Office of Broadband Development | BEAD Office Hours + Updates

July 1, 2025

- Resources on the webpage include:

  - [BEAD Portal User Guide](#)

  - [BEAD Pre-Qualification Guide](#)

  - [Eligible locations](#) posted 6/30/2025

  - [BEAD map](#) with locations, available 7/1/2025

- Expected timeline

- FAQs, posted later **today** including questions from 6/17 and 6/24 Office Hours and 3 questions submitted via Forms

Tentative workplan to complete subgrantee selection and submit
Final Proposal by September 4th

Activity		Jun				Jul				Aug				Sept
	Weeks	9	16	23	30	6 / 7	14	21	28	4	11	18	21 / 25	1
Update eligible locations and PAUs	Update eligible locations to reflect latest FCC fabric, defaults, and ECs	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxXX	▓										
	Conduct challenge process for ULFW	xxxxxxXX	▓	XXXXXxx										
	Revise CAI list to align with statutory definition	▓												
	Update PAUs & public facing map			▓	▓									
Design subgrantee selection and prepare for launch	Make programmatic design changes(e.g., scoring rubric, PAUs)	▓	▓											
	Identify and request waivers		▓											
	Draft & submit proposal correction		▓	▓										
	Update Call for Application, Application Questions, and Application Guidance	▓	▓											
	Publish Call for Application addendum		X											
	Update and test application portal			▓	▓									
Accept and evaluate grant applications	Reopen pre-qualification				XX ▓									
	Collect subgrantee applications					▓	▓							
	Review and score applications							▓						
	Deconflict applications and make preliminary selections								▓					
	Run round to cover remaining locations or negotiate directly with applicants									▓				
	Prepare Final Proposal/Post										▓			
	Public Comment Period (14 days) post by 8/21/2025											▓	▓	
Engage Stakeholders	Keep applicants informed (e.g., website updates, email communications)		XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX				
	Conduct applicant webinars		X	X	X	X								09/04: Final Proposal Due

Application Portal Open: 7/14/2025 (targeting the week of July 7th and all pre-qualified applicants will be emailed if we are able to open early)

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- Stay up to date by signing up for our **biweekly email updates** at: mn.gov/deed/programs-services/broadband/contact/

- Check the OBE BEAD webpage for updates and office hours/webinars: mn.gov/deed/programs-services/broadband/bead/

- Submit BEAD questions through the BEAD FAQ Submission Form: https://forms.office.com/g/jE9EC1Zzpv

- Email deed.broaband@state.mn.us or call 651-259-7610 with questions and concerns as they come up

Register for the upcoming BEAD Office Hours, Tuesdays at 11am:

- [Tuesday July 8, 11:00 a.m.](#)

- [Tuesday July 15, 11:00 a.m.](#)

Materials from Office Hours will be posted to the OBD BEAD webpage, unless otherwise noted they will not be recorded.

Feedback + Questions