

# Minnesota Office of Broadband Development

## BEAD Eligibility List, Mapping Portal Guide

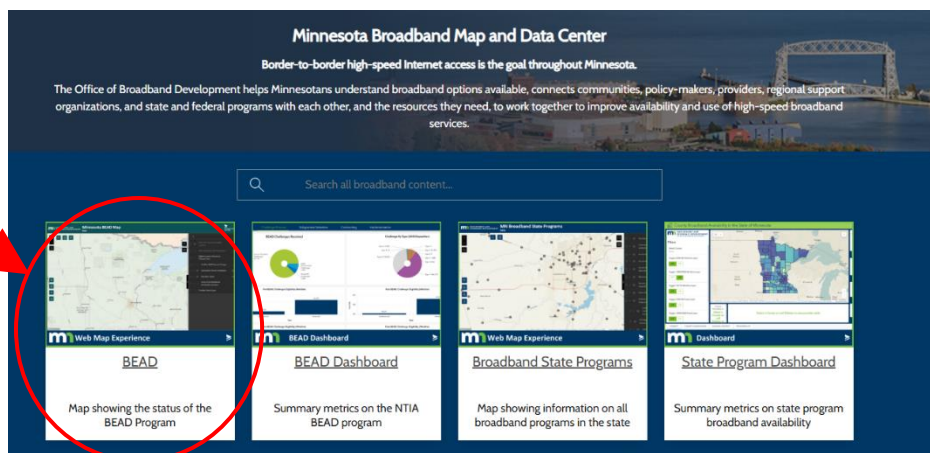
This guide from the Office of Broadband Development (OBD) provides a high-level overview of how to review federal Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) eligible locations in Minnesota.

An in-depth tutorial of using Minnesota's interactive broadband maps is also available from OBD's mapping vendor, Connected Nation, [Broadband State Programs Video](#). Additional resources on the BEAD program in Minnesota are available on the [OBD BEAD webpage](#).

This **final list of locations** was defined after the completion of the BEAD Challenge in Minnesota, which ran from July through November of 2024, including an adjudication phase from OBD, and final approval of the list by NTIA was given in January 2025. Additional deduplication of eligible locations will occur under guidelines issued by NTIA for BEAD funding eligibility, see [NTIA Final Proposal Guidance](#).

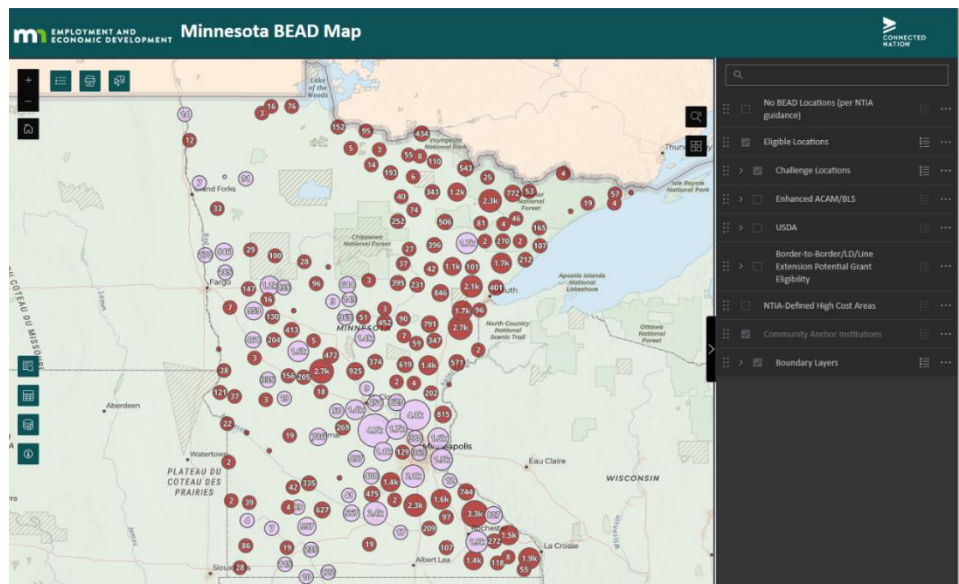
If you have questions on the map or the BEAD program please email [deed.broadband@state.mn.us](mailto:deed.broadband@state.mn.us).

1. Access the map of BEAD eligible locations by viewing the [Minnesota Maps](#) dashboard on the OBD webpage, and then select the first item, the [BEAD map](#).



2. When you open the map, you will see the **Eligible Locations and Community Anchor Institutions** displayed across the state.

BEAD eligibility can be viewed by zooming in on locations and by adding county boundaries.



3. If you zoom in on the map, you can see specific location eligibility, including a specific location or a location in your county:

The screenshot shows the 'Minnesota BEAD Map' interface. The map displays numerous red and pink dots representing eligible locations. On the left, a toolbar contains icons for zooming in/out and opening the legend. On the right, a panel lists various layers to toggle on/off. A legend window is also open, showing details for 'Eligible Locations' and 'Community Anchor Institutions'.

Panel with additional **LAYERS** to view on the map.

Tools here allow you to **Zoom** in or out on the map and open the **LEGEND**.

Open the **TABLE** to view in list form BEAD eligible locations by Fabric ID and **Community Anchor Institutions**.

Once opened, the **LEGEND** can be moved around the screen and denotes if the location is **UNSERVED** (red circle) or **UNDERSERVED** (pink circle), and different Community Anchor Institution types.

4. Additional layers you can **click to turn on in the right-hand panel**, include: Areas with no BEAD location; Locations eligible for other funding (Enhanced ACAM/BLS; USDA; and state funding like Border-to-Border, Lower Density Population Pilot, and Line Extension); NTIA-Defined High Cost Areas; and Boundary Layers (County Boundaries and Census Blocks).
5. The table shows **Eligible locations** listed by a **location\_id**. If you have a Cost Quest License, this **location\_id** is the same as a **Fabric ID**, which can be correlated to an address and latitude/longitude with that license. The list of BEAD eligible locations is also posted in an Excel file by Fabric ID on the [OBD BEAD webpage](#).