

Office of Broadband Development | Application Information Session

April 1, 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 closed **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**

- Additional resources added to the OBD BEAD webpage:
  - <u>Version 1.1 BEAD Application User Guide</u>: 3/31/2025 updated BEAD affidavit template link, corrected referenced and actual question numbers for Section 11 that had skipped #49. Added BEAD Application Guide Revisions to the Table of Contents.
  - **BEAD Affidavit Template**: Updated link to Word version of form
- Continue to complete the Minnesota BEAD Contractor Directory Form. The first directory list will be posted to the website on Wednesday 4/2 and updated weekly moving forward.
- BEAD FAQ form. Please continue to submit all questions for the FAQ via online web form.
  - Questions submitted from 3/19-3/25: Answered and posted on 3/28, <u>Subgrantee Selection FAQs</u>
  - Questions submitted from 3/26-4/1: 2 are under OBD review, 8 have drafted responses by OBD and are being sent to NTIA, and 1 is pending an update from NTIA. Planning to post all responses to these Friday 4/4.

## BEAD Office Hours and Application Information Sessions

- Office hours for the first round, 11a, of subgrantee selection continue **Tuesdays at 11am**:
  - BEAD office hours April 8, register here
  - BEAD office hours April 15, register here
- NEW: Registration has opened for the Application Information Session for the second round, 11b,
  of subgrantee selection. This session will be recorded and posted to the BEAD webpage.
  - Application Information Session, 11b, Tuesday May 6, register here
- Registration coming soon for office hours during rounds 11b and 11c, as well as an Application information Session for the third round of subgrantee selection. Note, the office hours sessions will pause while applications are under active review.



# Questions?

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