

**Governor's Office of Planning and Budget  
Georgia Capital Projects Fund Grant Program  
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)  
Updated on August 30, 2022**

**1. Please define what “new projects that have not started construction” means in Section XI of the NOFO.**

A project can only be deemed a new project if no resources have been spent on field construction for both aerial and underground projects. If a project has gone beyond planning and engineering, it is not eligible. While projects that have begun planning and engineering but have not started field construction may be eligible, as stated in Section XI of the NOFO, the award will be forward-looking, and only allowable costs incurred after executed Terms and Conditions will be considered for reimbursement.

**2. Please clarify how applicants can partner or form a consortium to submit an application.**

As stated in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) released on Monday, August 15, 2022, partnership and consortium applications will be allowed (e.g., two or more providers partnering to serve an eligible project area). Please see the details below regarding the application and post-award processes.

**Application**

To submit a partnership application, each partner will separately apply in the grants system for its portion of the project. It will then reference its partner's application ID number or numbers within its application.

Is this a partnership application (e.g. two or more providers partnering to serve an eligible project area)?

If yes, please include your partner's application ID number.

- ☐ Yes (Partner Application ID):
- ☐ No (The organization named in Question 1 is solely applying for this project area.)

Is this a consortium application (e.g. two or more providers creating a single legal entity to own the network in the eligible project area)?



- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

*\*Please note that the exact verbiage and layout of this question could change prior to the opening of the 9/6/2022 application period.*

For scoring and award selection purposes, all partners submitting individual applications as part of a partnership will have their applications reviewed and scored together as one single application. If the partners' individual applications do not coincide to conjunctively provide service to the entire eligible project area being applied for, each associated application will be deemed incomplete.

If a formal legal consortium is established between the partners, it will submit all information in one application per eligible project area since only one legal entity is submitting an application.

### **Post-Award**

Following the award of a partnership application, each partner within the partnership will separately execute terms and conditions with the Office of Planning and Budget, and all requirements set forth in the NOFO will apply to each of the partners. If any partner does not accept the award or execute terms and conditions as specified in the NOFO, the entire award for each member of the noncomplying partner's respective partnership application will be rescinded.

Each individual partner will be liable only for its respective portion of the project.

Following the award of a consortium application, the entity will execute terms and conditions with the Office of Planning and Budget, and all requirements set forth in the NOFO will apply to the entity.

### **3. If a county is not listed as an eligible project area, can an application be submitted for the county under the CPF Grant Program?**

No. The state is only accepting applications for counties identified following the Service Verification Process that are eligible for this program.