

Office of Broadband Development | Weekly BEAD Office Hours

March 11, 2025

BEAD Timeline in Minnesota

May 29, 2024: BEAD Volume 1 Approved November
2024: BEAD
Challenge
Process

October 3, 2024: BEAD Volume 2 Approved

December 2024:

Final List of BEAD Eligible locations sent to NTIA

January 17: NTIA
approved final
list of BEAD locations

Jan. 27—March 13:

Pre-Qualification process for BEAD open until **3/13 at 11:59pm CST**

March 3:

Deduplicated list of BEAD eligible locations posted online

*March 24—April 21:

Subgrantee selection subround 11a: Fiber projects only and applicant proposes project area *May 7—May 21:
OBD defined project areas posted.

Subgrantee
selection subround
11b: Applications
accepted for all
technologies by
OBD project area

*June 19-July 10: Remaining OBD defined project areas posted.

Subgrantee selection subround 11c

*July 10-Sept. 3:

OBD finalizes list of selected subgrantees, commissioner approval, public comment period

*October 3:

Deadline for the BEAD Final proposal to be submitted to NTIA for approval

Updates

- The <u>BEAD Pre-Qualification portal</u> has been extended and will now close **March 13 at 11:59pm CST.**If you have any technical questions on using the BEAD Grantor Portal, please email mnhelpdesk@ready.net.
- Resources on the webpage include:
 - List of unserved and underserved locations by county in Minnesota. Download the "<u>BEAD</u> <u>Eligible Locations by County (PDF)</u>" or "<u>BEAD Eligible Locations by County (XLSX)</u>"
 - Updated <u>BEAD Pre-Qualification FAQ PDF</u> and <u>BEAD Subgrantee Selection FAQ PDF</u>
- <u>BEAD FAQ form</u>. Please continue to submit all questions for the FAQ via online web form. OBD will
 continue to review responses as a team and with our federal partner, and the FAQs will be updated
 weekly.
 - As of March 11, outstanding questions waiting response: None.

OBD BEAD Office Hours

OBD weekly office hours have been extended through April 15, 2025.

Register for the 11am sessions below or on the <u>OBD BEAD webpage</u>. Office hours will not be recorded, unless otherwise noted. Materials from each week are posted online.

- March 18, <u>register here</u>
- March 25, register here
- April 1, <u>register here</u>
- NEW SESSION, April 8, register here
- NEW SESSION, April 15, register here



Questions?

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