



Pennsylvania  
Broadband Development Authority

# Broadband Programs & Resources

Investing in Internet for Pennsylvania



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## PA Broadband Development Authority (PBDA)

The Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority (PBDA), signed into law on December 22, 2021, is an independent agency under the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).

The PBDA created a statewide broadband plan and is responsible for distributing federal and state monies for broadband expansion in unserved and underserved areas of the Commonwealth. Its primary goal is to bridge the digital divide in Pennsylvania and ensure that all Pennsylvania residents have access to affordable and reliable high-speed internet, whether at home, work, or while traveling.

### Board of Directors

The PBDA is governed by an 11-member board. Representation from each legislative caucus, five Secretaries across five commonwealth agencies, the Chair of the PUC, and the Executive Director of the Center for Rural PA.

- **Zachary Reber**, PBDA Chairman, Secretary of the Budget
- **Kristin Phillips-Hill**, PBDA Board Secretary, PA Senate, District 28
- **John Kane**, PBDA Board Assistant Secretary, PA Senate, District 9
- **Robert F. Matzie**, PA House of Representatives, District 16
- **Jesse Topper**, PA House of Representatives, District 78
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- **Zachary Adams**, Executive Director, The Center for Rural Pennsylvania
- **Reggie McNeil**, Secretary, Department of General Services
- **Dr. Carrie Rowe**, Secretary, Department of Education
- **Russell Redding**, Secretary, Department of Agriculture
- **Rick Siger**, Secretary, Department of Community and Economic Development



## Federal & State Programs

### Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program

The [Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment \(BEAD\)](#) program aims to help everyone in America get affordable, reliable high-speed internet by funding infrastructure deployment programs. In June 2023, Pennsylvania received \$1.16 billion in BEAD funding to assist in the expansion of high-speed broadband infrastructure across the state.

- **BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice**

On June 6, 2025 the NTIA issued a [BEAD Program Restructuring Policy Notice](#) (Policy Notice), outlining updated guidance for the BEAD Program.

- **BEAD Program Round One**

As a result of the Policy Notice, PBDA deferred all Round One BEAD Applications and established a new BEAD Round Two - the federally required "Benefit of the Bargain" Round.

- **BEAD Program Round Two**

Round Two of the BEAD Program opened on Friday July 18, 2025 and closed on Friday August 1, 2025.

Provisional selections have been made and are outlined in the [Draft BEAD Final Proposal](#), as submitted to NTIA on September 4, 2025. PBDA's provisional selections are subject to change until final approval is granted by the National Technology and Information Administration (NTIA) and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

### Broadband Ready Communities (BBRC)

The [Broadband Ready Communities \(BBRC\)](#) program is intended to increase support and opportunity for broadband infrastructure investment in Pennsylvania. This program aims to reduce procedural, policy, and permitting barriers to broadband deployment at the municipal level and to encourage broadband infrastructure investment within participating communities.

### Capital Projects Fund (CPF)

The U.S. Department of Treasury awarded \$279 million to Pennsylvania for critical capital projects. In June 2022, the Pennsylvania General Assembly appropriated this funding to the Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority (PBDA), which is using the [Capital Projects Fund \(CPF\)](#) to establish grant programs that identify eligible projects that meet program guidelines and federal requirements.

- **CPF: Broadband Infrastructure Program (BIP)**

Through the [Broadband Infrastructure Program \(BIP\)](#), \$204 million in federal funding was made available for businesses, non-profits, local governments, and economic development organizations. This funding will facilitate the deployment of high-speed internet service infrastructure in unserved and underserved areas of the Commonwealth.

- **CPF: Multi-Purpose Community Facilities (Facilities)**

The [Multi-Purpose Community Facilities Program \(Facilities\)](#), \$45 million in federal funding was made available for community anchor institutions and units of local government for projects to construct, acquire, or improve facilities that are, or will be open to the public and will directly enable work, education, and health monitoring at the respective facility.

- **CPF: Digital Connectivity Technology (Technology)**

The [Digital Connectivity Technology Program \(Technology\)](#), \$20 million in federal funding to increase access to technology devices where affordability has been identified as a barrier to broadband adoption and use. PBDA held two rounds of the Technology Program, distributing over 14,000 laptops across the commonwealth.



## Contact Us

Get the latest on grant programs, challenge and map updates, and community engagement events by visiting the [PBDA website](#) and [signing up for the Broadband Newsletter](#).

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# PBDA Milestones

The following timeline shows key milestones for PBDA activities from May 2022 to September 2025.

## May 2022

- BEAD Notice of Funding Opportunity Released
- Digital Equity Program Notice of Funding Opportunity Released

## July 2022

- BEAD Letter of Intent, Submitted
- Digital Equity Planning Funds Application, Submitted

## August 2022

- BEAD Planning Funds Application, Submitted

## November 2022

- Digital Equity Planning Funds Application, Approved
- BEAD Planning Funds Application, Approved

## November 2022 – August 2023

- BEAD 5-year Action Plan Design

## May 2023

- CPF-Broadband Infrastructure Program (BIP), Opened

## August 2023

- CPF-BIP Program Application Window, Closed
- BEAD 5-year Action Plan, Submitted

## October 2023

- BEAD 5-year Action Plan, Approved
- BEAD Initial Proposal Vol. I, Submitted

## December 2023

- BEAD Initial Proposal Vol. II, Submitted
- Statewide Digital Equity Plan Design

## January 2024

- CPF-Multi-Purpose Community Facilities (Facilities) Program, Opened

## February 2024

- BEAD Initial Proposal Vol. I, Approved
- Statewide Digital Equity Plan, Submitted

## March 2024

- Statewide Digital Equity Plan, Approved

## April 2024

- BEAD Challenge Submission Process Begins and Portal Rollout
- Broadband Ready Communities (BBRC) Program Launch
- CPF-BIF Award Announcements
- CPF-Facilities Program Closed

## May 2024

- BEAD Initial Proposal Vol. II, Approved

## June 2024

- CPF-Digital Connectivity Technology (Technology) Program Round One, Opened

## July 2024

- BEAD Challenge Submission Process Ends
- CPF-Facilities Award Announcements

## August 2024

- CPF Technology Program Round One Closed

## November 2024

- BEAD Program Application Round One Opens
- CPF-Technology Program Round One Award Announcements

## February 2025

- BEAD Program Application Round One Closed

## April 2025

- CPF-Digital Connectivity Technology Program Round Two Opens

## May 2025

- CPF-Digital Connectivity Technology Program Round Two Closed

## June 2025

- NTIA issued the [BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice](#)
- All Round One applications were deferred to Round Two

## July 2025

- BEAD Program Application Round Two Open
- CPF-Technology Program Round Two Announcements

## August 2025

- BEAD Program Application Round Two Closed

## September 2025

- Submitted Draft BEAD Final Proposal to NTIA

## 2026 Programmatic Outlook

- **Federal Approval & Program Advancement:** Federal approval of the BEAD Final Proposal and transition into program implementation.
- **Awards, Contracting & Subgrantee Engagement:** Progression toward final awards, subgrantee onboarding, and contracting services.
- **Project Readiness & Early Implementation:** Project planning, readiness, and other preparatory activities supporting deployment.
- **Project Launch, Oversight & Coordination:** Project launch activities, ongoing coordination, and oversight.