

## BEAD Direct Negotiation FAQs, 8/7/2025

- 1. For the available BSLs for direct negotiation, or BSLs that did not receive any bids in the Restructured BEAD Round, can companies still submit locations they believe to be invalid according to the [Identification of Non-BSLs for BEAD](#) policy notice from April 2025?**
  - Yes. This incorporates NTIA's revised guidance on identifying non-BSLs and OBD will be implementing this guidance and the non-BSL process will be ongoing throughout the BEAD program.
- 2. Will OBD reimburse these locations the same way as the Line Extension Connection Program is reimbursed (on a per location basis) or will the awarded locations be reimbursed as a group (similar to a traditional Border-to-Border (B2B) project)?**
  - The process will be similar to a traditional B2B project in that all locations negotiated to be funded with a BEAD award will be submitted as an application in the grantor portal and be processed through the grant lifecycle. BEAD grants will be paid on a reimbursement basis subject to both milestone achievements and documented paid costs. All costs must be reasonable, eligible/allowable, allocable and consistently-treated.
- 3. Will BEAD funds be reimbursed on a 1:1 basis similar to a Border-to-Border (B2B) project or does the subgrantee have to spend their committed match before any grant funds are reimbursed?**
  - BEAD funds will be reimbursed similar to B2B where the match is spent at the percentage proposed and awarded. For example, an applicant meeting the minimum BEAD match requirement of 25% would submit evidence of paid invoices and be reimbursed for 75% of those invoices (25% grantee match to 75% BEAD grant).