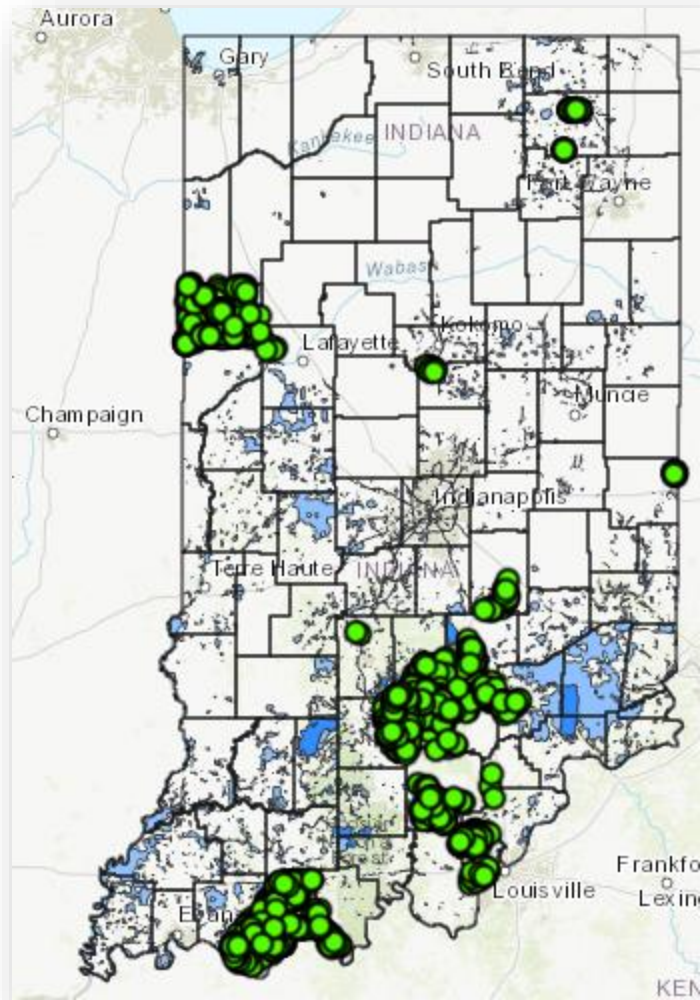


Eligible Entities

- Must be a qualified broadband provider as defined in IC 4-4-38.5-4
- Demonstrates financial, technical, and operational capability



Other Eligibility



- Eligible Project Area
- Eligible Costs
- Match Requirement

Submissions

- Entities may submit more than one Letter of Intent, provided that each describes a unique project area
- Each Full Application must have a Letter of Intent submitted

Letter of Intent

Applicant Information

Name of Applicant Organization

Project Title

Project Manager

Email Address

Phone Number

Business Contact

Email Address

Phone Number

Letter of Intent

Business Information					
Registered Business ID	Business Creation Date	Indiana Bidder Number			
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Total Indiana Customers Served for the previous three years					
2017	<input type="text"/>	2018	<input type="text"/>	2019	<input type="text"/>

Letter of Intent

Project Information

Maximum Speed Level* to be provided:

Grant request Amount:

Match Amount:

Brief Abstract

Abstract should not be greater than 250 words and should provide a brief description of the proposed project

*If maximum speed level is not listed, please select the lower option for the purpose of the LOI

Census Block List

Required Information

- Instructions tab
- Census Block tab
- Address Level data is not required for the LOI



Questions about this program and/or application?

Email NLC@ocra.in.gov.

