

CPUC BEAD Challenge Process Webinar Series

Please join us for the second in our webinar series on the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Challenge Process. The Challenge Process is the mechanism 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.

Webinar #2 - BEAD Challenge Portal Pre-Registration, Tier D/E CostQuest Licenses, and Portal Overview

May 8, 2024 10:00a.m. – 11:00a.m. PST Register here

The Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program Challenge Process is an important opportunity for stakeholders to help update the FCC Broadband Map so that funding for broadband infrastructure gets to the locations that need it the most. Your participation in the Challenge Process is critical to ensuring the expansion of infrastructure and internet access in rural and historically underserved communities across California.

Join us to learn how to get ready to participate in the BEAD Challenge Process. In this webinar, you will learn about ways you can prepare for the Challenge Process, including how to: obtain a Tier D or Tier E CostQuest license, obtain an FCC FRN, pre-register your organization in the challenge portal, an overview of the challenge portal, and how to submit a challenge.

Help California ensure that Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program funding goes where it is most needed!

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CPUC BEAD Challenge Process Updates and Events

BEAD Challenge Portal Pre-registration Now Open

The California BEAD Challenge Portal pre-registration is now open to permissible challengers (units of local and Tribal governments, nonprofits, and broadband service providers). Please visit the <u>Challenge Portal</u> to submit your registration request.

NTIA and CPUC Adopt Initial Proposal Volume 1

On April 4, 2024, the NTIA approved with modifications, the CPUC's Initial Proposal Volume 1. On May 9, the Commission voted 4-0 to adopt Initial Proposal Volume 1 as approved by the NTIA:

D2405029 (R2302016) Decision Broadband Equity Access and Deployment Program_V1 http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Published/G000/M531/K711/531711293.PDF

R2302016 Appendix D

http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Published/G000/M531/K710/531710952.PDF

R2302016 Appendix B

http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Published/G000/M531/K711/531711038.PDF

R2302016 Appendix C

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R2302016 Appendix E NTIA Approval

http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Published/G000/M531/K711/531711289.PDF

CPUC BEAD Challenge Process Outreach

Webinar Series

BEAD Challenge Process: Working with Residents to Submit Individual Challenges

May 21, 2024

10:00a.m. – 11:30a.m.

Register here

Office Hours

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Thursdays from 10:00a.m. – 11:30a.m. PST

- May 23, 2024
- May 30, 2024
- June 6, 2024

Register here

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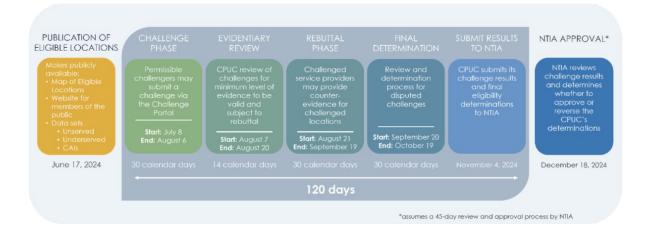


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On June 17, the CPUC will provide the map of eligible locations, access to the BEAD Consumer Challenge website, and the data sets of unserved locations, underserved locations, and CAIs. These will be available on the <u>Challenge</u> Portal.



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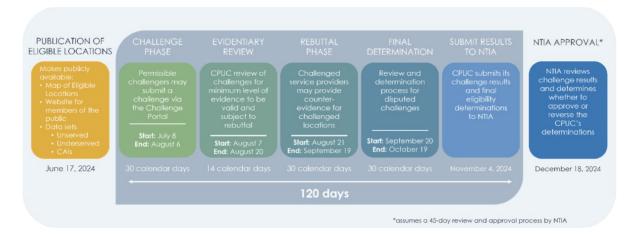
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Please note that the map and data currently provided is intended for preview only. Deduplication and updating to Version 4 of the Broadband Serviceable Locations Fabric, released on May 14, 2024 (showing National Broadband Map Availability Data as of December 31, 2023) is currently underway. The final map and data downloads will be released here the week of June 24, 2024.



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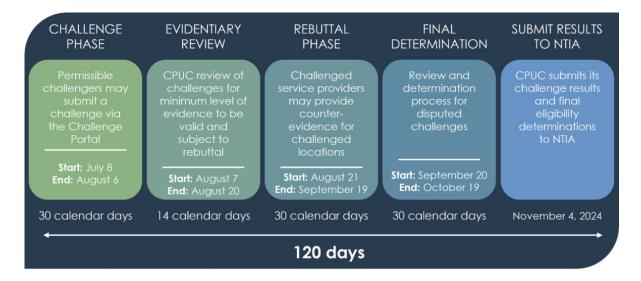
Final BEAD Challenge Process Eligible Location Map and Data

The BEAD Challenge Process

The final map and data downloads of Eligible Locations that will be used for the Challenge Process were posted on Friday, June 28, 2024. The map and data reflect Version 4 of the Broadband Serviceable Locations Fabric, released on May 14, 2024 (showing National Broadband Map Availability Data as of December 31, 2023), the result of the deduplication process, and incorporate California's Pre-Challege modifications.



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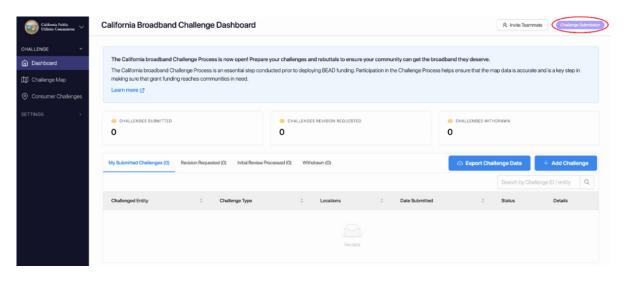
BEAD Challenge Process Now Open

California's BEAD Challenge Process is Live!

The BEAD Challenge Phase is live in the <u>BEAD Challege Portal</u> as of today, July 8, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. PST and will end on August 6, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. PST. During this 30-day window, permissible challengers (units of local and Tribal governments, nonprofits, and broadband service providers) will be able to challenge the existing BEAD Challenge Process map by submitting evidence through the Portal when specific locations may not be accurately represented as unserved, underserve, or served. At the end of the Challenge Process (subject to NTIA approval), a final map of locations eligible for BEAD funding will be published. When you log in, you will see "Challenge Submission" in the upper right corner to indicate that the Challenge Phase is open and challenges are being accepted.

Individuals may also submit evidence using the <u>BEAD Consumer Challenge</u> <u>Website</u> and these will be made available for permissible challengers to submit on their behalf through the Portal.

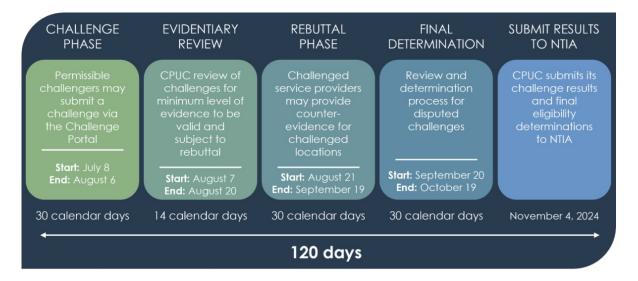
The User Guide has been updated to Version 1.1 (July 5, 2024) and can be accessed from the <u>Permissible Challengers</u> page.



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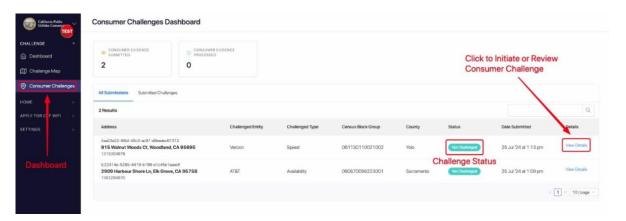


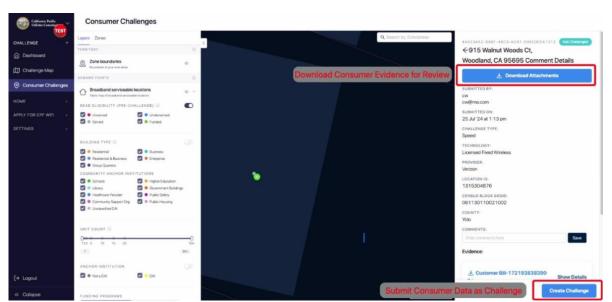
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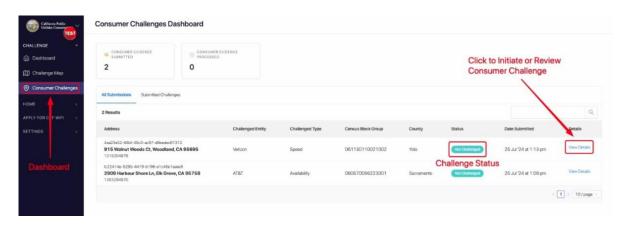
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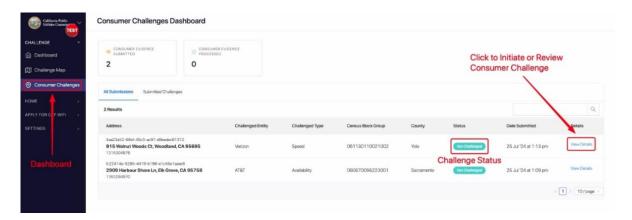
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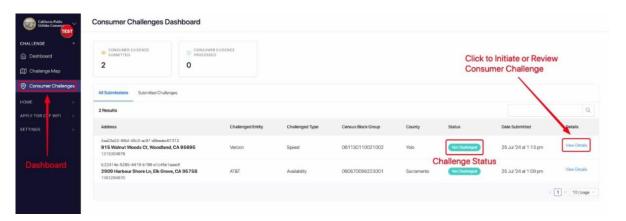


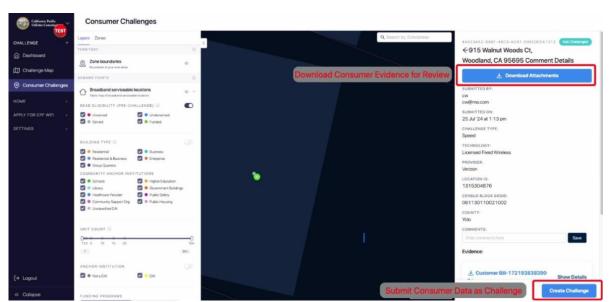
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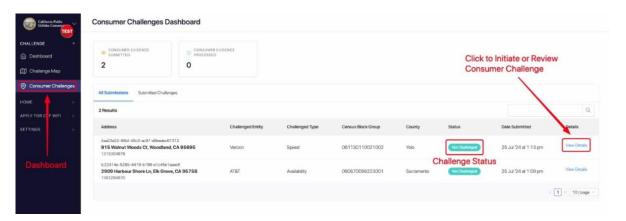


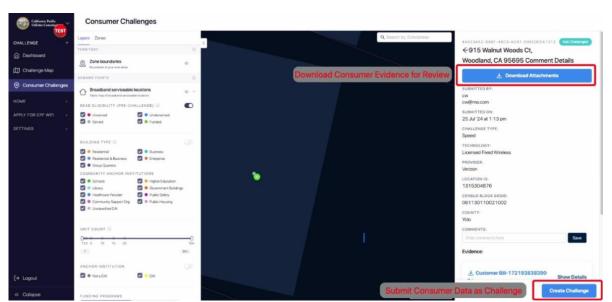
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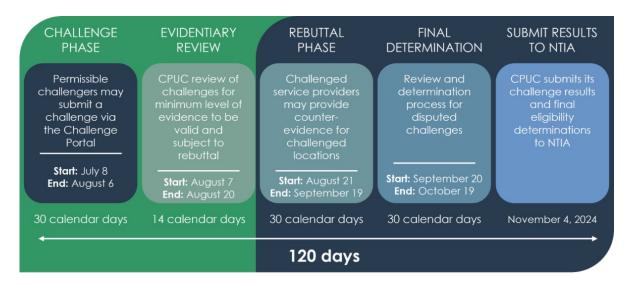
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Next Steps in Challenge Process

Following the conclusion of the Challenge Phase, the CPUC will review challenges against NTIA's evidentiary standards to accept or reject a challenge in preparation for the Rebuttal Phase.

The Rebuttal Phase will open for 30 days starting August 21 and run through September 19, 2024, to allow challenged Service Providers to provide counterevidence to rebut validly challenged locations.

IMPORTANT: While only broadband service providers can submit rebuttals against their challenged services, any permissible challenger can submit a rebuttal against other challenge types, including Planned Service, Existing Service, and Enforceable Commitment challenges.



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Events

A webinar focusing on the BEAD Rebuttal Phase for Broadband Service Providers (and other rebutters) will take place on Thursday, August 8, 2024. Office hours will resume on Thursday, August 15, 2024. Please visit the BEAD Events page to register.

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8/5/2024 BEAD Challenge Process Updates

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This is a reminder that the Challenge Phase will close tomorrow, Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. PST. Once the Challenge Phase closes, the Portal will no longer accept new challenges or submissions on behalf of individuals, and you will not be able to modify your challenge unless asked for revision by the review team. Reponses to requests for revision during Evidentiary Review allow one opportunity for modification before final review.

Consumer Challenges

Thank you to organizations who have been working with individuals to gather and submit Consumer Challenges. Consumer Challenges will be accepted until the end of the Challenge Phase on August 6, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. PST.

For more guidance, please refer to video tutorials on our BEAD Resources page and the presentation on Working with Members of the Public to Submit Individual Challenges.

Bulk Challenges for CAI Code Q - "Qualifying broadband available"

Permissible challengers interested in submitting Bulk challenges (up to 250 locations) for Code Q – "Qualifying broadband available" should follow this workflow: Portal Login > Challenge Dashboard > [+ Add Challenge] Button > [Community Anchor Institution] Button > [Is Served (Receives 1 Gbps Symmetric Service)].



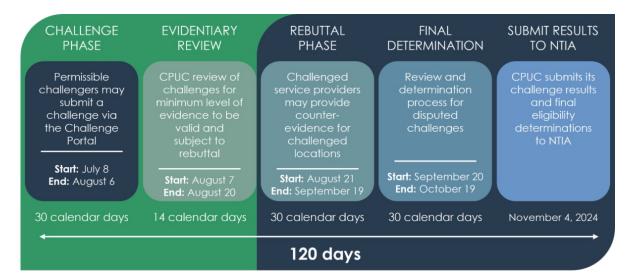
IMPORTANT: Only one ISP and one technology type is allowed per bulk challenge and must include one separate evidence file per location. For example, if you were to challenge 250 locations and provide a CSV, you would upload a total of 251 files (one bulk file, and one evidence file for each location, clearly labeled).

Next Steps in Challenge Process

Following the conclusion of the Challenge Phase, the CPUC will review challenges against NTIA's evidentiary standards to accept or reject a challenge in preparation for the Rebuttal Phase. Keep an eye out for revision requests from the review team for additional evidence needed to process your challenge.

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Events

A webinar focusing on the BEAD Rebuttal Phase for Broadband Service Providers (and other rebutters) will take place on Thursday, August 8, 2024.

Office hours will resume on Thursday, August 15, 2024.

Please visit the **BEAD Events** page to register.

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8/12/2024 BEAD Challenge Process Updates

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Deadline for Revisions Requested

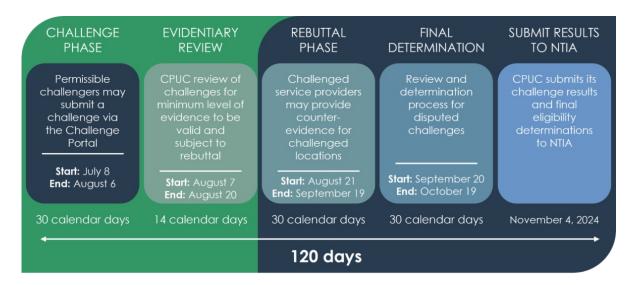
The CPUC is currently reviewing challenges that were received during the Challenge Phase that ended on August 6, 2024. Responses to revision requests will be accepted through August 16, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. PST. This the final opportunity to provide substantiating evidence and challenges move forward to the Rebuttal Phase.

For fixed wireless revision requests, the evidence spreadsheet and attestation form can be found on the BEAD Resources page.

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8/16/2024 BEAD Challenge Process Updates

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EXTENDED: Deadline for Revisions Requested

The CPUC is currently reviewing challenges that were received during the Challenge Phase that ended on August 6, 2024. If you have received a notification in the portal that additional information is needed, the window to provide responses to revision requests has been extended through Sunday, August 18, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. PST.

Fixed Wireless Revision Request Files

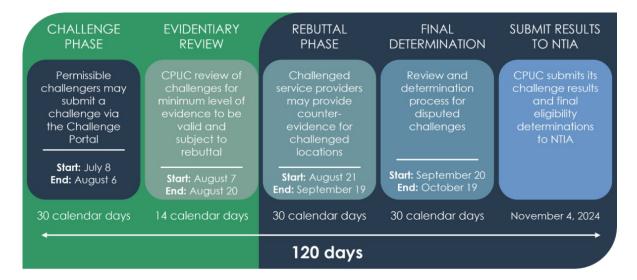
Revision requests for fixed wireless must use the following format (also included within the Portal):

- BEAD Fixed Wireless Evidence Spreadsheet (all fields must be populated)
- BEAD Attestation for Verification of Internet Service

Detailed notes are provided with requests for revisions. Please review and confirm that responses and templates are complete before submitting. This is the final opportunity to provide substantiating evidence before final review and challenges move forward to the Rebuttal Phase.

Rebuttal Phase

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8/20/2024 BEAD Challenge Process Updates

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TIPS

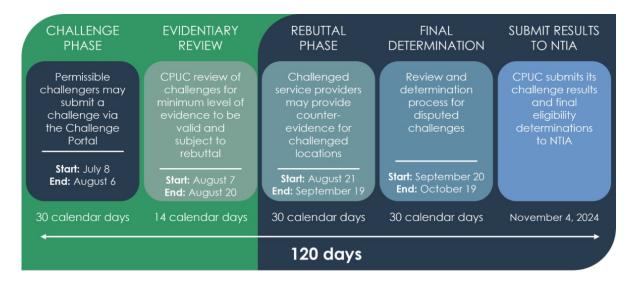
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- Check the quality of scanned documents; if they are difficult to read, there may be delays in processing the rebuttal.
- Register to attend office hours to ask questions.

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9/12/2024 BEAD Challenge Process Updates

Rebuttal Phase ends on September 19

The Rebuttal Phase will end in one week, on September 19, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. PST. While only broadband service providers can submit rebuttals against their challenged services, any permissible challenger can submit a rebuttal against other challenge types, including Planned Service, Existing Service, and Enforceable Commitment challenges.

Registration will close following the conclusion of the Rebuttal Phase. TIPS

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10/8/2024 BEAD Program Updates

California's BEAD Initial Proposal Approved, Unlocking \$1.86 Billion in Last-mile Funding

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) recently approved California's proposed subgrantee selection rules contained in the CPUC's Initial Proposal Volume 2, unlocking over \$1.86 billion in Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) program funds.

At NTIA's October 4, 2024, press conference, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information and NTIA Administrator Alan Davidson noted that "California can move their Internet for All efforts from planning to action." Assistant Secretary Davidson congratulated the CPUC for developing a strong proposal outlining how California will connect all residents to high-speed Internet service

More information is available in NTIA's press release: <u>Biden-Harris Administration Approves California's "Internet for All" Initial Proposal | National Telecommunications and Information Administration (ntia.gov)</u>

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Find webinars and events here, and subscribe to receive email updates.

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9/19/2024 BEAD Challenge Process Updates

Rebuttal Phase ends today

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Next steps – Final Determination

Starting Friday, September 20, all challenges and rebuttals will undergo final adjudication by CPUC staff to determine if there is sufficient evidence to accept or reject the challenge, either in whole or in part.

Also on September 20, eligible entities that submitted challenges or rebuttals may receive a request for additional evidence or clarifications necessary to make a final determination. These requests will have a deadline of **Friday**, **September 27**, **2024**, **at 11:59 p.m. PST**.

After Final Determination is complete, the results will be submitted to NTIA for review and validation of compliance with the BEAD Challenge Process and NTIA's approval or reversal of the State's determinations. NTIA's review and approval of final classifications will be posted publicly for unserved locations, underserved locations, and Eligible CAIs.

CHALLENGE PHASE	EVIDENTIARY REVIEW	REBUTTAL PHASE	FINAL DETERMINATION	SUBMIT RESULTS TO NTIA
Permissible challengers may submit a challenge via the Challenge Portal Start: July 8 End: August 6	CPUC review of challenges for minimum level of evidence to be valid and subject to rebuttal Start: August 7 End: August 20	Challenged service providers may provide counter-evidence for challenged locations Start: August 21 End: September 19	Review and determination process for disputed challenges Start: September 20 End: October 19	CPUC submits its challenge results and final eligibility determinations to NTIA
30 calendar days	14 calendar days	30 calendar days	30 calendar days	November 4, 2024
		120 days		

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11/22/2024 BEAD Program Updates

Save the Date!

BEAD Subgrantee Technical Assistance Webinar Series

The CPUC will be holding a series of Technical Assistance webinars about the BEAD Subgrantee Selection. This webinar series will describe in detail each step of the program, including application process, financial and technical requirements, evaluation and scoring of applications, and other key elements for participation.

The series will kick off on December 3, 2024, with an overview of the BEAD Subgrantee Selection Process, and Prequalification. Attendees will learn the basics of how the BEAD grant program will proceed, an overview of prequalification and application requirements, and a timeline for BEAD activities.

To sign up for this, and upcoming webinars, visit **BEAD Events**.

Final Determination and next steps

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Consistent with the BEAD Challenge Process Policy Notice (v1.3) transparency requirements, the CPUC has posted all submitted challenges and rebuttals on its **BEAD Challenge Process webpage** including:

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1/03/2025 BEAD Program Updates

BEAD Subgrantee Technical Assistance

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The fourth webinar in the series will take place on January 9, 2025, and provide an overview of the BEAD Applicant Financial Requirements. We will cover details of the BEAD application requirements for financial capability, including audited financials, letter of credit, project financials, and other requirements from the **BEAD Notice of Funding Opportunity** and **California's Initial Proposal Volume 2**.

To sign up, you can register here.

Office Hours

Starting on Thursday, January 16, the CPUC will be hosting office hours for live questions on the BEAD Subgrantee Selection Process. Office Hours will be held each Thursday from 1-2p.m. PST from January 16 – May 8, 2024.

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