**Section 547.130 Eligible Applicants**

Non-profit organizations are eligible applicants for grants under the Program. Eligible non-profit organizations are subject to the following conditions:

a) *The nonprofit organization shall have a board of directors that is not composed of a majority of individuals who are also employed by, or otherwise associated with, any federal, State, or local government or agency. No part of the net earnings of the nonprofit organization may inure to the benefit of any member, founder, contributor, or individual.* [20 ILCS 661/10]

b) *The nonprofit organization and its Board of Directors shall exist separately and independently from the Department and any other governmental entity, but shall cooperate with other public or private entities it deems appropriate in carrying out its duties.* [20 ILCS 661/20]

c) *The nonprofit organization shall have an established competency and proven record of working with public and private sectors to accomplish wide-scale deployment and adoption of broadband and information technology in Illinois.* [20 ILCS 661/15]

d) *The nonprofit organization shall include the representation of constituencies throughout the State of Illinois.* [20 ILCS 661/10]