

Oklahoma ARPA SLFRF & CPF Post-Award Phase Questions and Responses

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1. How will the invoices be paid for the independent certifications from Engineers licensed by the State of Oklahoma?

Invoices submitted by subrecipients for the certifications required from third-party Engineers should be submitted to the Oklahoma Broadband Office. These invoices will be reimbursed by the Office.

2. Regarding milestone payments, how does the OBO define a “drop” for projects?

Industry standards define “drop” when the customer orders service, but the OBO has adopted its own modification for purposes of the grant agreement.

A “drop” is considered complete when a location has access to high-speed, reliable internet at no additional cost to the subscriber (other than the standard connection and equipment charges for every other existing customer) within ten (10) business days of receiving a request for service.

3. May a subrecipient include eligible broadband service locations where the subrecipient has facilities in place with the capability of initiating service through a routine installation within 10 business days of receipt of a request?

Yes.

4. Is there a deadline to submit a waiver for competitive bidding requirements?

Yes, June 15.

5. Will the OBO consider and/or grant waiver of the competitive bidding requirements in part 200 in situations where the ISP knows it will not be productive based on previous bidding and has contractors that can do it for cheaper? If so, what information would be helpful to the OBO to support such a decision to waive the competitive bidding requirement?

The determination of whether an entity is eligible to waive competitive bidding requirements found in the 2 Part 200 of the CFR is a legal decision for that entity’s legal counsel. The OBO will accept a letter from legal counsel stating that the entity is eligible to waive those requirements as a determination on the part of the entity that they are exempt. Any entity that has this legal status should submit a legal letter to the OBO.

6. Is there any discussion on revising the existing cover sheets to include a total line for both the awarded and isp columns? This should reduce the amount of discrepancies between funding request sheets and

cover sheets.

The OBO Coversheet(s) are intended to supplement the original invoice or quote/estimate and breakdown what services are being charged to the grant and being covered by the ISP via match. The budget template excel workbook individual budget lines must match each line of the OBO Coversheet.

7. Is there a deadline for when awarded ISPs are required to start drawing down funds?

Yes. Grant analysts will be reaching out to their ISPs within the next quarter to ensure funds are being drawn down.

8. What are the steps in the event that there are issues with draw down requests payments being paid to the incorrect bank account?

Reach out to your assigned grant analyst. The OBO is collecting feedback to bring to OMES to resolve the issue.

9. What are the steps in the event that an ISP is having cash flow issues?

First, reach out to your assigned grant analyst. If there is not a resolution within 7 calendar days, please reach out directly to Beverlee Harbuck (beverlee.harbuck@broadband.ok.gov) or Edyn Rolls (edyn.rolls@broadband.ok.gov).

10. What is required to be submitted in order for the office to process a request for funding?

To complete a draw request, an ISP must submit a draw request package which includes the budget template excel book for the type of draw request (advanced funding, reimbursement, working capital, milestone). All documents must be compiled into one PDF.

The OBO will send back any draw requests that are not combined into ONE PDF in the order stated above. The office will respond back to the draw request within 5 business days letting the ISP know whether or not the request is complete and with a status update.

Draw request must be rounded to the second decimal place. **Note:** If Excel Solver is used, it will go to the 8th decimal place.

11. Can the OBO give an example of what an ISP should submit for an advanced funding, reimbursement, and working capital request?

ISPs can access the slide deck used during the webinar hosted on June 4, 2026 on the OBO's website.

12. When does an ISP need to begin exclusively using CLAD?

Starting June 9, all ARPA SLFRF draw requests must be submitted through CLAD. If there are issues, reach out directly to your assigned grant analyst.

The OBO is currently integrating CPF into CLAD. More updates to come.

Note: CLAD does offer weekly office hours. For any technical questions, make sure to attend.

13. When is quarterly reporting due to the OBO?

Quarter 2 2025 Treasury Reporting (for grant expenditures during the time frame of April 1, 2025 through June 30th 2025) is due to the OBO by EOB July 7th.

14. Do all ISPs need to report monthly?

Starting in July, all ISPs must financially report to the OBO on a monthly basis.