



Office of Broadband Development | BEAD Office Hours

July 15, 2025

# Expected Timeline


- Prequalification Reopened: 6/24/2025
- [Eligible locations](#) posted 6/30/2025 & [BEAD map](#) with locations available 7/1/2025
- **Application Portal Opened: 7/14/2025**
- **Application Portal Close: 1:30 PM Central Time 7/24/2025**
- Deconfliction and Revision begins 7/25/2025
- Direct Negotiation Round (if needed) 7/25/2025
- Final Proposal posted for public comment **8/28/2025.**

# Technical Assistance – Completing an Application

- The [Restructured BEAD Application Guide was posted \(7/11/2025\)](#) and prequalified applicants notified via email.
- Due to time constraints, OBD may not have the opportunity to cure missing, incomplete, or non-compliant applicant information. If an applicant is unsure of a requirement, they should reach out to [deed.broadband@state.mn.us](mailto:deed.broadband@state.mn.us) for clarification ASAP and prior to the application deadline.
- ~~• Applicants that previously applied and will have minor changes to their projects, are encouraged to reach out to [deed.broadband@state.mn.us](mailto:deed.broadband@state.mn.us) to identify those areas they need to adjust in their application so OBD can plan to open the section(s) for revision. If there are major changes to a previous application, the applicant must submit a new application.~~

# Technical Assistance – Completing an Application

The screenshot shows the 'Application: Test 4' progress screen. The top navigation bar includes a back arrow, the text 'BEAD • ROUND 2 • APP1358 • In Progress', and the application title. Below this is a progress bar with 13 steps: 1. Select Locations, 2. Project Technical Details, 3. Network Designs, 4. Project Details, 5. Project Financial Details, 6. Letter Of Credit, 7. Workforce Support, 8. Community Support, 9. Organization Details, 10. Pre-Award Risk Assessment, 11. Other Uploads, 12. Restructured BEAD Additional Questions, and 13. Review & Submit. Steps 1 through 8 are marked with green checkmarks, while steps 9 through 13 are marked with green checkmarks and a green circle. The main content area is divided into three sections: 'Eligibility' on the left, a map in the center, and a list of steps on the right. The 'Eligibility' section has a dropdown menu with 'Unreserved' and 'Underserved' options. The map shows a dark blue area with a yellow outline. The list of steps on the right includes: 9. Organization Details, 10. Pre-Award Risk Assessment, 11. Other Uploads, 12. Restructured BEAD Additional Questions, and 13. Review & Submit. A green circle highlights the progress bar and the list of steps.

-  Complete each section of the application and submit
- NEW Applicants – start a new application
- PREVIOUS Applicants
  - **Start a new application**
  - **In Progress Round 2 Applications are round 1 applications that can be revised and submitted in Round 2.**
  - Carried-Forward Round 1 Applications are what was originally submitted.

# Posted Applicant Resources

Required Templates for upload are available on the [OBD BEAD webpage](#) under the "BEAD Applicant Resources" and can also be downloaded in the portal.

## BEAD Applicant Resources

- [BEAD Restructured Application Guide](#)
- [Section 3: BEAD Network Tech Form Fillable Upload Q 5](#)
- [Section 3: BEAD Geospatial Data Upload Guide Q 6](#)
- [Section 6: BEAD Minnesota Letter of Credit TEMPLATE Q 18](#)
- [Section 11: BEAD Budget Schedule Proforma Pricing Workbook \(xlsx\) Q 48](#)
- [Section 11: BEAD Affidavit Template Upload Q 49](#)
- [BEAD Waiver Request Form Guide](#)
- [BEAD Call for Applications](#)
- [BEAD Pre-Qualification Guidance](#)
- [BEAD Grantor Portal Pre-Qualification User Guide](#)
- [BEAD Grant Contract Agreement DRAFT](#) (some sections obsolete due to BEAD Restructuring)

- All forms are the same as originally published except the BEAD Network Tech
- Wireless and LEO applicants will see updates to their sections reflecting Exhibit A and B from NTIA's BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice
- Previous Applicants only need to revise their forms if they have changes that impact the forms.

# How to stay engaged



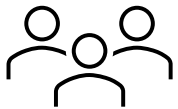
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# Feedback + Questions