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- Proposed Policies
- BEAD Update from NTIA and FAC Staff
- Other Business



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Only members of the committee can make motions and vote. However, all commissioners and staff can make comments, ask questions, and debate during the discussion of each action item.

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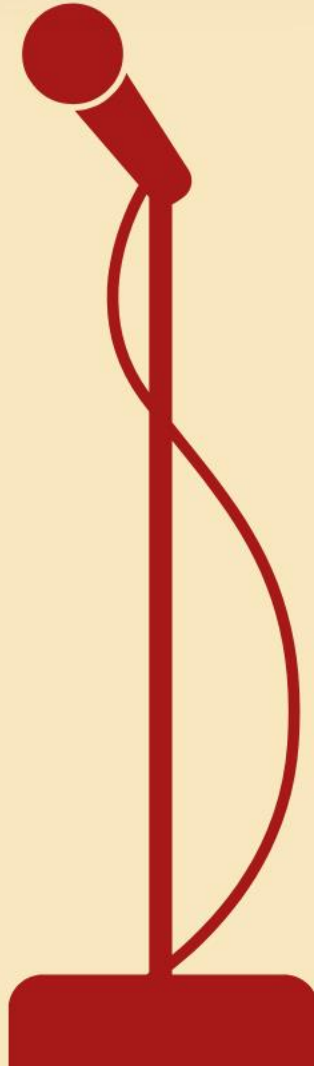


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QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?

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Consent Agenda



- a. ADOPT
 - i. BB-PP-03: Local Technology Planning Team Funding
- b. Incorporate into Guiding Principles
 - i. BB-PP-01: Broadband Digital Equity Grants
 - ii. BB-PP-05 Local Participation in Broadband Expansion Efforts
- c. NOT ADOPT
 - i. BB-PP-02: Broadband Opportunity Program

BB-PP-04: LIMITED REVISION TO DEFINITION OF BROADBAND SERVICE

- Submitting Counties: Palm Beach & FAC Staff
- Committee Recommendation: Amend and Adopt

Review, Discuss, Action

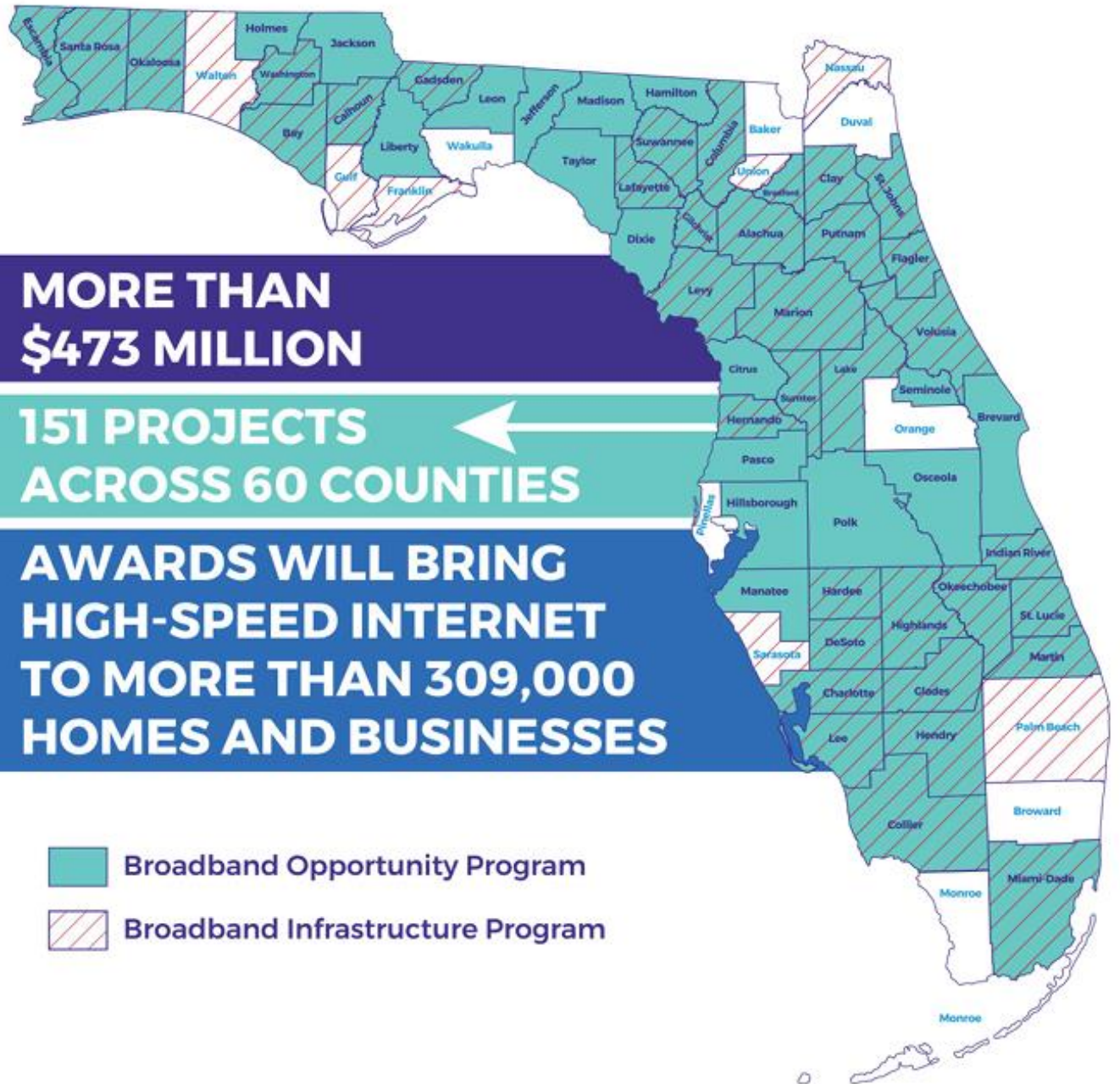
Expanding Broadband in Small and Rural Communities

**MORE THAN
\$473 MILLION**

**151 PROJECTS
ACROSS 60 COUNTIES**

**AWARDS WILL BRING
HIGH-SPEED INTERNET
TO MORE THAN 309,000
HOMES AND BUSINESSES**



-  Broadband Opportunity Program
-  Broadband Infrastructure Program

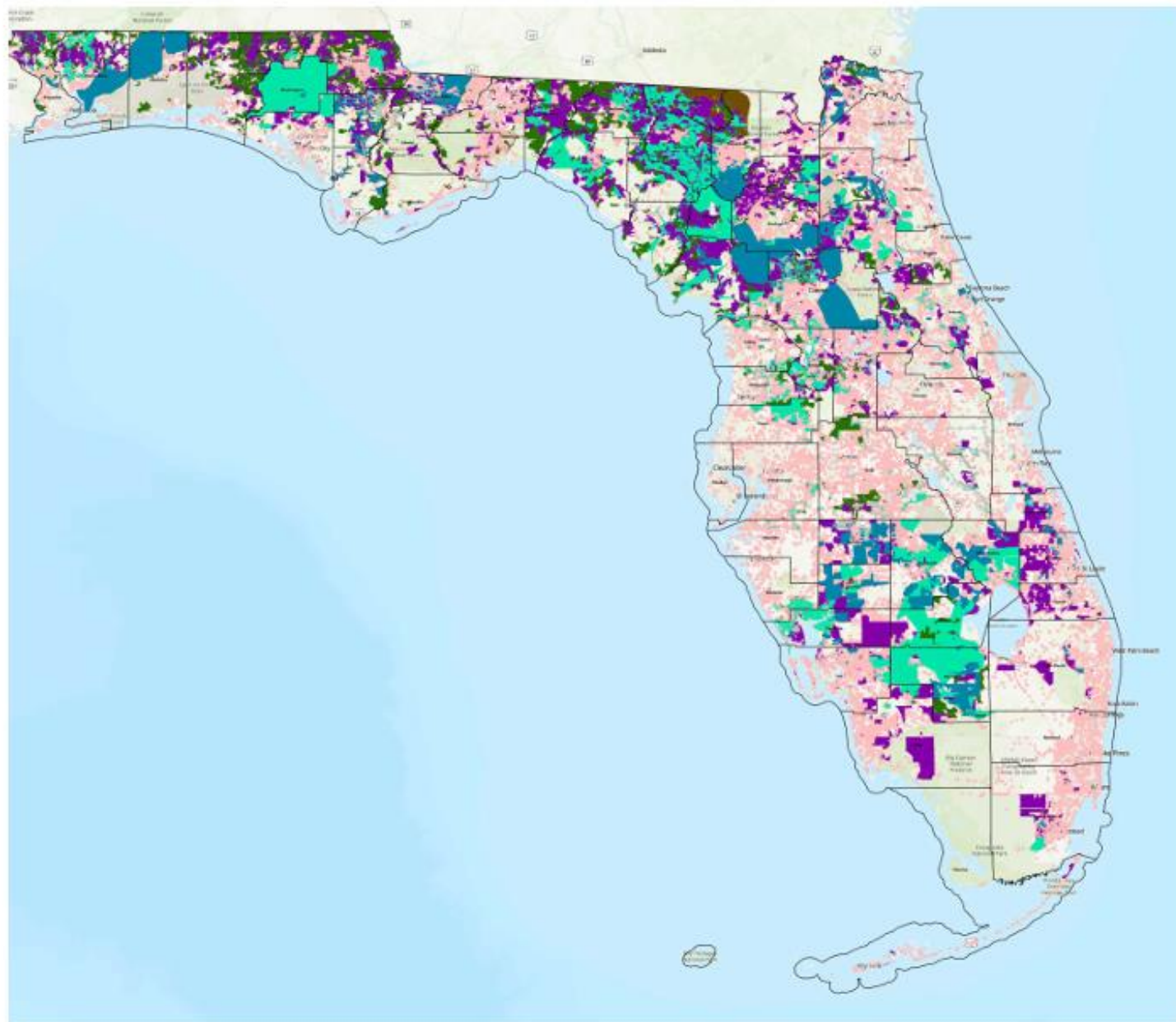


Programs Underway

-  Rural Digital Opportunity Fund
-  Connect America Fund
-  ReConnect America Program

Office of Broadband Programs

-  Broadband Opportunity Program
-  Capital Projects Fund – Broadband Infrastructure Program





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FEDERAL PROGRAM OFFICER, NTIA



NTIA Update: Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) and Digital Equity (DE)

Carlos Nathan
NTIA Federal Program Officer
Florida



BIL NTIA Broadband Programs

NTIA is administering ~\$48B through four programs that drive high-speed Internet access, affordability, and adoption.

NTIA will administer ~\$48B of funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law				FCC to administer \$14.2B For Affordable Connectivity Program, which replaced the EBB program
BEAD	DIGITAL EQUITY	TRIBAL	MIDDLE MILE	
\$42.45B	\$2.75B	\$2.00B	\$1.00B	USDA to administer \$2.0B Via the Rural Utilities Service
Broadband Equity, Access & Deployment Program A program to get all Americans online by funding partnerships between states or territories, communities, and stakeholders to build infrastructure where we need it to and increase adoption of high-speed Internet.	Digital Equity Act Three programs that provide funding to promote digital inclusion and advance equity for all. They aim to ensure that all communities can access and use affordable, reliable high-speed Internet to meet their needs and improve their lives.	Tribal Connectivity Technical Amendments A program to help tribal communities expand high-speed Internet access and adoption on tribal lands.	Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure A program to expand middle mile infrastructure, to reduce the cost of connecting unserved and underserved areas.	Private Activity Bonds \$0.6B Authorizes State and local governments to use private activity bonds for rural broadband

BEAD Program



BEAD program will provide ~\$42.5B for infrastructure planning and implementation.

Funding pool
\$42.45B

A program to get all Americans online by funding partnerships between states or territories, communities, and stakeholders to build infrastructure where we need to and increase adoption of high-speed Internet service.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Entities eligible to apply for this program include:

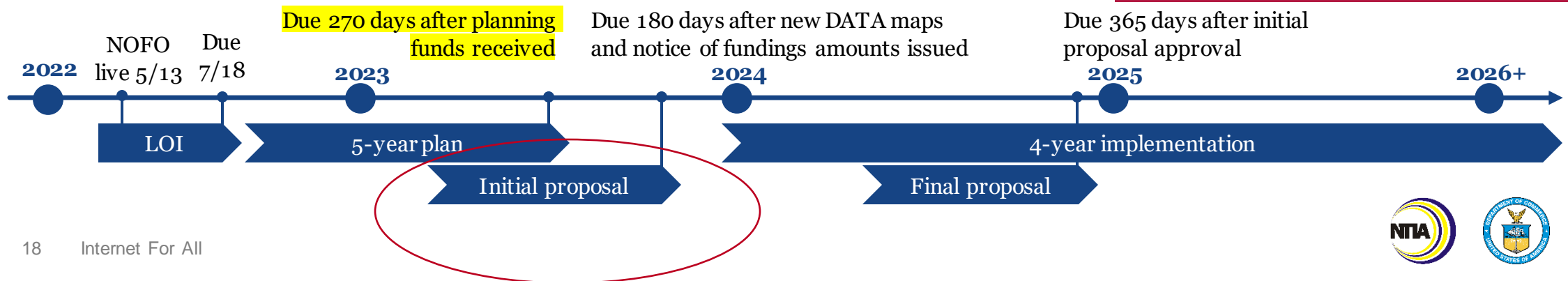
- All 50 States
- The District of Columbia and Puerto Rico
- Other Territories: U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Example eligible uses of funds include:

- ☆ Planning for deployment of the Internet
- ☆ Deploying or upgrading Internet service
- ☆ Installing Internet in multi-tenant buildings
- ☆ Implementing adoption and digital equity programs
- ☆ Workforce and job training

ESTIMATED TIMELINE

Timeline approximate unless exact date specified



Ways for Local Governments to get involved in BEAD



NTIA encourages local government units get involved in BEAD and collaborate with their State/Territory Broadband Offices to ensure all voices and opinions are heard and incorporated.



Share your State's Current and Future Needs

Share current state and future needs of local broadband availability, infrastructure deployment challenges, and any local regulations which may impact infrastructure deployment.



Advocate for your state's vulnerable communities

Advocate for vulnerable communities to ensure their specific needs are accounted for and addressed.



Apply to Be a Subgrantee

Apply to be a **subgrantee**, if eligible, as defined in the BEAD NOFO. You can apply through your **State/Territory Broadband Office**. Subgrantees may use BEAD funds for both **deployment and non-deployment related activities**.



Connect and Collaborate with your State/Territory Broadband Office

Reach out to your **State/Territory Broadband Office** to get involved with the planning process and stay involved over time.



Mapping Update

What is the BEAD Challenge Process and How Does it Differ from the FCC Challenge Process?



The FCC is collecting data from Internet Service Providers (ISPs) and **creating a map to identify unserved locations**. This map will be used as a starting point during the **BEAD challenge process** to identify unserved locations, underserved locations, and CAIs eligible for BEAD funding.

FCC CHALLENGE PROCESS



The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) maintains **new broadband coverage maps** (Broadband DATA Maps) using data collected from Internet Service Providers (ISPs). The FCC accepts challenges on a continuous basis with challenges allowed to both the locations (or fabric) and availability data.



NTIA will use the FCC's Broadband DATA Maps to **determine how much BEAD funding is provided per state or territory**.

BEAD CHALLENGE PROCESS



States and Territories will develop a challenge process for stakeholders to **challenge whether a location or CAI is served, unserved, or underserved**. The BEAD **timelines will be determined by each state/territory** but must comply with NTIA requirements. NTIA requires that the entire challenge process be completed within 90 days per the Policy Notice.

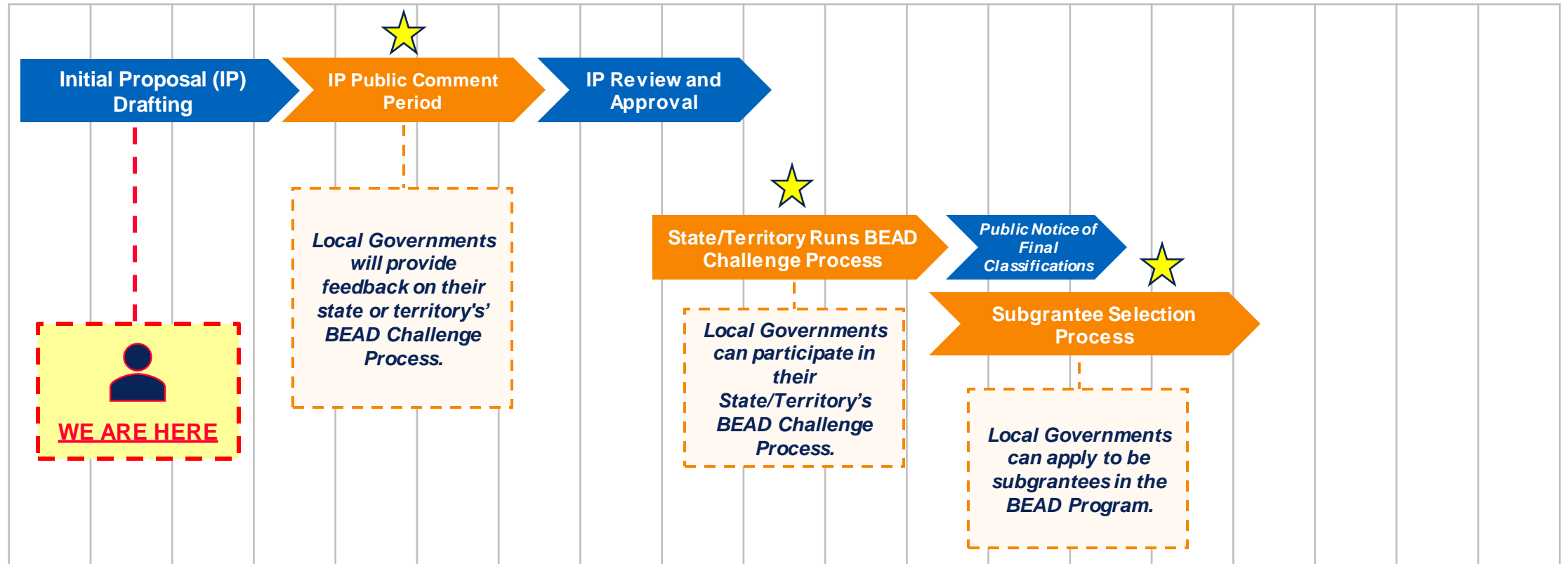


This will **determine the locations and community anchor institutions within each jurisdiction that are eligible for BEAD funding**.



Timeline of BEAD Initial Proposal & Challenge Process

Local Governments are involved throughout the entire Initial Proposal timeline, as they will provide public comment on the BEAD Challenge Process and participate in it as well. Note that timelines will be dependent on the Eligible Entity.



Key | ■ State/Territory/SBO Activity ■ Local Government/Organization Activity

The Role of Eligible Challengers

Eligible Challengers are: **(1) Units of local government**, (2) relevant non-profits, and (3) broadband service providers. The Role of Eligible Challengers is outlined below.



Read the Challenge Process instructions and guidance posted by your State or Territory to understand the steps required to submit a challenge.



Gather acceptable evidence, which may include *speed tests, screenshots* from a provider website, *service requests, letters or emails, manufacturer and model number* of residential gateways, providers, and more.



Submit challenge and evidence to your State or Territory's BEAD Challenge website.



Respond to, or check for responses to, your challenge by periodically checking the BEAD Challenge website for updates.

To keep challengers informed:

States and Territories will set up public-facing websites to accept challenges during the BEAD Challenge Process and inform challengers of deadlines.



Websites will include:

Who is making a challenge, basis of the challenge, summary of the challenge, summary of the rebuttals



What Happens After the Challenge Process?

After the BEAD Challenge Process is completed, Eligible Entities send the final determinations of each unserved location, underserved location, and CAIs to NTIA for approval.

WHAT WILL STATES BE DOING?

- After resolving each challenge and at least 60 days before allocating grant funds for network deployment, the state/territory **must provide public notice of the final classification** of each:
 - Unserved location
 - Underserved location
 - Eligible Community Anchor Institution within the jurisdiction of the state/territory
- States and Territories must also **notify NTIA of any modifications to the Initial Proposal** that are necessitated by successful challenges to its initial determinations.

WHAT SHOULD CHALLENGERS BE DOING?

- Eligible Challengers should pay attention to their State/Territory Broadband Office and **be on the lookout for the public notice of final classification**.
- Once Eligible Entities have provided public notice of their final classifications, challengers should **review the published data**.
- This list will be used for the next step in allocating BEAD funds, the **subgrantee selection process**.

WHAT IF I'M NOT A CHALLENGER?

Contact your local government units, non-profits, and eligible broadband service providers.

Local Government Involvement in the BEAD Challenge Process

There are many ways for local governments to stay involved throughout the process and ensure their communities are served.



Engage

Participate in the Challenge Process

Local governments are **one of three eligible challengers**, in addition to non-profits and Internet Service Providers (ISPs), who can participate in the BEAD Challenge process. This is the opportunity for local government units to impact where BEAD funding is directed within their state/territory. Local governments are **encouraged to participate in the BEAD Challenge Process** by submitting challenges to their State/Territory Broadband Office's BEAD Challenge Process.



Engage

Participate in the Public Comment Period

Your state/territory broadband office (SBO) will design and implement the BEAD Challenge Process. **Participate in your SBO's Public Comment period** on their Challenge Process and contact them for more information on how to get involved. For contact information visit the IF contact map at <https://www.internetforall.gov/interactive-map>



Represent

Represent Individuals

If individuals want to submit a challenge, they must do so by contacting an eligible challenger to submit on their behalf. A **local government could aggregate such challenges and submit these** on the individuals' behalf.



Learn

Register for the Challenge Process Webinar

Local governments can **register for the NTIA Challenge Process public webinar** for more information (date TBD).

Additional Resources

Use the below existing resources that can support your office in achieving the Initial Proposal requirements in a timely manner. You can also view your state/territory's progress by visiting internetforall.gov/interactive-map.



Policy Notice

Detailed Instructions

Provides detailed information and instructions regarding the BEAD State Challenge Process.



BEAD NOFO

Reference Document

Information about the Initial Proposal and the Challenge Process can be found in the BEAD NOFO, Section IV.B.5 and Section IV.B.6



FCC Broadband DATA Maps

Maps

Maps created by the FCC that NTIA uses the results from to determine how much BEAD funding is provided per state or territory.



BEAD FAQs

Reference Document

Collection of Frequently Asked Questions that provide insight and additional context into the Initial Proposal and the Challenge Process.



FCC Broadband DATA Collection Help Center

Help Center

Provides additional information and answers questions regarding the FCC Broadband DATA Maps and its collection process.



BEAD 201

Webinar

A more detailed and in-depth look into the BEAD Program and its requirements.



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For more information, please visit our websites or contact us at:

InternetForAll.gov for additional information on federal funding programs (InternetForAll@ntia.gov)

BroadbandUSA.ntia.doc.gov for technical assistance and grant program information
(BroadbandUSA@ntia.doc.gov)





Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment Program (BEAD) Update



- [Five Year Action Plan](#)--\$1.16 Billion for Florida
- Initial Proposal due by December 2023
 - Volume 1: four BEAD requirements
 1. Challenge Process
 2. Identifying existing broadband funding
 3. Listing unserved and underserved locations throughout the state
 4. Defining and listing Community Anchor Institutions (CAIs)
 - Volume 2: Administrative Requirements, Workforce etc.

Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment Program (BEAD) Update



- Office of Broadband Published the plan this week
- **30-day public comment period begins TODAY November 15th**
- Comment Deadline is **December 15th** to Florida Commerce
 - Submit comments to: Broadband@Commerce.fl.gov

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