

GrantLight: Compliance & Reporting System

Smarter Oversight. Seamless Reporting. Secure Accountability.

CostQuest's GrantLight Compliance & Reporting System is a purpose-built software platform that simplifies grant administration for State Broadband Offices (SBOs) and their subgrantees throughout the lifecycle of awarded project commitments.

GrantLight alleviates the headaches and heavy lifting involved with meticulous grant oversight, especially for the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program. GrantLight makes it easier for grant stakeholders to focus on meeting newly imposed compliance requirements from upstream administrators, identify potential risks in advance, manage funds responsibly, and deliver broadband where it is needed most.

Built from the ground up to align with evolving BEAD requirements and embedded with the only Fabric-native data architecture, GrantLight transforms BEAD award administration into a clear, manageable process – allowing your organization to focus on positive outcomes, not granular paperwork.

Meticulous post-award management for granular project visibility, proactive risk targeting, and Fabric-native tracking

Mitigate downstream risk with real-time insights

Monitoring & audit readiness:

- Integrated monitoring workflows tracking awarded projects, subgrantees, and the associated risk.
- Desk reviews, site visits, and conference call tracking modules to streamline documentation and follow-up.
- Every change, approval, and payment decision is logged for accountability and auditability.
- Permitting progress tracking framework.

Put funds to work where they're needed most

Milestone & disbursement tracking:

- Templates for defining project milestones and disbursement schedules.
- Upload and approve supporting evidence such as invoices, certifications, and progress photos.
- Automated notifications and workflow orchestration guide users through milestone and payment requests and approvals.

Reduce complexity and ensure information flows efficiently

Integrated Reporting:

- Simplified reporting templates and processes designed to align with NTIA Semi-Annual Performance Report (SAR) 2.0 requirements for both SBOs and subgrantees.
- Validation workflows that maintain data integrity.
- Location-level reporting demystified with an exclusive Fabric-native data architecture.

Bring stakeholders along on the journey

Real-Time Dashboards & Insights:

- Interactive maps and dashboards showing projects, locations, and progress metrics.
- Customizable visualizations for SBOs and subgrantees to monitor performance
- Embeddable graphics and data for websites, social media, and other communications channels.

Rewiring a location-level approach to grant management

Fabric-native. Built for Location ID tracking.

GrantLight is built by the same innovators who created and maintain the Fabric's data, empowering SBOs with exclusive data-driven workflows and insights.

- Using a Fabric-native data architecture, the platform facilitates monitoring, reporting, and insights on a location-by-location basis at a level that hasn't been required before.
- As Fabric versions evolve, GrantLight automatically links and monitors the latest updates from the FCC's Broadband Data Collection and Broadband Funding Map, eliminating the costly rework that occurs when other systems must retroactively reconcile new data releases.
- SBOs receive early access to Location Fabric updates and other exclusive graphical and analytical insights, from time series tracking to performance benchmarking.
- GrantLight includes address & latitude/longitude matching services to assist subgrantees in converting internal data to program-specific Location IDs to reduce program risks.

Purpose-built for BEAD. Scalable for what's next.

GrantLight isn't a repurposed grant portal, it's a new compliance and reporting system built specifically for broadband programs.

- Built for BEAD's most complex requirements with logical, auditable, and repeatable workflows.
- While initially developed for BEAD, the system will be able to support other major broadband initiatives such as ARPA (CPF/SLFRF), TBCP, and RDOF.
- The architecture scales to manage multiple funding streams, enabling states to administer several programs from a single platform.

Technology + Location Intelligence + Expertise: A complete compliance solution

GrantLight pairs an advanced technology platform with CostQuest's deep subject matter expertise and location intelligence data, including our service partners and industry recognized compliance experts, Quadra Partners and ITG – ensuring your broadband office benefits from both automation and informed interpretation and analysis.

- The team interprets evolving NTIA and GrantLight supports risk assessments, desk reviews, and audit preparation with analysts who have managed these processes at the state and federal levels.
- FCC guidance and updates workflows and validation logic in real time.
- SBOs receive access to additional location intelligence data to support proactive BEAD management and cost-reasonableness assessments, such as build complexity and updated network cost models.

Flexible. Secure. Supported.

GrantLight is designed to scale and adapt as your broadband program grows:

- Role-based access controls and permissions for administrators, subgrantees, and reviewers.
- Comprehensive training, documentation, and support for SBO and subgrantee users.
- Continuous product improvements and roadmap updates.

Feature highlights:

- Project & subgrantee profile compliance tracking
- Final proposal is foundational data
- Awarded Fabric Location IDs and project areas
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) projects/sub-projects
- Project budgets
- Risk profiles and check-ins
- Desk reviews
- Field audits and site visit evidence
- Project updates, milestones, and completions
- Payment/disbursement requests and confirmations
- Mapping visualization tool
- Permitting progress tracking framework

The team behind GrantLight

GrantLight is developed by CostQuest Associates, the architects behind the FCC Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric and Connect America Cost Models, with input from our service partners and industry recognized compliance experts, Quadra Partners and ITG, as well as guidance from several state broadband office leaders. With decades of experience in broadband data, mapping and regulatory compliance, CostQuest is here to be your partner throughout BEAD compliance. Built by a team with extensive experience working with

federal agencies and state broadband offices, GrantLight alleviates administrative burdens by leveraging CostQuest's exclusive Fabric data architecture and insights to help you deliver broadband where it is needed most.

Start exploring how GrantLight

Contact Nick Meiszer at nmeiszer@costquest.com or fill out [this form](#) to see how GrantLight can best support your program.

