



Office of Broadband Development | BEAD Office Hours + Updates

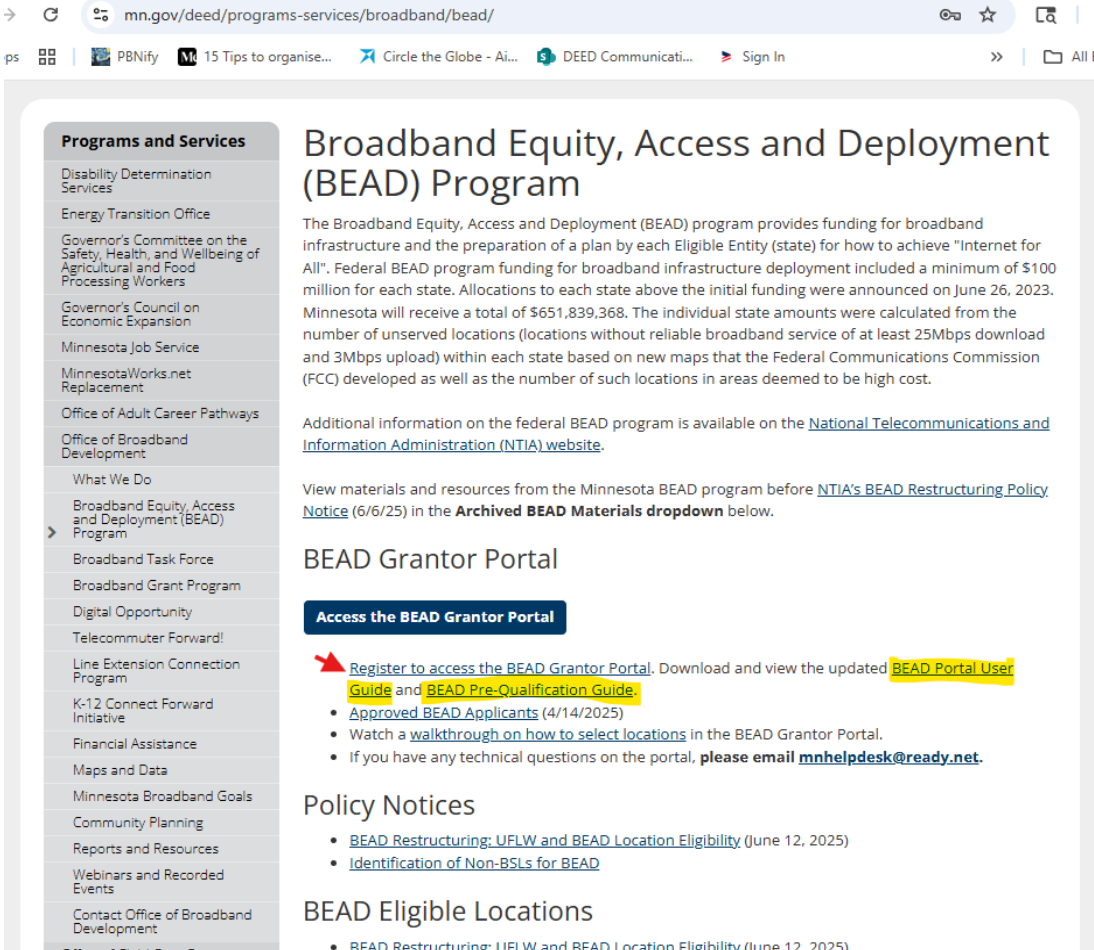
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Implementing Restructuring Requirements - Updates

- **Pre-qualification is OPEN**
- In-Process
 - ULFW Process is wrapping up
 - Update on FAQs
- Upcoming:
 - Changes to eligible locations
 - Project locations definitions
 - Application question changes
 - Application carry-forward
 - Priority technology assessment
 - Application review (Scoring rubric)
 - Deconfliction

[OBD BEAD webpage](#) is being updated:

- Materials from before the 6/6 Restructuring Policy Notice have been moved to a dropdown, [Archived BEAD Materials](#)
- An updated [BEAD Portal User Guide](#) and [BEAD Pre-Qualification Guide](#) have been posted



The screenshot shows the Minnesota Department of Economic Development (DEED) website for the Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) program. The browser address bar shows 'mn.gov/deed/programs-services/broadband/bead/'. The page has a left-hand navigation menu titled 'Programs and Services' with various links. The main content area is titled 'Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) Program' and contains text about the program's funding and goals. Below this, there is a section for 'BEAD Grantor Portal' with a button to 'Access the BEAD Grantor Portal' and a list of links for registration, guides, and approved applicants. There is also a 'Policy Notices' section with links to restructuring notices and a 'BEAD Eligible Locations' section with a link to restructuring notices.

mn.gov/deed/programs-services/broadband/bead/

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Programs and Services

- Disability Determination Services
- Energy Transition Office
- Governor's Committee on the Safety, Health, and Wellbeing of Agricultural and Food Processing Workers
- Governor's Council on Economic Expansion
- Minnesota Job Service
- MinnesotaWorks.net Replacement
- Office of Adult Career Pathways
- Office of Broadband Development
- What We Do
- Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) Program
- Broadband Task Force
- Broadband Grant Program
- Digital Opportunity
- Telecommuter Forward!
- Line Extension Connection Program
- K-12 Connect Forward Initiative
- Financial Assistance
- Maps and Data
- Minnesota Broadband Goals
- Community Planning
- Reports and Resources
- Webinars and Recorded Events
- Contact Office of Broadband Development
- Office of Child Care Community...

Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) Program

The Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) program provides funding for broadband infrastructure and the preparation of a plan by each Eligible Entity (state) for how to achieve "Internet for All". Federal BEAD program funding for broadband infrastructure deployment included a minimum of \$100 million for each state. Allocations to each state above the initial funding were announced on June 26, 2023. Minnesota will receive a total of \$651,839,368. The individual state amounts were calculated from the number of unserved locations (locations without reliable broadband service of at least 25Mbps download and 3Mbps upload) within each state based on new maps that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) developed as well as the number of such locations in areas deemed to be high cost.

Additional information on the federal BEAD program is available on the [National Telecommunications and Information Administration \(NTIA\) website](#).

View materials and resources from the Minnesota BEAD program before [NTIA's BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice](#) (6/6/25) in the **Archived BEAD Materials dropdown** below.

BEAD Grantor Portal

Access the BEAD Grantor Portal

Register to access the BEAD Grantor Portal. Download and view the updated [BEAD Portal User Guide](#) and [BEAD Pre-Qualification Guide](#).

- [Approved BEAD Applicants](#) (4/14/2025)
- Watch a [walkthrough on how to select locations](#) in the BEAD Grantor Portal.
- If you have any technical questions on the portal, **please email mnhelpdesk@ready.net**.

Policy Notices

- [BEAD Restructuring: UFLW and BEAD Location Eligibility](#) (June 12, 2025)
- [Identification of Non-BSLs for BEAD](#)

BEAD Eligible Locations

- [BEAD Restructuring: UFLW and BEAD Location Eligibility](#) (June 12, 2025)

Expected Timeline

Tentative workplan to complete subgrantee selection and submit Final Proposal by September 4th																	
Activity	Month	Jun			Jul			Aug							Sept		
		9	16	23	30	6	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	21	25	1	
	Weeks																
Update eligible locations and PAUs	Update eligible locations to reflect latest FCC fabric, defaults, and ECs	xxxxxxxx	xxxxxxXX														
	Conduct challenge process for ULFW	xxxxxxXX		XXXXXX													
	Revise CAI list to align with statutory definition																
	Update PAUs & public facing map																
Design subgrantee selection and prepare for launch	Make programmatic design changes(e.g., scoring rubric, PAUs)																
	Identify and request waivers																
	Draft & submit proposal correction																
	Update Call for Application, Application Questions, and Application Guidance																
	Publish Call for Application addendum		X														
	Update and test application portal																
Accept and evaluate grant applications	Reopen pre-qualification			XX													
	Collect subgrantee applications																
	Review and score applications																
	Deconflict applications and make preliminary selections																
	Run round to cover remaining locations or negotiate directly with applicants																
	Prepare Final Proposal/Post																
	Public Comment Period (14 days) post by 8/21/2025																
Engage Stakeholders	Keep applicants informed (e.g., website updates, email communications)		XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX		XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX						
	Conduct applicant webinars		X	X	X		X									09/04: Final Proposal Due	

Upcoming Office Hours Sessions

Register for the upcoming BEAD Office Hours, Tuesdays at 11am:

- [Tuesday July 1, 11:00 a.m.](#)
- [Tuesday July 8, 11:00 a.m.](#)
- [Tuesday July 15, 11:00 a.m.](#)

Materials from Office Hours will be posted to the OBD BEAD webpage, unless otherwise noted they will not be recorded.

How to stay engaged

- Stay up to date by signing up for our **biweekly email updates** at:
mn.gov/deed/programs-services/broadband/contact/
- Check the OBE BEAD webpage for updates and office hours/webinars:
mn.gov/deed/programs-services/broadband/bead/
- Submit BEAD questions through the BEAD FAQ Submission Form:
<https://forms.office.com/g/jE9EC1Zzpv>
- Email deed.broadband@state.mn.us or call 651-259-7610 with questions and concerns as they come up

Feedback + Questions