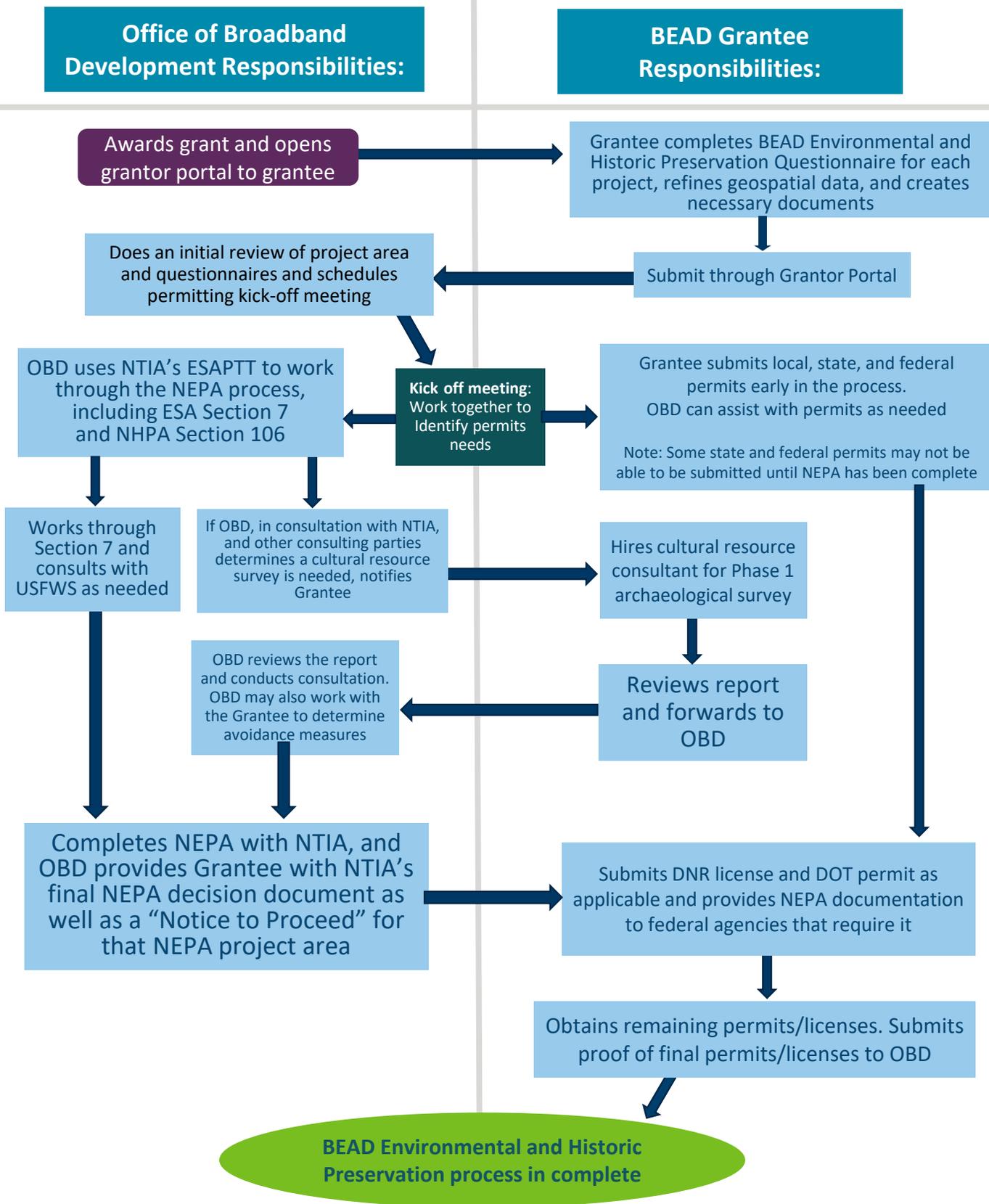


Grantee Process Map for BEAD Environmental and Historic Preservation Compliance for each NEPA Project Area¹

This is a notional and simplified flowchart, representing the Grantee’s BEAD Environmental and Historic Preservation experience



¹This workflow assumes that a CatEx applies to the project, and that no extraordinary circumstances are present in the NEPA project area. If a CatEx does not apply, then a NEPA Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement may be needed.

Process Map Acronym Guide

ACHP	Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
APE	Area of Potential Effect
BEAD	Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment
DNR	Department of Natural Resources
DOT	Department of Transportation
ESA	Endangered Species Act
ESAPTT	Environmental Screening and Permitting Tracking Tool
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
MHS	Minnesota Historical Society
MIAC	Minnesota Indian Advisory Council
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NHPA	National Historic Preservation Act
NTIA	National Telecommunications and Information Administration
OBD	Office of Broadband Development
OSA	Office of the State Archaeologist
SHPO	State Historic Preservation Office
THPO	Tribal Historic Preservation Office
USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service

Estimated NEPA Timeline

Levels of NEPA Review	Estimated timeline
Categorical Exclusion (CATEX)	3-6 months
Environmental Assessment (EA)	6-12 months
Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)	>12 months

Note: there could be a large variability in the timeline of the project and will depend on the size of the project and the presence or absence of extraordinary circumstances such as endangered species, historic properties, etc. If no extraordinary circumstances exist in the project area and no additional surveys are needed, the NEPA process could take between 3-6 months. If a CatEx does not apply and an EA or an EIS is needed, the process could take up to two years.