

CALL FOR INNOVATIONS: SUBMISSION FORM QUESTIONS

The following submission form as well as background information and FAQs can be accessed online at <http://innovation.nyc>

PROJECT PROPOSAL

Please use the document upload button and/or space below to submit your proposal for how you, your company or organization could work with the City of New York to expand access to broadband services through a specific pilot or demonstration project.

Please ensure that your proposal is concise and actionable. If you choose to upload a project proposal, the total length should not exceed five (5) pages.

The City is particularly interested in proposals that focus on underserved and low-income communities where Internet adoption rates are typically lower. Projects may be centered around public spaces and/or providing Internet to home and business locations.

1. Which of the following services/benefits would be provided under this proposal?
Select all that apply.
 - Free or low-cost broadband for residential or business customers
 - Free Internet in public spaces
 - Increased Internet speeds in underserved communities
 - Greater choice of Internet service providers in underserved communities
2. Please describe the project and business model. What revenue sources would be required to make this project sustainable?
3. Is there a particular neighborhood, building or area where you feel this proposal would fit best? Please explain.
4. Are the proposed technologies wired, wireless or a combination of the two?
 - Wired
 - Wireless
 - Wired & wireless
5. Are you seeking right-of-way access or use of City infrastructure to implement this project?
 - Right-of-way access
 - City infrastructure
 - N/A

6. How many people would you estimate could benefit from this project in the short-term and long-term?
7. Is this project focused on residential customers, business customers or a combination of the two?
 - Residential
 - Business
 - Residential & business
 - Other
8. Is there a role for non-profit and community-based organizations in your proposal? If so, please describe.
9. Use the space below to provide an additional comments or notes.

Completing your Submission

Please be advised that submissions are not entitled to funding or other support from the City. All submissions will be evaluated for feasibility, desirability and other considerations. Some proposals may be eligible for funding as demonstration projects or through other subsequent procurement processes governed by Procurement Policy Board rules. Proposals may also be eligible for technical support from the Mayor's Office of Technology and Innovation.

Click the SUBMIT button below to complete your submission.

POLICY IDEAS

Please use the document upload button and/or space below to submit your idea(s) for future franchises and/or policy changes that could assist the City's efforts to expand access to broadband services to underserved communities.

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Part 1: Access to Infrastructure

1. Do you have specific ideas for how the City of New York can better utilize – or help ease access to – its infrastructure assets?

2. Are there additional infrastructure assets that you feel could be leveraged to increase broadband access? If so, please explain.
3. Are elevated train lines and roadways useful options in deploying fiber? If so, how can the City help facilitate access to this infrastructure?
4. Are there specific parts of New York City where access to a new, carrier-neutral fiber backbone would make it viable to provide service? If so, please explain.

Part 2: Conduits & the Last Mile

1. In addition to microtrenching, are there other new construction techniques that the City should be authorizing or encouraging that would facilitate the laying of fiber-optic cables or other expansion of broadband infrastructure?
2. What can the City of New York do to ease access to Empire City Subway (ECS) conduits?
3. Are there new approaches to the management of telecommunications conduit that would promote further growth of broadband services?
4. Would a common conduit concept, similar to the ECS system in Manhattan and the Bronx, help expand broadband access in underserved communities in the outer boroughs?
5. How can the City of New York help ease access to buildings or tenants within buildings?
6. Are there challenges or concerns related to providing broadband services at NYCHA residences? If so, how can the City of New York help minimize or alleviate these challenges?

Part 3: Revenue, Capital & Incentives

1. Are there new, non-traditional revenue streams or investment mechanisms that you feel could help subsidize the cost of providing broadband to underserved communities? If so, please explain.
2. Is access to capital a significant barrier to expanding fiber access into new areas of New York City? If so, are there specific financing arrangements that the City of New York could offer to help overcome these obstacles?
3. What criteria should the City consider in evaluating future proposals from ISPs in order to ensure they are consistent with the Mayor's commitment to providing universal access to affordable broadband across all five boroughs?
4. Use the space below to provide an additional comments or notes.

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I represent that any Submission is original work and agree that my Submission is licensed to the City of New York (the "City") for future use free and clear of claims of third parties. I agree that the City and its agents and assigns may use and develop my Submission (or elements thereof) suggested by me. I grant the City and its agents and assigns an irrevocable, non-exclusive, royalty-free, perpetual license for any and all purposes, including but not limited to the following: to post, further develop and promote my Submission on the City's website and develop any functionality related to my Submission.

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I agree that I am acting as a volunteer and am doing so without expectation or promise of future paid employment by the City of me or any entity with which I am affiliated.

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