



Tier D & E License Overview

Information for entities interested in NTIA Fabric Licenses

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Who is eligible?

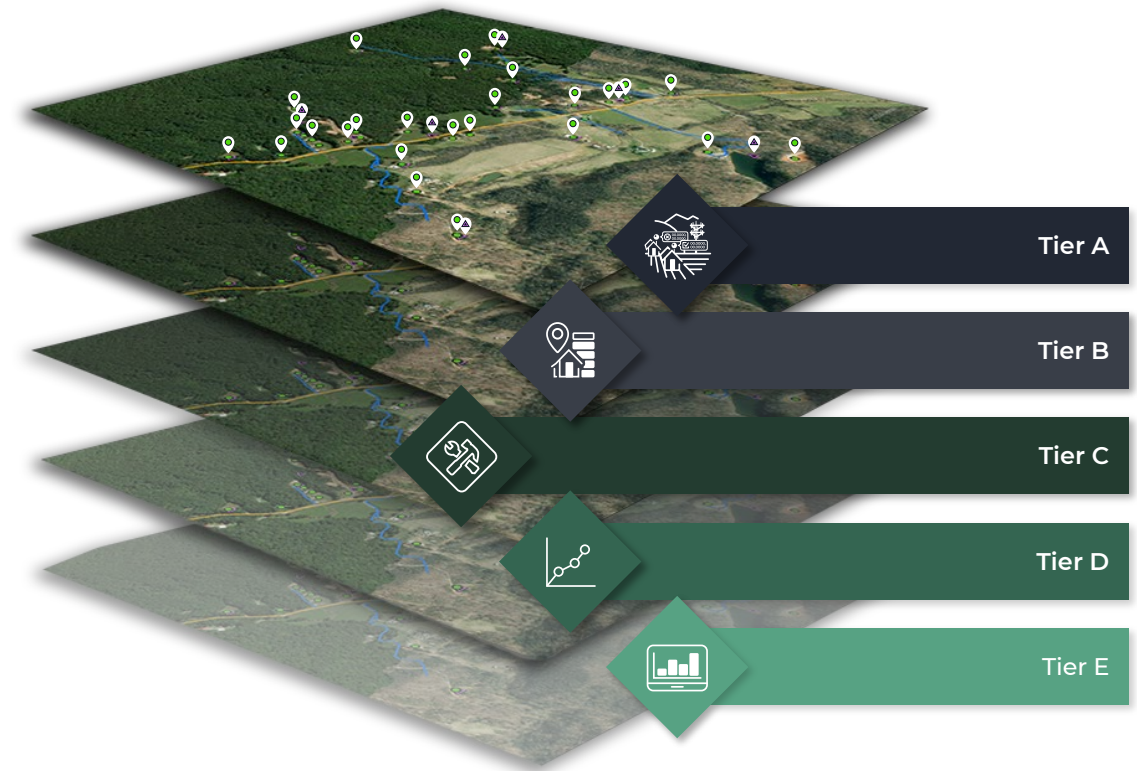
| | Tier D | Tier E |
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| Who is eligible? | Recipient, sub-recipients, and prospective recipients of federal broadband funds from an FBGA (NTIA, USDA, Treasury, etc.) | Units of local government, non-profits and FCC Tier 4 organizations. |
| What do you receive? | NTIA Fabric | NTIA Fabric |
| What can it be used for? | NTIA Purposes as defined in the license. | NTIA Purposes as defined in the license. |

Tier D License

CostQuest's contract with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration includes **Fabric data for FBGA purposes.**

Data from the Tier D license can also be used to **analyze other federal grant opportunities.**

Tier D licensees can also use the data for **filing challenges** during **state led challenge process** which includes challenging **availability** and **enforceable commitments.**



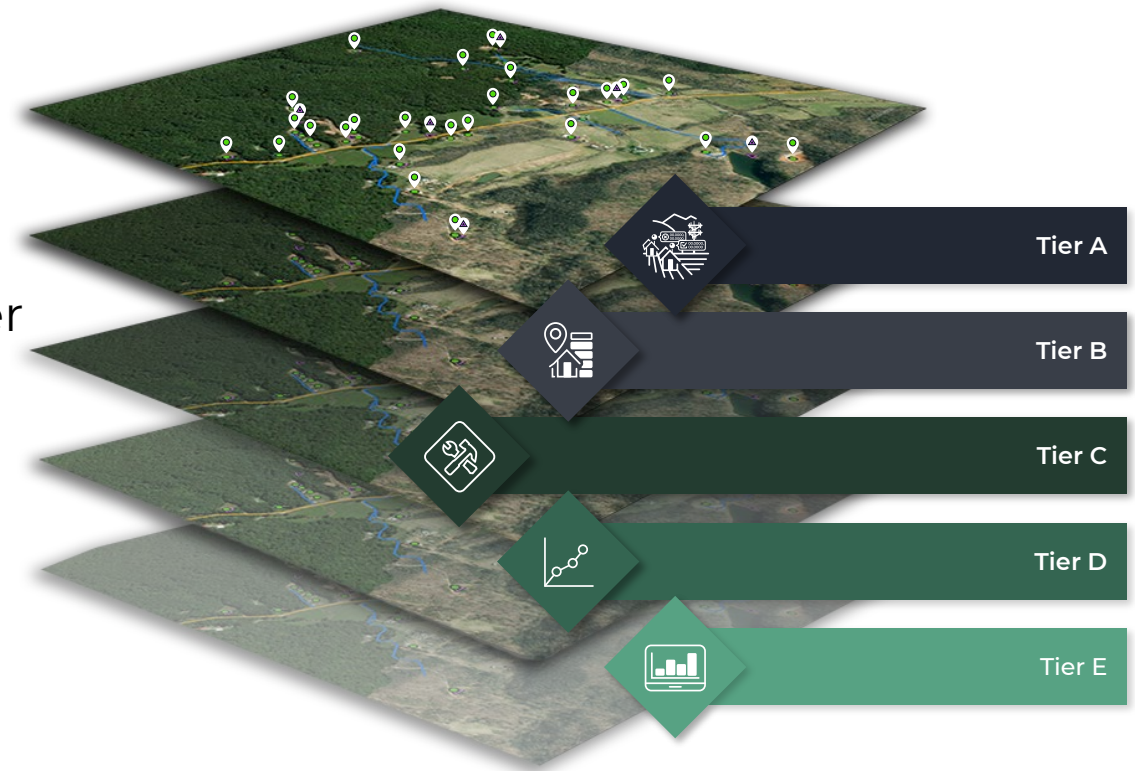
Tier D Before Applying, You Will Need:

- 1. Your organization's FCC Registration Number (FRN).**
- 2. The company name as well as name, title, and email address for the person that will administer the license on behalf of your organization.**
- 3. A website (public URL) that describes your organization.**
- 4. Information on the federal programs your organization will participate in. This can be under an award, a prospective award, or a challenge process. As we organize and review your request within these categories, CostQuest suggests developing three lists.**
 - A list of the federal programs in which your organization has been awarded funding as well as the corresponding county names for each program. If your organization does not have an award, this information can be added later.
 - A separate list of the federal programs your organization may be applying for federal funding as well as the corresponding county names for each program. If your organization does not have this information, it can be added later.
 - A separate list of the federal or non-federal programs under which your organization wishes to participate in a challenge process. Participation may be through an availability challenge or a challenge related to the determination of the presence or absence of an enforceable commitment to provide broadband. If your organization does not have this information, it can be added later.

Tier E License – State Challenge Process

The Tier E license is meant to support a challenge process.

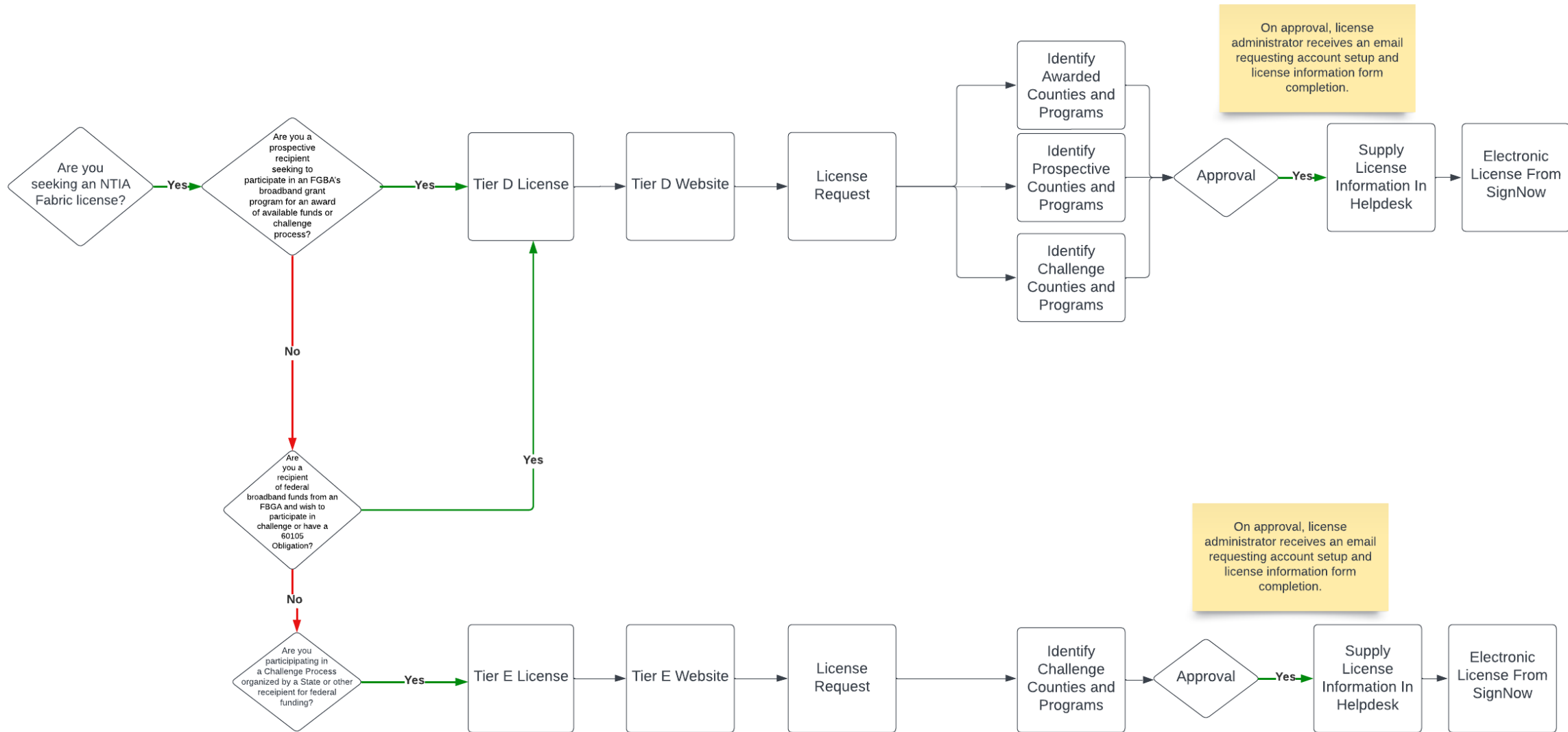
Units of local government, non-profits and FCC Tier 4 licensees are eligible for this license.



Tier E Before Applying, You Will Need:

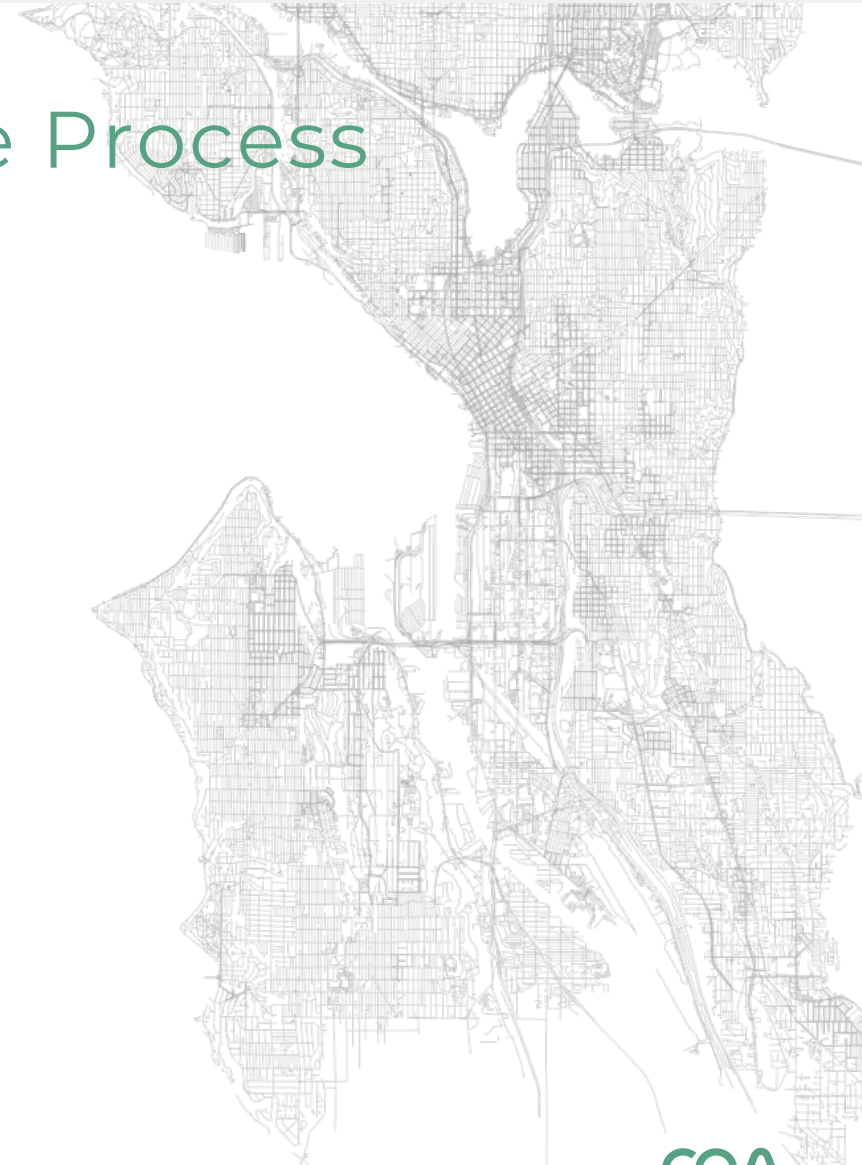
- 1. Your organization's FCC Registration Number (FRN).**
- 2. The company name as well as name, title and email address for the person who will administer the Tier E license on behalf of your organization.**
- 3. A website (public URL) that describes your organization.**
- 4. If you are a non-profit, information substantiating your non-profit status.**

NTIA Licensing Process



Gotcha's That May Slow Your License Process

- 1. Requesting the same county as both awarded and prospective**
- 2. Requesting counties and/or programs which are not yet available**
- 3. Identifying a program, but not adding any counties to the request**
- 4. Applying for a license as an ineligible organization**



| Resource | URL |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Link to Tier D License guide | https://costquest.info/3NFW3E |
| Link to Tier E License guide | https://costquest.info/3EWIGXJ |
| Link to Tier D Application portal | https://apps.costquest.com/ntiarequest/ |
| NTIA Licensing FAQ | https://www.costquest.com/ntia-broadband-serviceable-location-fabric-faq/ |
| NTIA Licensing Helpdesk | ifasupport@costquest.com |