



Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD)

Overview

The [Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment \(BEAD\) program](#) aims to help residents and businesses gain access to affordable high-speed internet through investments in broadband planning, deployment, mapping, equity, and adoption activities.

In June 2023, Pennsylvania received \$1.16 billion in BEAD funding to assist with the above-mentioned efforts.

Who Is Eligible?

- Cooperative Organizations
- Not-For-Profit Organizations
- Public-Private Partnerships
- Private Companies
- Public or Private Utility Companies
- Public Utility Districts
- Municipalities or Units of Local Government
- Internet Service Providers Registered through the Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

Eligible Projects

- Deploying and/or upgrading broadband network facilities in connection with a Broadband Serviceable Area (BSA)
- Data collection, broadband mapping, and planning to the extent necessary to facilitate the goals and deliverables of the BEAD program
- Eligible projects are limited to defined project areas and must meet the minimum of 95% Broadband Serviceable Location (BSL) coverage threshold.



How to Apply

BEAD guidelines were posted on September 20, 2024. Application Round One opened on Friday November 22, 2024 and closed on Friday February 7, 2025. Program guidelines, additional details, and [FAQs are available on the BEAD Program Page](#).

To be added to the distribution list please email pabroadbandauthority@pa.gov.

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BEAD Program Timeline

The following estimated timeline for the BEAD Program is subject to change.



*Broadband Serviceable Areas (BSAs) are areas within Pennsylvania containing one or more Census Block Groups with Broadband Serviceable Locations (BSLs) eligible for BEAD funding.