

# Oklahoma ARPA CPF Broadband Investment Grant Program

## Overbuild Prevention Process

### Questions and Responses

**Note: This FAQ is an evolving document. As such, information might be modified or eliminated in later iterations. The latest version should be used exclusively.**

FAQs relating to the application process can be found [here](#).

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. When will the portal to contest submissions open?

The portal opened on Monday, July 29, and will close at 11:59 p.m., Friday, August 2.

2. For evidence of existing service in a project area, can an ISP submit a network map that shows deployed fiber/HFC in the challenged area?

An ISP may submit any documentation that supports existing service, this includes network maps and reporting newly built-out locations to the FCC.

3. For evidence of existing service at an individual location, can an ISP submit screenshots from the ISP's customer-facing buy flow or customer bills as evidence that the challenged addresses are serviceable?

An ISP may submit any documentation that supports existing service, this includes network maps and FCC reporting.

4. If a challenge for planned service was successful last year (with the commitment to begin construction within the 12-month period) can that be resubmitted to successfully challenge during this current window?

Yes, but the contest needs to be submitted during the CPF contest process even if it was accepted during the SLFRF contest process. Contests made during the SLFRF process will not be rolled over to the CPF process.

5. Does the portal allow for bulk uploads for contest challenges?

Contests are limited to 250 locations per contest to ensure accurate adjudication.

6. What is the process to add additional evidence to an already submitted challenge?

Unfortunately, once a contest has been submitted, it may not be edited. However, ISPs can submit multiple contests.

7. If an ISP found locations it believes to be enforceable commitments, but another ISP never applied for those locations, how would it submit a contest for those locations?

Only locations that were applied for within a CPF application will populate on the contest map. Locations that were not applied for are not eligible for contest at this time.

8. How will an ISP be notified if its project is contested?

An email notification will be sent to ISPs with contested locations on Monday, August 5.

9. If a company submits the same contest from the previous grant program (SLFRF), does it need to provide an updated affidavit?

Yes, all contest documentation/evidence needs to be updated.

10. When is the deadline for ISPs to approve changes from the contest process?

Not all ISPs have changes to their proposed service areas from the contest process. For those that received a notice from the portal, they must respond prior to 12:00 p.m. CT, Thursday, September 5. ISPs only need to approve or reject the revision requests to their proposed service areas in the portal if they received a message from the portal requesting said revisions. **Partial funding applications are not due at this time.** The OBO will request budget revisions for revised proposed projects in the coming weeks.

11. Can additional documentation be submitted for unsuccessful challenges?

No, the contest submission window closed on August 2. No new information will be accepted. After the CPF awards are made, the OBO will host one-on-one meetings with applicants to review the process and answer specific questions they had just as was offered during the SLFRF award process.

12. Why did ISPs get a notification on September 9 about a revision requests?

To prevent overbuild, any competing locations between applications within the same county would go to the application with the highest score. If an ISP did not receive a revision request, it either did not accept its Overbuild Prevention revision request or no revision request was necessary.

13. What Budget fields need to be updated for the partial funding process?

The entire Budget section will be reopened and needs to be updated to reflect the changes in the application.

14. How does an CPF applicant schedule a one-on-one meeting with the OBO?

Applicants may schedule one-on-one meetings with OBO once the Broadband Governing Board has made tentative awards. Once the tentative awards have been made, applicants wishing to schedule a meeting may email [CPFQuestions@broadband.ok.gov](mailto:CPFQuestions@broadband.ok.gov).

15. Can an ISP remove more locations than what is included in the revision request?

In this case, if an ISP wishes to decline locations in part or in full, the entire project will be rejected.

16. Will the OBO grant an extension to ISPs for the partial funding revision window?

At this time, no extensions will be granted by the OBO. However, should a need for an extension arise, the OBO will allow for all eligible participants to benefit in said extension.

17. When is the deadline for ISPs to act on their revision requests and submit updated information?

The deadline has been moved to **Friday, September 13, at noon CT** for ISPs to act on the revision requests and submit updated information in their Budget section on the portal.