

## 2021 ConnectMT Program Scoring Chart

(100 points possible)

### 1. Matching Funds: (25 points maximum)

a. % local government / school district contributed of total eligible project costs **Points**

0-9%	0
10-19%	1
20-29%	2
30% or more	5

b. % broadband deployment allocation requested of total eligible project costs **Points**

30% or less	10
31% to 50%	7
51% to 79%	5
80% or more	0

c. % applicant funds used for total eligible project costs **Points**

80% or more	10
50% to 79%	7
21% to 49%	5
20% or less	0

### 2. Passing Counts of locations: (20 points maximum)

a. # passed vs current served locations (households, businesses, farms, anchors)

	<u>50%</u>	<u>75%</u>	<u>100%</u>
Frontier	10	15	20
Unserved	10	12	15
Underserved	5	7	10

**3. Speed Thresholds of project: (20 points maximum)**

<u>Upload /download speeds (mbps)</u>	<u>Points</u>
<b>a. <u>100/20 up to 99/99</u></b>	
100% (of project)	0
75%	5
50%	10
25%	15
<b>b. <u>100/100 or higher</u></b>	
100%	20
75%	15
50%	10
25%	5

**4. Use of Existing Infrastructure: (10 points maximum)**

- a. Use of existing rights of ways and easements: 5 points
- b. Use of existing fiber optics middle mile infrastructure: 5 points

**5. Timeframe to complete Project: (5 points maximum)**

- a. Less than 1 year: 5 points
- b. 1-2 years: 3 points
- c. 2-3 years: 2 points

**6. # of Montana Jobs Created or maintained relative to county(ies) of project area: (10 points maximum)**

1% or more increase in jobs created: 10 points

**7. Equity and Affordability: (10 points maximum)**

- a. Free public access offered at community center for broadband service: 2 points
- b. Monthly subscriber fees included for low-income residents: 2 points
- c. 30% or more of residential locations at or below poverty level: 2 points
- d. 30% or more of residential locations receiving WIC: 1 point
- e. % of unemployment of area above national average: 2 points
- f. 20% of residential locations receiving free school meals: 1 point