AGENDA

12:00 – 12:05	**Welcome & Opening Remarks**
12:05 – 12:15	**Overview, BEAD Policy Notice**
12:15 – 12:30	**Impact to Subgrantee Selection**
12:30 – 1:00	**Next Steps and Q&A**

Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) Subgrantee Selection Office Hours

June 2025

NORTH Dakota

Be Legendary.

Broadband Equity, Access, And Deployment (BEAD) Restructuring Policy Notice

As of June 6th, all Broadband Serviceable Locations (BSLs) have been reset to their Post-Challenge Eligibility Status; additionally, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) has mandated changes to the subgrantee selection process including an additional subgrantee selection round called the "Bargain Round".

Changes to BEAD Program Requirements

- **Eliminates** multiple sections of requirements
- **Amends** requirements around allowable technologies
- **Adds** new requirements
  - Unlicensed Fixed Wireless (ULFW) 'Mini-Challenge'
  - Benefit of the Bargain Subgrantee Selection Round

Resulting Impact

- North Dakota must rescind all conditional subawards
- All BEAD project areas must be reopened for an additional subgrantee selection application round
- The fiber preference has been removed
- Rubric criteria must focus on minimizing costs
- Non-deployment suspended until further notice

BEAD Application

ULFW Round: June 17 – July 1

Bargain Round: Early July

Policy Notice | Impacts to Selection Timeline

A mini-challenge is in progress for Unlicensed Fixed Wireless technologies and will end in late June. Following this, a technology neutral "Bargain Round" will occur, which will reset BSLs to their post-challenge service status and incorporate the latest Reason Code flags.

We Are Here

Public Outreach Q4 2024

- ✓ Release final BEAD eligible locations
- ✓ Post subgrantee selection materials on NDIT website
- ✓ Conduct Office Hours

Pre-Application Q4 2024

- ✓ Open Pre-Application
- ✓ Analyze Pre-Application materials

Application Rounds Q4 2024 – Q2 2025

- ✓ Open main application
- ✓ Review submissions
- ✓ Request revisions / info as needed
- ✓ Conduct second round for remaining locations

ULFW Round June 2025

- Hold 7-day interest period for ULFW provider(s) to send notice of interest
- If notice of interest received, provide additional 7 days for participant(s) to submit evidence
- Review submissions
- Update BSL flags

Bargain Round Q3 2025

Overrides prior rounds

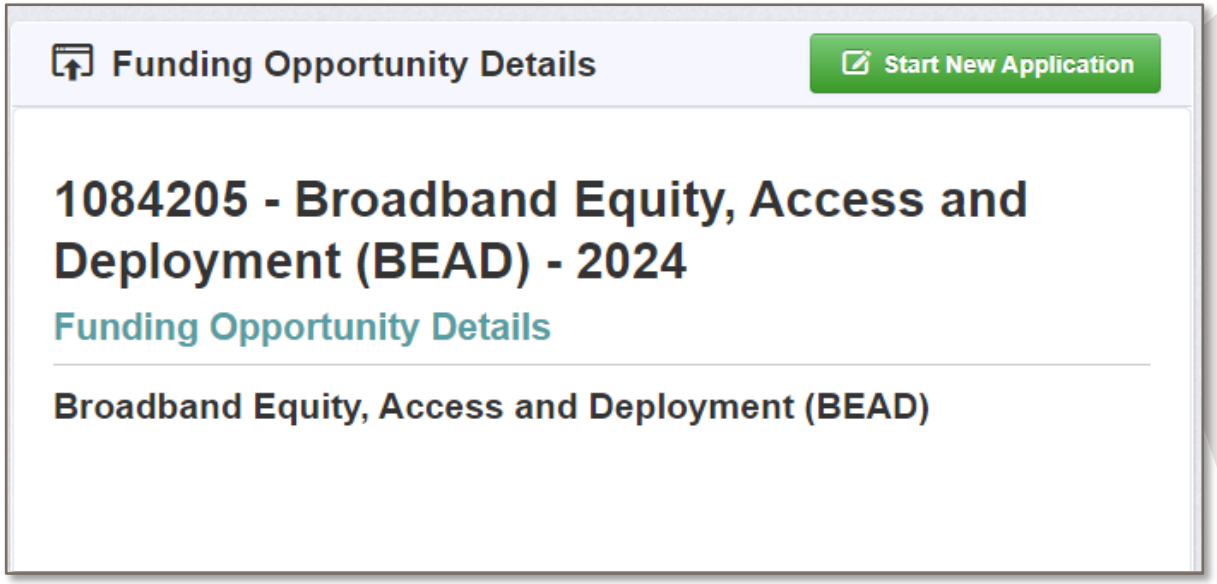
- Reset BSLs to post-challenge eligibility status, include reason code flags
- Hold rapid Bargain round
- Review submissions
- Request revisions / info as needed
- Announce award decisions*

**Final award decisions will not be made and / or announced until all serviceable locations eligible for BEAD funding have received a bid*

Policy Notice | Impacts to Application

Requirements / sections struck by the policy notice have been re-classified as optional response – applicants may choose to provide this information if they wish, however it shall not factor into scoring decisions as per the policy notice. **Skipping will not incur a penalty.**

BEAD Application in ND WebGrants**



I. Applicant Information

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II. Project Information

2. Project Overview
3. Project Area and Design*
4. Service Pricing
5. Project Cost & Match*
6. Project Timeline*

III. Compliance

7. BEAD Qualifications*
8. Labor Standards & Protection
9. ~~Skilled Workforce and Equitable Workforce Development Plans~~
10. ~~Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs)/ Women's Business Enterprises (WBEs)/ Labor Surplus Firms Inclusion~~
11. Natural Disaster Risk Mitigation
12. Build America, Buy America
13. Environmental and Historical Preservation

*Template provided **New applicants will need to register on WebGrants

Policy Notice | Impacts to BEAD Eligible Locations

Remaining Locations

Unserved BSLs: 1,320

Underserved BSLs: 450

Community Anchor Institutions: 523

Note: Locations do not reflect No-BEAD flags (e.g., Reason Code 3, 4) that would impact eligible location counts

Fabric Version

NTIA V3.2 Fabric Data was initially used; challenge process findings were **re-adjudicated using NTIA V4** Fabric Data.

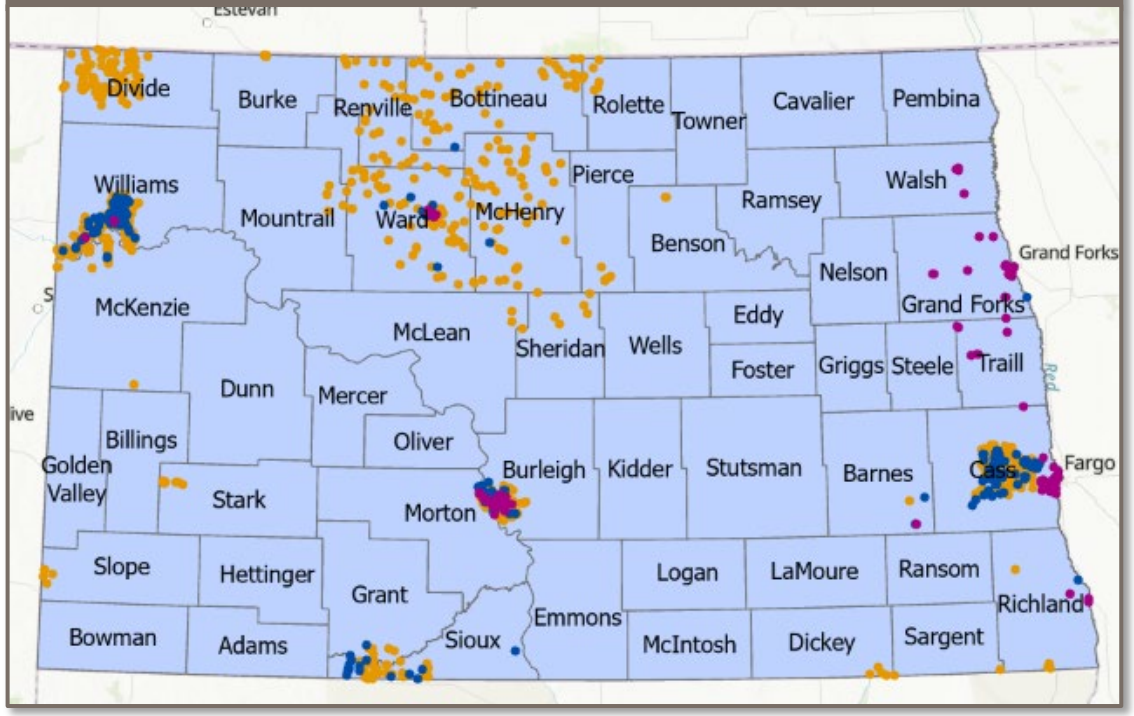
BEAD eligible locations are accessible at broadband.nd.gov

NTIA Tier D License

BEAD applicants must obtain an **NTIA Tier D License from CostQuest,** which will allow ISPs to view the **latitude/longitude** for each location. ***To request a license:***

1. **Go to** https://apps.costquest.com/ntiarequest/
2. **Confirm** that you have an FRN and contact details for the account
3. **Enter** basic organizational information
4. **Follow** emailed link to input detailed organizational information and information on federal programs
5. **Submit** and follow emailed account creation steps

Unserved / Underserved Broadband Serviceable Locations



Unserved Underserved CAI

Policy Notice | Subgrantee Selection Impacts

Internet Service Providers are encouraged to leverage their understanding of their service boundaries to define their own project areas and submit applications for both **Priority Broadband Projects** and **Non-Priority Projects***.

New Project Definitions

Priority Broadband Projects: a project that provides broadband service at speeds of no less than 100/20 megabits per second, has a latency ≤100 milliseconds; **and can meet** the statutory scalability requirements in 47 U.S.C.§1702(a)(2)(I)(ii).

Non-Priority Projects: a project that provides broadband service at speeds of no less than 100/20 megabits per second, has a latency ≤100 milliseconds; **but cannot meet** the statutory scalability requirements in 47 U.S.C.§1702(a)(2)(I)(ii).

47 U.S.C.§1702(a)(2)(I)(ii)

Under statute, projects must:

i. provide broadband service that meets speed, latency, reliability, consistency in quality of service, and related criteria as the Assistant Secretary shall determine; and

ii. ensure that the network built by the project can easily scale speeds over time to-

   I. meet the evolving connectivity needs of households and businesses; and

   II. support the deployment of 5G, successor wireless technologies, and other advanced services

*Project types are defined by the Restructuring Policy Notice

Subgrantee Selection | Next Steps

Next Steps

1. Request Tier D CostQuest License

2. Register for WebGrants

3. Review BEAD Eligible Locations

4. ID Proposed Project Area(s)

5. Submit Application(s)

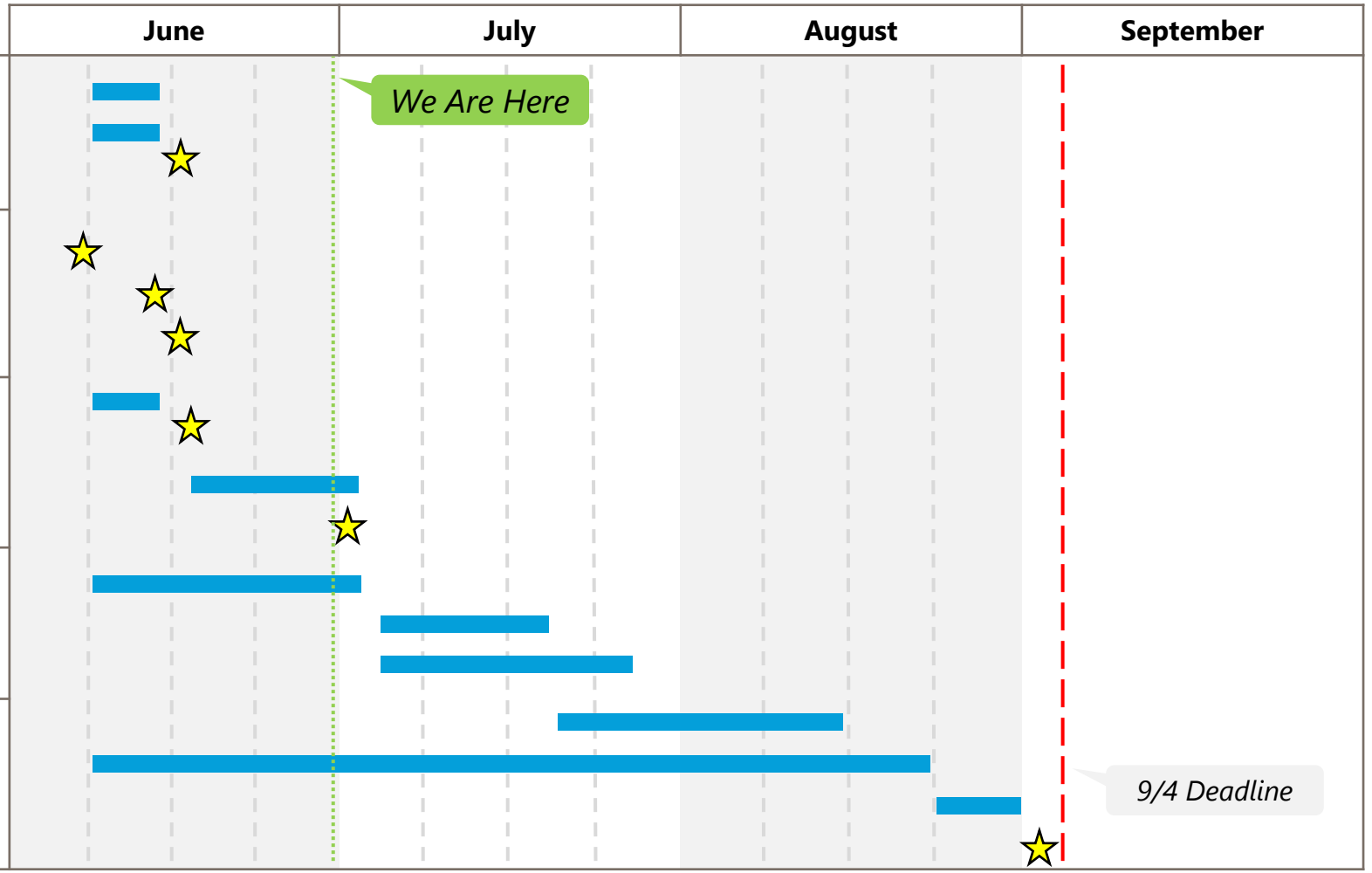
6. Respond to Data Requests

3. Review BEAD Eligible Locations

- Review list of reset BEAD eligible locations on NDIT main website
- Review reasons codes and explanations on Page 43 of Final Proposal Guidance
- Compile and email NDIT an Excel file of location IDs, reason codes, and evidence
- Follow up with any additional evidence requirements requested

BEAD Restructure Impacts | Working Timeline

Action	Activities
Policy Notice Acknowledgement	✓ *Complete Response Template* ✓ *Update Eligible Locations List* ✓ *Submit to NTIA*
Communications	✓ *NTIA Policy Notice Release* ✓ *NTIA to Send EC Defaults* ✓ *Send Selection Rescission Notices*
ULFW Round	✓ *Identify 100/20 Mbps ULFW BSLs* ✓ *Publicly Post ULFW Round* ✓ *Hold ULFW Round* • *Update Flagged BSL List*
Bargain Round	✓ *Update Application* • *Bargain Round* • *Project Reviews + Selection*
Final Proposal	• *Remaining Location Negotiations* • *Draft Final Proposal* • *Public Comment Period* • *Submit to NTIA*

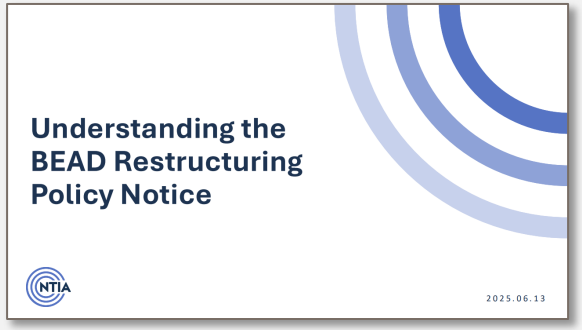


Q&A

Thank you for attending North Dakota's Subgrantee Selection Office Hours!

Questions? Reach out to us at:
broadband@nd.gov

For More Information

The NTIA has published a comprehensive guide titled **Understanding the BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice**

- Provides line-by-line breakdowns of eliminated and amended requirements
- Further information on the additional requirements on the ULFW and Bargain rounds