



## Ohio Revised Code Section 122.4019 Application submission.

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(A)(1) Each fiscal year, the department of development shall accept applications for program grants.

(2) To apply for a program grant, a broadband provider shall submit an application to the department on a form prescribed by the department and shall provide the information required under section 122.4020 of the Revised Code. The form shall include a statement informing the applicant that failure to comply with the program or to meet the required tier two broadband service proposed in the application may require the refund of all or a portion of the program grant awarded for the project.

(3) Applications may be submitted in person or by certified mail or electronic mail, or uploaded to a designated department web site for applications.

(B) Applications shall be accepted during a submission period specified by the broadband expansion program authority. Each submission period shall be at least sixty but not more than ninety days. Each fiscal year there shall be not more than two submission periods.

(C) The department shall publish information from submitted applications on the department's web site as follows:

(1) Not later than five days after the close of the submission period in which the application is made, the department shall publish, for each completed application, the list of eligible addresses included with the completed applications under division (A)(1)(a) of section 122.4020 of the Revised Code.

(2) Not later than thirty-five days after the close of the submission period in which the application is made, the department shall publish all information from each completed application that it determines is not confidential under section 122.4023 of the Revised Code.

(D) If an application is incomplete, the department shall notify the broadband provider that submitted



the application. The notification shall list what information is incomplete and shall describe the procedure for refiling a completed application.

(E) The department shall review an application determined incomplete under division (D) of this section as provided in sections 122.4019 to 122.4036 of the Revised Code if the application is completed and refiled:

(1) Before the end of the submission period described under division (B) of this section; or

(2) Not later than fourteen days after the end of the submission period described under division (B) of this section, if the department, for good cause shown, has granted the broadband provider an extension period of not more than fourteen days in which to file the completed application.

(F) The department shall deny an incomplete application if the broadband provider fails to complete and refile it within the applicable submission period or extension period. Applications that are denied shall not be published on the department's web site.

(G) To facilitate the challenge process, after publication of all applications, the department shall publish a provisional scoring for applications based on the scoring criteria in section 122.4041 of the Revised Code. The department shall publish the provisional scoring on its web site not later than fifteen business days after all applications have been accepted as complete under this section. The authority shall neither vote on, nor make awards based on, the provisional scoring.