

CONNECT ILLINOIS BROADBAND GRANT PROGRAM

Extension Opportunity for Capital Projects Fund

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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****6-month extension opportunity for Connect Illinois Rd 3 projects funded by Capital Projects Fund (CPF) dollars. To pursue a project extension, grantees must complete the form emailed by Tim Laffey on June 2, 2026. The form includes instructions, helpful links and guidance for completion (all Required for extension). Deadline for submission to Illinois Office of Broadband (IOB) is Close of Business June 15, 2026, 5pm CT. ****

1. What projects are eligible for an extension?

Connect Illinois Rd 3 projects funded by CPF dollars may be eligible for an extension. Grantee must demonstrate capital assets have been obtained for the project prior to May 31, 2026 and demonstrate a valid reason for the delay in construction. Allowable reasons include:

- Permitting or regulatory delays
- Supply chain disruptions
- Labor shortages
- Severe weather events
- Natural disasters
- Other

2. What must be purchased by May 31, 2026 for a project to qualify? What is a “capital asset”?

Under federal acquisition and accounting regulations (such as 2 CFR 1108.75), a capital asset is defined as:

- A. A tangible or intangible asset used in operations
- B. Has a useful life of more than one year
- C. Meets or exceeds a specific minimum monetary value (the capitalization threshold).

3. If an extension is awarded, what is the new end date for the grant?

All grants with approved extensions will have a new end date of June 30, 2027.

4. Is there anything additional that should be included in the application for an extension/application?

In the form emailed by Tim Laffey on June 2, 2026, IOB included all information the Treasury indicated is needed for an extension. IOB will review the responses and follow up if changes or additional information is needed.

5. What should be entered on Line 8 for the Project Name?

The project name entered on Line 8 should be the name that the IOB uses to identify the project and the grant number (i.e., GenericISP 1 21-012345). Contact your grant manager if you need confirmation on this designation.

6. Is it possible to submit a CPF extension application if there are no capital expenditures or hard goods allocated to the project?

The purchase of capital assets is required for submission of the extension application. Contact your grants manager to talk through materials which may qualify as capital expenditure.