

# BEAD (I/II) | THE "BEAD" PROGRAM WILL PROVIDE ~\$42B FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION

## OVERVIEW

**Official name:** Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment Program

**Funding pool:** \$42.45B

**Type of program:** State and Territory formula program

**Program objective:** to close the availability gap, as Congress finds that "access to affordable, reliable, high-speed broadband is essential to full participation in modern life in the United States."

## PROGRAM PRIORITIES

- 1 Unserved locations  
*No access to 25/3 Mbps*
- 2 Underserved locations  
*No access to 100/20 Mbps*
- 3 Community anchor institutions  
*Without gigabit connections*

### Eligible entity must also prioritize

- Persistent poverty / high-poverty areas
- Speed of proposed network
- Build time
- Demonstrated record on compliance with federal labor & employment laws

## OTHER KEY FEATURES

### Quality requirements

Specific network requirements are included e.g., speeds of at least 100/20 Mbps

### Matching requirement

Eligible entities must ensure that they or a subgrantee provide at least 25% match (*unless waiver granted*)

### Low-cost plan requirement

Required to offer a low-cost plan to eligible subscribers (*to be determined by NTIA*)

Note: funding amounts inclusive of all administrative set-asides



# BEAD (II/II) | STATES AND U.S. TERRITORIES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING, WITH LEGISLATION SPECIFYING ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

## ELIGIBLE ENTITIES

---

"**Eligible entity**" for this program refers to **all 50 U.S. States and U.S. Territories** (including the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands)

*If an eligible entity fails to submit, or fails to gain approval for, a 'covered application' (LOI, initial proposal or final proposal) by the relevant deadline, a **political subdivision, or consortium of political subdivisions** of the entity, may submit a covered application*

## ELIGIBLE COSTS & ACTIVITIES

---

### **Planning / pre-deployment funds (no more than 5% of min. allocation)**

- Research & data collection
- Budget development
- Publications, outreach & communication support
- Provision of technical assistance
- Employee training for eligible entity or political subdivision staff
- Establishing capacity in the eligible entity's office responsible for program

### **Grant / deployment funds**

- Unserved & underserved area service projects
- Connecting eligible community anchor institutions
- Data collection, broadband mapping & planning
- Broadband adoption (incl. affordable device provision)
- Installing internet/Wi-Fi infrastructure (or providing reduced cost broadband) in multi-family residential building

**Eligible entities can use no more than 2% for administrative purposes**