



CPUC April 2024 Broadband Announcements

Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program

We are excited to share quite a few significant BEAD developments with you.

The CPUC submitted Volume I and Volume II of the BEAD Initial Proposal to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) on December 27, 2023 with revisions given to public comments.

On April 4, 2024, the CPUC's [BEAD Initial Proposal Volume 1](#) was approved by NTIA and the Commission released its [Proposed Decision](#) (PD) to revise and adopt Volume 1 of the Initial Proposal on April 5, 2024. The PD may be heard, at the earliest, at the Commission's Business Meeting on May 9, 2024.

In the coming months, the CPUC will begin outreach and information sharing related to the BEAD Challenge Process to help stakeholders understand the process before it begins. The Challenge Process is the process for submitting data that a broadband serviceable location should or should not be designated as served, unserved, or underserved for the purpose of BEAD funding eligibility. For more information, the CPUC launched a [Challenge Process webpage](#) where potential challengers can find information about the Challenge Process as it becomes available and register for informational events.

Upcoming Webinar - Introduction to the NTIA Model BEAD Challenge Process

Learn about the NTIA BEAD Model Challenge Process, who can challenge the existing maps, what types of challenges are allowed, what evidence is required, and the timeline and stages of the Challenge Process.

April 24, 2024

10:00a.m. – 11:30a.m.

[Register here](#)

Over \$430 million in Loan Loss Applications Received

The Loan Loss Reserve fund received applications for more than 35 applications for over \$430 million in the first application window that closed April 9, 2024. The program provides credit enhancement to bonds, loans, or letters of credit and assists recipients obtain more favorable borrowing rates and terms for infrastructure owned by a public agency, Tribal, or non-profit organization. Unlike the CPUC's last-mile grant programs, the Loan Loss Reserve Fund allows for financing in underserved and served communities and gives extra points to projects that benefit unserved areas. The second application window will open in July 2024. Learn more and subscribe to program updates in advance of the launch by visiting the [Loan Loss Reserve Fund webpage](#).



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The fifth webinar in the series will take place on January 14, 2025, and provide an overview of the BEAD Technical Requirements. We will cover details of the technical requirements for BEAD grant proposals for potential applicants, including project certification requirements, description of the project plan (including network design, timeline, etc. and specifics on each component), and the requirements for Professional Engineer certification

To sign up, you can [register here](#).

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The sixth webinar in the series will take place on January 21, 2025, and will provide an overview of the BEAD Matching Funds. The BEAD program includes a mandatory 25 percent match requirement. This webinar will cover match requirements, in-kind match, waivers and related criteria.

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The seventh webinar in the series will take place on January 28, 2025. This webinar will feature a detailed discussion of unique requirements for the BEAD grant application, including Build America/Buy America; Historic Preservation Act; and the Low-Cost Serving Offering.

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1/31/2025 BEAD Program Updates

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This provisional schedule is designed to meet NTIA-mandated deadlines for California and is subject to revision. Please plan accordingly and check back for updates to this schedule

View the timeline **here**.

BEAD Subgrantee Technical Assistance Schedule Changes

We will not be holding webinars or office hours the week of February 3 and will resume the week of February 10. You can catch up on any webinar or office hour recordings you may have missed by visiting the **BEAD Events page**.

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02/07/2025 BEAD Program Updates

Post-Challenge Process BEAD Map

The California Public Utilities Commission is pleased to announce the publication of the [Post-Challenge Process BEAD Map](#) for the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Subgrantee Selection Process.

This interactive map represents the results of California's BEAD Challenge Process submitted in December 2024 to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and approved in January 2025. It identifies all BEAD-eligible Broadband Serviceable Locations (BSLs) in the state by FCC Location ID, incorporating adjudicated challenge determinations and enforceable commitments from internet service providers. This map is the result of a transparent, evidence-based, fair, and expeditious challenge process related to the eligibility of grant funds for specific locations as served, unserved, underserved, or Eligible Community Anchor Institution.

The BEAD Map is an essential tool to enable California's goals of expanding affordable, reliable, high-speed internet access across California and serves as a key resource for potential applicants to identify and evaluate project planning areas. However, it is important to note that:

- This map does not represent the final set of qualifying broadband for state and federal enforceable commitments. These will continue to be updated until the Subgrantee Selection Process begins.
 - State enforcement commitments, such as awards from the Federal Funding Account and other state programs, are reflected as of September 26, 2024.
 - Federal enforceable commitments, such as the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program, are reflected as of October 1, 2024.
- The map shows pre-Challenge and final adjudication status for challenged BSLs.
- Applicants may use the map and accompanying datasets to inform their project planning but should anticipate potential updates prior to the start of the Subgrantee Selection Process.

This map displays NTIA-approved post-Challenge Process results submitted in December 2024. The map is subject to revision prior to the opening of subgrantee selection to capture state and federal enforceable commitments or per NTIA reconciliation guidelines.

Post-Challenge Process Data Download

Applicants can access updated datasets in the Data Download section. These files show the post-Challenge Process classification (served, unserved, underserved, and community anchor institutions (CAIs)*) of each Broadband Serviceable Location (BSL) in California by FCC Location ID. The files reflect the results of the Challenge Process, pre-challenge modifications, and de-duplication of state and federal enforceable commitments. Applicants will be able to download BSL and map data, as well as Location IDs and a PDF of their application, through the BEAD application portal when it launches. Applicants are encouraged to use a combination of the datasets

and final map to conceptualize project planning areas.

Map and Data Vintage

As of February 7, 2025, the Post-Challenge BEAD Map reflects the following:

- **Fabric Version: 4**
- **Fabric Date: December 31, 2023**
- **National Broadband Map Availability: May 14, 2024**
- **Federal Deduplication Version Date: October 1, 2024**
- **State Deduplication Date: September 26, 2024**

*The BEAD Challenge Process allowed for adding CAls that were not previously identified as BSLs.

BEAD Subgrantee Technical Assistance Special Edition

On February 13 from 1-2 p.m. PST, BEAD Office Hours will focus on the Post-Challenge Process BEAD Map. We will spend the first 30 minutes learning about the various layers, filters, and how to use the map. The remainder of the office hours will be used to answer questions. If you are already registered to attend Office Hours, no action is needed.

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02/11/2025 BEAD Program Updates

New Frequently Asked Questions updates

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is committed to ensuring a fair, open, and competitive Subgrantee Selection Process for the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program. To promote transparency and provide equal access to information, the CPUC has developed this [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#) to address inquiries from potential applicants and stakeholders.

This FAQ consolidates questions received through BEAD outreach channels and provides the CPUC's official responses to ensure all interested parties have access to the same information. It is intended to complement and clarify the BEAD Grant Application materials, California's approved [Initial Proposal Volume II](#) (IPv2), National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#), and [Decision Approving Volume Two of the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program Rules](#). **This document does not alter or override the provisions of these materials.** In the event of any discrepancies between this FAQ and responses given through BEAD outreach channels, **the answers in this document should be considered the official reference.**

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02/21/2025 BEAD Program Updates

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03/14/2025 BEAD Program Updates

BEAD Prequalification Application Materials Now Available

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is pleased to announce the public release of the BEAD Prequalification Application Guide v1, BEAD Application Process Checklist v2, and select BEAD Prequalification Templates. These materials are available for download on the [BEAD Resources webpage](#) under the BEAD Subgrantee Selection Process section. The prequalification application materials are intended to help applicants prepare for submission through the Application Portal. All materials must be submitted via the Application Portal. Additional application materials will be released soon.

Overview of the Released Application Materials

- [Prequalification Application Guide v1](#) - Provides applicants with instructions for California's Prequalification Application for the BEAD Program. The Prequalification Application Guide v1 evaluates financial, managerial, and technical qualifications, as well as experience and capacity. Passing prequalification is a prerequisite to have any future project applications evaluated.
Note: This BEAD Prequalification Application Guide will be updated with additional guidance and screenshots before the application materials are fully released to applicants. While the appearance, order, style, and portal features of the questions may change between guide versions, the application requirements are not expected to change substantially.
- [BEAD Application Process Checklist v2](#) - Helps applicants track and complete key preparation steps for their applications. This checklist highlights materials that may require more time to gather.
Note: This is not a comprehensive list – additional information will be required when completing the Prequalification Application and Project Application.
- **BEAD Prequalification Application Templates** – Applicants must use these templates to submit their prequalification materials into the portal. Applicants should reference the Prequalification Application Guide for more information.
 - [3.3 Past Performance and Experience Template](#)
 - [3.3A Other Public Funding Template](#)
 - [3.3B Service Pricing in Non-Grant Funded Areas Template](#)
 - [4.6 Ownership Information Template](#)

Next Steps for Applicants

Applicants are encouraged to use these materials to prepare in advance of the Subgrantee Prequalification Period.

- These Prequalification Application materials are released to help applicants prepare for submission, which must happen via the **Application Portal when it opens later this month. Do not submit any materials until the Application Portal is open.**
- Stay tuned for the release of the Project Application materials. The focus will be on the proposed network, budget, deployment schedule, and other project-

related aspects.

Registration for Applicants

Applicants must register for an Application Portal account and be approved by the CPUC before submitting the Prequalification materials or beginning a Project Application. Tribes, municipalities, counties, electric utilities, nonprofit and for-profit private entities interested in applying for BEAD can now register for an account in the Portal – it takes less than 2 minutes to complete.

After your organization's eligibility has been confirmed, you will be granted credentials to the platform and will be able to add members to your organization. Registration will remain open through the conclusion of the Grant Application Window.

Register for the BEAD Portal [here](#). Once your registration has been processed, you will be sent a link to login.

Note: If you or your organization previously registered to participate in the Challenge Process, you do not need to register again. You can use your existing account and password. Only primary organization account holders can add members to their organization.

BEAD Training and Technical Support

In the coming weeks, the CPUC will release technical assistance videos and slides to assist applicants in navigating the application materials and Portal. Office Hours are also scheduled to resume on Thursday, March 20, 2025. Applicants are encouraged to bring their questions during the Office Hours sessions. Visit the [BEAD Events](#) webpage to register and view the latest schedule.

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- For technical issues related to **Portal** registration, login, or account administration, please contact the Ready.net support team by email at cahelpdesk@ready.net.
- For questions regarding Application materials or general inquiries about the **Subgrantee Selection Process**, please email BEADgrant@cpuc.ca.gov.

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03/19/2025 BEAD Program Updates

Updated BEAD Subgrantee Selection Process Timeline

The California Public Utilities Commission is releasing an updated timeline for the **Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD)** Subgrantee Selection Process.

Key changes to the timeline include extending the Prequalification Application window to 30 days and launching the Project Application window one week after Prequalification to allow applicants more time to complete each required component.

- Prequalification Application: March 25 – April 24, 2025
- Project Application: April 2 – May 2, 2025

This provisional schedule is designed to meet the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA) mandated deadlines for California and is subject to revision. Please plan accordingly and check back for updates to this schedule. Congress and the Administration are considering changes to the BEAD Program that may impact elements of this timeline. The CPUC will communicate proactively any impact to the timeline as information becomes available.

View the timeline on the **BEAD Program** page.

Eligible Community Anchor Institutions (CAIs)

The CPUC has identified issues in the NTIA CAI data and will be making updates to this data to address issues, including:

- Multiple CAIs at one location that are legitimate
- CAI naming conventions
- CAI parcels not well defined
- CAIs listed multiple times for various reasons

The CPUC will be working to produce a more accurate dataset of CAIs in the coming weeks, however, this is unlikely to occur prior to the opening of the BEAD Grant Project Application window. NTIA's program rules direct California to **prioritize funding for unserved and underserved locations**, and preliminary projections indicate that these locations will likely consume the State's available BEAD funding.

In the interim, the CPUC will release an updated dataset of CAIs that will include latitude and longitude and can be compared against the final BEAD map once it is available.

Applicants are encouraged to include CAIs in their Project Applications and where geography practicably allows within a proposed project area. It should be noted, however, that the cost of extending a network to CAIs would be the applicants to bear, and not part of an allocated BEAD award at this time. While this may change after all BEAD applications are received, reviewed, and total BEAD project costs are allocated, prospective subgrantees should not make this assumption when submitting their applications.

Final BEAD Application Map

The final BEAD Map will be made available within the Application Portal upon the opening of the Project Application Window. Updates will include the addition of further enforceable commitments made since September 2024.

BEAD Training and Technical Support Office hours are Thursdays from 1-2 p.m. PST, January 16 through May 8, 2025.

To attend Office Hours, [register here](#).

As a reminder, recordings and presentations from past webinars and office hours are also available on the [BEAD Events](#) page.

Subgrantee Selection Email

The CPUC has a dedicated email for questions about the BEAD Subgrantee Selection process. Please send questions to BEADgrant@cpuc.ca.gov.

General BEAD Program Information

The [BEAD Program](#), [BEAD Challenge Process](#), [BEAD Events](#), and [BEAD Resources](#) will be updated often.

For general questions about the BEAD Program (excluding Subgrantee Selection), please use BEAD@cpuc.ca.gov.

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03/20/2025 BEAD Program Updates

BEAD Project Application Materials Now Available

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is pleased to announce the release of the BEAD Project Application Guide and select BEAD Application Templates. These materials are available for download on the [BEAD Resources webpage](#) under BEAD Subgrantee Selection Process section. The application materials are designed to assist applicants in preparing for the application process. All submissions must be made through the BEAD Application Portal.

Overview of Project Application Materials

Project Application Guide – Provides detailed instructions to help applicants complete the Project Application, including background information, portal navigation guidance, and question-by-question instructions. The guide may be updated as additional portal and navigation details become available.

Note: The questions in the Project Application will match those in the Application Portal, though wording and order may vary.

BEAD Project Application Templates – Applicants must use these templates to submit their project application materials through the portal. Refer to the Project Application Guide for additional guidance. Access the [BEAD Resources webpage](#) for all of the template links.

- 01.3B Partners
- 03.3Bii 90 Percent Proposal Locations List
- 03.3Bvii and 03.4Ai Match-Eligible Federal Sources
- 03.3Bxvii and 03.4Gi In-Kind Matching Funds
- 03.3D Locations List
- 05.4 Technical Specifications
- 05.5 Fixed Wireless Design Submission
- 05.6 Alternative Technology Design Submission
- 05.7 Project Timeline
- 05.8 Project Costs
- 05.9 Professional Engineer Certification
- 07.2A Letter of Commitment
- 07.2C Surety Bond
- 07.3 Pro Forma
- 07.3A Budget Narrative
- 08.2 Certification and Licenses
- 05.3D Logical Network Diagram Sample

Next Steps for Applicants

Applicants are encouraged to use these materials to prepare for the Grant Application Window, which opens on **April 2nd, 2025**. Applicants must register for an Application Portal account and receive approval from the CPUC before submitting prequalification materials or beginning a Project Application. Register for the BEAD Portal [here](#).

In the coming weeks, the CPUC will release technical assistance videos and slides to help applicants navigate the application materials and Application Portal.

- Office Hours resumed on Thursday, March 20, 2025, and will continue every Thursday from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Applicants are encouraged to bring their questions to the Office Hours sessions.
- Visit the [BEAD Events](#) webpage to register and view the latest schedule.

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General BEAD Program Information

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3/21/25 California Advanced Service Fund (CASF) Program Updates

This is a courtesy notice to the BEAD Service List that on March 19, 2025, The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) postponed the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) Broadband Infrastructure Grant Account 2025 application deadline from **April 1, 2025 to October 31, 2025**, to leverage federal funding allocated to the state of California in the \$1.86 billion Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program. For more details please click here ([2025-03-19-casf-infrastructure-postponement-letter.pdf](#))

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03/25/2025 BEAD Program Updates

BEAD Prequalification Application is Open

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is pleased to announce that the BEAD Prequalification Application is now open and available in the BEAD Application Portal. Prequalification materials will be accepted through April 24, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. PST. Each organization is required to submit a complete Prequalification Application before starting their Project Applications. Please review the Prequalification Application Guide for more information.

Register for Portal access [here](#).

Login with an existing account [here](#).

Prequalification Application Revisions

Prequalification Application revision requests will be sent out through the BEAD Application Portal. Applications will undergo one (1) round of revisions, and applicants will have three (3) business days to provide responses or additional information to complete the application within the Portal. Emailed responses will not be accepted. Applicants who do not respond to revision requests or who provide incomplete responses will not be eligible to have their Project Applications considered.

Updated Prequalification Application Guide version 2 and Prequalification Templates

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has released the updated Prequalification Application Guide version 2, updated versions of select prequalification templates, and released three new prequalification templates.

- 3.3 Past Performance and Experience Template v2
- 3.3A Other Public Funding Template v2
- 3.3B Service Pricing in Non-Grant Funded Areas Template v2
- 4.6 Ownership Information Template v2
- CPUC Prequalification Confidentiality Template v1
- CPUC Prequalification Notarized Affidavit for Non-Telephone Corporation v1
- CPUC Prequalification Notarized Affidavit for Telephone Corporation v1

These materials are available for download on the [BEAD Resources webpage](#) under the BEAD Subgrantee Selection Process section.

BEAD Subgrantee Selection Process Frequently Asked Questions

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has released the [BEAD Subgrantee Selection Process Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\) version 4.0](#).

This FAQ consolidates questions received through BEAD outreach channels and provides the CPUC's official responses to ensure all interested parties have access to the same information. It is intended to complement and clarify the BEAD Grant Application materials, California's approved [Initial Proposal Volume II \(IPv2\)](#), and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) [Notice of](#)

Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

This document does not alter or override the provisions of these materials. In the event of any discrepancies between this FAQ and responses given through BEAD outreach channels, the answers in this document should be considered the official reference.

- All questions regarding the BEAD Subgrantee Selection Process must be submitted in writing and responses will be provided in writing.

Subgrantee Selection Email

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General BEAD Program Information

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BEAD Project Application is Open!

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is pleased to announce that the BEAD Project Application is now open and available in the BEAD Application Portal. Project Application materials will be accepted through May 2, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. PST.

Application completeness is critical. Applicants will be required to acknowledge before submitting an application that they understand that there may not be an opportunity to correct or revise the application due to the condensed timeline laid forth by NTIA. Applications with incomplete components (e.g., placeholder language, partially completed templates) upon submission may be scored as submitted and disqualified from moving forward in the process.

Important: Each organization is required to submit a complete Prequalification Application before starting a Project Application. Prequalification will be accepted through April 24, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. PST.

Register for Portal access [here](#).

Login with an existing account [here](#).

Project Application Revisions (time permitting)

Project Application revision requests will be sent out through the BEAD Application Portal. Applications may undergo up to one (1) round of revision, and applicants will have three (3) business days to provide responses or additional information to complete the application within the Portal. Emailed responses will not be accepted. Applicants who do not respond to revision requests within the time allotted, or who provide incomplete responses, will not be eligible to have their Project Applications considered.

Project Application Data Sets

Data sets for the Subgrantee Selection Process Project Application have been released and can be found in the Data Downloads section and contain the following:

- Unserved locations
- Underserved locations
- Served locations
- Eligible Community Anchor Institutions
- Indicated locations
- Project Area Units

Access the data sets [here](#).

Updated Project Application Guide version 2 and Application Template

Updated Application Guide version 2 and application templates have been

released.

These materials are available for download on the [BEAD Resources webpage](#) under the BEAD Subgrantee Selection Process section

Updated Training Resources

New technical assistance videos and accompanying slide decks are now available under [BEAD Events](#). Additional technical assistance resources will be released in the coming week.

Office hours will continue weekly for live Q&A. Register [here](#) to attend

BEAD Subgrantee Selection Email

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General BEAD Program Information

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BEAD Subgrantee Selection Process Frequently Asked Questions

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is pleased to announce the release of the BEAD Subgrantee Selection Process Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) version 5.0.

The CPUC is committed to ensuring a fair, open, and competitive Subgrantee Selection Process for the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program. To promote transparency and provide equal access to information, the CPUC has developed this BEAD Subgrantee Selection Process Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) version 5.0 to address inquiries from potential applicants and stakeholders.

This FAQ consolidates questions received through BEAD outreach channels and provides the CPUC's official responses to ensure all interested parties have access to the same information. It is intended to complement and clarify the BEAD Grant Application materials, California's approved [Initial Proposal Volume II](#) (IPv2), National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#), and [Decision Approving Volume Two of the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program Rules](#).

This document does not alter or override the provisions of these materials. In the event of any discrepancies between this FAQ and responses given through BEAD outreach channels, the answers in this document should be considered the official reference. The CPUC will continue updating this FAQ throughout the Subgrantee Selection Process to address additional questions as they arise, ensuring ongoing clarity and transparency through the BEAD program rollout.

All questions regarding the BEAD Subgrantee Selection Process must be submitted in writing to Beadgrant@cpuc.ca.gov. Responses will be provided in writing.

Subgrantee Selection Email

The CPUC has a dedicated email for questions about the BEAD Subgrantee Selection process. Please send questions to BEADgrant@cpuc.ca.gov.

General BEAD Program Information

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BEAD Subgrantee Selection Process Frequently Asked Questions

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BEAD Subgrantee Selection Process Frequently Asked Questions

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General BEAD Program Information

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04/22/2025 BEAD Program Updates

Revised Timeline for Prequalification and Project Application Windows

The CPUC announces a one-week extension of the BEAD Program's Prequalification and Project Application windows. The updated timeline is as follows:

Prequalification Application:

- Opened: March 25, 2025
- Closes: **May 1, 2025, 11:59 p.m. PST**

Project Application:

- Opened: April 2, 2025
- Closes: **May 9, 2025, 11:59 p.m. PST**

The Prequalification Application window now closes on **May 1, 2025, 11:59 p.m. PST** and the Project Application window now closes on **May 9, 2025, 11:59 p.m. PST**. Applicants are encouraged to take advantage of these extended deadlines to complete and submit their applications in a timely manner. This information will be posted on our website shortly.

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Note: Due to NTIA rules, we will not be able to respond to project-specific questions or requests for individual consultations. Questions will be compiled as they come in and responses published in our Frequently Asked Questions documents ([BEAD FAQ Page](#)). You may also sign up to attend BEAD Subgrantee Office Hours to ask questions in a live forum ([Register here](#)).

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04/29/2025 BEAD Program Updates

BEAD Subgrantee Selection Process Frequently Asked Questions

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BEAD Prequalification Application Submission Deadline

Prequalification Applications will be accepted through today, **May 1, 2025**. The Prequalification Application window will close at **11:59 p.m. PST**.

Important: Each organization is required to submit a complete Prequalification Application to unlock the option to begin a Project Application.

Prequalification Application Revisions

Prequalification Application revision requests will be sent out through the BEAD Application Portal and applicants must respond within three (3) business days to provide revisions or additional information within the Portal. Due to the extremely compressed timeline for BEAD, there may not be additional opportunities for revisions.

Important: Emailed responses will not be accepted. Applicants who do not respond to revision requests or who provide incomplete responses risk consideration of their Project Applications.

Project Application – High-volume PAU Selection

When uploading 350 or more PAUs to a Project Application, users may experience a delay of up to five (5) minutes. This is also dependent on users' internet connection and may take longer for some connections.

Project Application Data Sets

Applicants are expected to perform engineering and financial modeling using their own tools and finalize project designs outside the portal. CPUC has made all required data available for applicants' download and offline design of their proposed projects. Data sets for the Subgrantee Selection Process Project Application can be found in the Data Downloads section and contain the following:

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Access the data sets and data dictionary [here](#).

BEAD Subgrantee Selection Email

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05/02/2025 BEAD Program Updates

BEAD Subgrantee Selection Process Frequently Asked Questions

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is pleased to announce the release of the BEAD Subgrantee Selection Process [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\) version 10.0](#).

The CPUC is committed to ensuring a fair, open, and competitive Subgrantee Selection Process for the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program. To promote transparency and provide equal access to information, the CPUC has developed this BEAD Subgrantee Selection Process Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) version 10.0 to address inquiries from potential applicants and stakeholders.

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05/07/2025 BEAD Program Updates

BEAD Application Submission Deadline

BEAD Project Applications will be accepted through Friday, **May 9, 2025**, at 11:59 p.m. PST.

Application completeness is **critical**. Applicants will be required to acknowledge before submitting an application that they understand that there may not be an opportunity to correct or revise the application due to the condensed timeline laid forth by NTIA. Applications with incomplete components (e.g., placeholder language, partially completed templates) upon submission may be scored as submitted and disqualified from moving forward in the process.

As with any system, more users online at the same time may impact performance, so we encourage applicants to submit applications as soon as possible. Please also note when uploading attachments that there is a limit of 5GB per file. There is no limit to the number of files that can be uploaded with an application, but individual files must be less than 5GB.

Important: Applicants can submit their BEAD Project Application(s) even if their Prequalification Application is still listed as "In Review." To help ensure timely submission, we encourage applicants to submit their Project Application(s) as soon as it is complete. Applicants do not need to wait for formal approval of their Prequalification Application to move forward.

Project Application Revisions

Project Application revision requests will be sent out through the BEAD Application Portal and applicants must respond within three (3) business days to provide revisions or additional information within the Portal. Due to the extremely compressed timeline for BEAD, there may not be additional opportunities for revisions.

Important: Emailed responses will not be accepted. Applicants who do not respond to revision requests or who provide incomplete responses risk consideration of their Project Applications. Please ensure that reply@challenge.cpuc.ca.gov is whitelisted for revision requests and other communications from the Portal.

Project Application – High-volume PAU Selection

When uploading 350 or more PAUs to a Project Application, users may experience a delay of up to five (5) minutes. This is also dependent on users' internet connection and may take longer for some connections.

Frequently Asked Questions Version 11.0

To promote transparency and provide equal access to information, the CPUC has developed this BEAD Subgrantee Selection Process Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) [BEAD Subgrantee Selection Process Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\) version 11.0](#).

This FAQ consolidates questions received through BEAD outreach channels and provides the CPUC's official responses to ensure all interested parties have access to the same information. It is intended to complement and clarify the BEAD Grant

Application materials, California's approved [Initial Proposal Volume II \(IPv2\)](#), National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#), and [Decision Approving Volume Two of the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program Rules](#).

This document does not alter or override the provisions of these materials. In the event of any discrepancies between this FAQ and responses given through BEAD outreach channels, the answers in this document should be considered the official reference

BEAD Subgrantee Selection Email

For questions about the BEAD Subgrantee Selection process, send questions to BEADgrant@cpuc.ca.gov. Please note that due to NTIA rules, we will not be able to respond to project-specific questions or requests for individual consultations. Questions will be compiled as they come in and responses published in our Frequently Asked Questions documents.

BEAD Application Portal Technical Assistance

For technical assistance with Portal issues, please email cahelpdesk@ready.net.

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