Oklahoma Broadband Office

Supplemental Capital Projects Program Plan

1. Program Overview

The Oklahoma Broadband Office (OBO) Capital Projects "Supplemental Oklahoma Capital Projects Fund" is established pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act Capital Projects Fund (CPF), and administered by the U.S. Treasury for the purpose of making strategic capital investments that directly enable work, education and health monitoring through long-term, sustainable access to critical digital infrastructure and services[i]. The Program is designed to expand equitable access to broadband-enabled services and secure digital environments by funding capital assets including devices, telehealth pods, and cybersecurity improvements.

The Program is grounded in documented statewide need identified through a technology needs survey administered to Oklahoma public libraries. The Oklahoma Department of Libraries (ODL) assisted this effort with data collection from the libraries. The OBO will be the sole administering agency and will independently manage all aspects of program design, procurement, award, compliance, and reporting.

Consistent with Treasury guidance, the Program focuses exclusively on capital expenditures in building improvements, devices and equipment that produce durable public benefit, support broadband adoption and use, and enable access to essential services for healthcare, education, workforce development, and government services[1][ii]. Investments are targeted to Oklahoma's public libraries where Oklahomans already seek internet access, ensuring efficient deployment of CPF funds.

2. Program Goals and Objectives

The Capital Projects Program advances OBO's mission to promote universal, affordable, and secure broadband access through the following objectives:

- Improve buildings that are designed to jointly and directly enable work, education, and health monitoring[iii]
- Expand access to reliable, up-to-date computing devices for public use and staff support
- Enable private, secure digital spaces for telehealth, workforce development, education, and civic engagement
- Strengthen cybersecurity posture of participating institutions to protect users, devices, and networks

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- Improve digital infrastructure in rural, small, and high-poverty communities
- Ensure long term sustainability and compliance with federal CPF requirements

3. Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants include Oklahoma public libraries and library systems. Funding will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis and will be managed through an OBO created portal.

4. Program Components

The Capital Projects Program includes three primary investment categories, informed by survey responses from libraries statewide.

A. Devices

Cost not to exceed $4,521,926.00

OBO will procure and deploy modern computing devices to replace outdated equipment and expand public access, including:

- Desktop computers

- Laptop computers

- Tablets or similar portable devices, where appropriate

Devices will support activities such as job applications, online education, remote work, digital literacy training, and access to government and healthcare services.

B. Telehealth Pods and Digital Connection Centers

Cost not to exceed $ 2,557,500.00

To address privacy and accessibility barriers, the program will deploy telehealth pods and digital connection centers of varying sizes. These units provide:

- Sound-dampened, private spaces

- Secure internet connectivity

- ADA-compliant design where applicable

Telehealth pods will support medical appointments, mental health services, job interviews, virtual court appearances, and distance learning. Unit sizes and quantities will be matched to demonstrated community demand and physical site constraints.

C. Cybersecurity Improvements

Cost not to exceed $ 13,312,048.17

Recognizing the growing risk of cyber threats, the program will include eligible cybersecurity enhancements such as:

- Network security hardware and software

- Endpoint protection for deployed devices

- Secure configuration and access controls

- Basic cybersecurity training resources for staff.

Cybersecurity investments will ensure that expanded access does not compromise user privacy or system integrity.

5. Program Administration and Governance

The Oklahoma Broadband Office (OBO) will serve as the sole lead and administering agency for the Capital Projects Program.

OBO responsibilities include:

- Overall program design, implementation, and oversight

- Administration of a first-come, first-served award structure

- Execution of competitive Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for devices, telehealth pods, and cybersecurity services

- Contract execution, vendor oversight, and asset management

- Compliance with Capital Projects Fund requirements and 2 CFR Part 200

- All required Treasury reporting and performance monitoring.

All capital assets funded under this Program will be procured by OBO through competitive procurement processes and will remain under OBO ownership or control in accordance with CPF asset requirements.

6. Application and Award Process

Awards under the Capital Projects Program will be made on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to applicant eligibility, completeness of submission, and availability of funds.

Requests will be reviewed solely for eligibility and completeness; no competitive scoring or ranking will be applied. Assets will be issued in the order received until all assigned funds are fully committed.

OBO will separately issue competitive RFPs to procure:

- Computing devices

- Telehealth pods and digital connection centers

- Cybersecurity hardware, software, and installation services

Awardees will receive equipment or services through OBO-managed procurement vehicles rather than direct reimbursement, ensuring compliance with federal procurement and cost principles.

7. Performance Measures and Reporting

Program performance will be measured in alignment with U.S. Treasury CPF reporting requirements and will focus on capital deployment, utilization, and public benefit.

Required performance indicators include:

- Location(s) where capital assets are installed or distributed

- Type and quantity of capital assets deployed

- Total expenditures by asset category

- Number of individuals accessing devices or telehealth pods

- Description of services enabled by the capital assets

OBO will collect planned and actual data necessary to complete all required CPF reports through December 31, 2026. Reporting will emphasize how funded capital assets expand access to the internet and broadband-enabled services, consistent with Treasury guidance on eligible uses and outcomes.

8. Timeline

The anticipated program timeline is as follows:

- Application Posted: Within 30 days of plan approval and MOU execution
- Application Period: 30 days
- Application Review: 30 days
- Announcement of Awards: 15 days
- Procurement and Awarding: 90 days
- Installation and Implementation: 60 days

All projects will be completed no later than October 2, 2026.

9. Budget Framework

Final unit costs will be established through the procurement process. No pre-award costs are requested.

10. Compliance and Sustainability

All activities funded under this Program will comply with the U.S. Department of the Treasury Capital Projects Fund Final Rule, applicable Treasury guidance, and 2 CFR Part 200. Expenditures will be limited to eligible capital assets that provide long-term public benefit and are reasonably expected to be used for their intended purpose throughout their useful life.

OBO will maintain appropriate records for procurement, asset tracking, and financial management. Asset ownership, maintenance responsibilities, and use restrictions will be clearly defined to ensure continued public benefit and compliance with federal requirements.

The Program is structured to ensure that capital investments remain operational, secure, and accessible beyond the period of performance, supporting Treasury's objective of lasting economic and social impact.

Appendix A: Capital Asset Eligibility and Treasury Alignment

This Program is structured to ensure all expenditures qualify as eligible capital assets under the U.S. Department of the Treasury Capital Projects Fund (CPF) Final Rule. Funded items meet the Treasury definition of capital expenditures by producing long-term, durable public benefit and supporting broadband access, adoption, and use.

Eligible capital assets under this Program include:

- **End-User Devices**: Desktop computers, laptops, tablets, and similar equipment that enable access to broadband-enabled services. Devices are durable, non-consumable assets with an expected useful life extending beyond the CPF period of performance.
- **Telehealth Pods and Digital Connection Centers**: Prefabricated or constructed units that provide private, secure, sound-dampened spaces with integrated connectivity and power infrastructure. These units constitute fixed or semi-fixed capital improvements supporting healthcare, workforce, education, and civic services.
- **Cybersecurity Infrastructure**: Hardware, software, and system configurations that protect networks, devices, and user data, including firewalls, endpoint protection, access controls, and secure network architecture.

All capital assets will be: - Procured through competitive processes managed by OBO - Tracked and inventoried in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200 - Maintained for continued public use throughout their useful life - Restricted to eligible purposes consistent with CPF guidance

Appendix B: Cybersecurity Capital Eligibility and Justification

Cybersecurity investments funded through this Program are integral to enabling safe and reliable broadband access and therefore qualify as eligible capital expenditures under CPF.

Cybersecurity improvements are necessary to: - Protect users accessing broadband-enabled services on publicly available devices - Safeguard sensitive personal, medical, employment, and educational information - Ensure continuity and reliability of public internet access infrastructure

Eligible cybersecurity capital investments may include: - Network security appliances and infrastructure - Endpoint protection software for publicly deployed devices - Secure authentication and access control systems - Initial system configuration and installation services necessary to place assets into service

Cybersecurity expenditures are limited to capitalizable components and do not include routine operational support, ongoing subscriptions beyond the period of performance, or general IT staffing costs.

Appendix C: CPF Compliance Crosswalk (Summary)

The table below summarizes how the Program aligns with key Treasury CPF requirements:

- **Eligible Use of Funds**: Capital assets supporting broadband access and use
- **Public Benefit**: Expanded access to healthcare, education, workforce, and government services
- **Asset Ownership and Control**: Retained by OBO or governed through enforceable use agreements
- **Procurement Standards**: Competitive RFPs compliant with 2 CFR Part 200
- **Reporting and Performance**: Quantitative and qualitative metrics reported through December 31, 2026

This crosswalk demonstrates that Program design, implementation, and reporting are fully aligned with Treasury CPF expectations.

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[i] U.S. Department of the Treasury, Guidance for the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund, For States, Territories & Freely Associated States, pg. 3
[ii] *Id* at pg. 6
[iii] Complaince Supplement 2022, pg.4-21.029-1