Local Coordination Resources
A guide for Eligible Entities of the BEAD Program & Grant Recipients of the State Digital Equity Planning Grant Program

OVERVIEW

The Broadband Equity, Access & Deployment Program (BEAD) and Digital Equity Act (DEA) Programs require that applicants conduct robust and sustained engagement with a diverse set of collaborators throughout program planning and deployment processes.

Each Eligible Entity and Grant Recipient must develop a comprehensive local coordination approach unique to the population and needs of their state or territory.

LOCAL COORDINATION RESOURCES

- **Guidance on Creating Accessible Meetings**
  Information and additional resources on how to host meetings that are accessible to attendees with disabilities in compliance with Section 508 and other disability rights laws

- **The Spectrum of Community Engagement to Ownership**
  Guide with insights into effective community engagement; details tools and best practices to build strong and effective community involvement in high-impact projects

- **Planning a Stakeholder Engagement Strategy**
  How to develop an engagement strategy, identify who should be engaged, processes and relationships that currently exist, and how the work will be done; ensure materials are accessible through the planning process

- **Digital Inclusion Coalition Guidebook**
  This guidebook covers how coalitions form and are structured, keys to successful coalition operations, and ways coalitions adapt over time to maintain effectiveness and sustainability

- **Community Engagement Guide for Sustainable Communities**
  How to develop an inclusive community engagement plan to resolve local problems

LOCAL COORDINATION PROGRAM TOOLS

- **Local Coordination Webinar**
  September 28 Overview of local coordination NOFO requirements for both the BEAD and the State Digital Equity Planning Grant Programs

- **Local Coordination Tracker**
  Tracker template that will meet the BEAD local coordination documentation requirements

- **Stakeholder Interview Guide for States**
  An interview guide for state broadband leaders that outlines sample meeting agendas, sample outreach emails, and key questions that will help inform BEAD & Digital Equity planning

- **BEAD & Digital Equity Planning Grant Pacing Guide**
  How to align planning & execution timelines for BEAD and the State Digital Equity Planning Grant Program

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