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# Internet For All Grant Programs

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# THE BROADBAND EQUITY ACCESS AND DEPLOYMENT (BEAD) PROGRAM

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# DIGITAL EQUITY ACT PROGRAMS

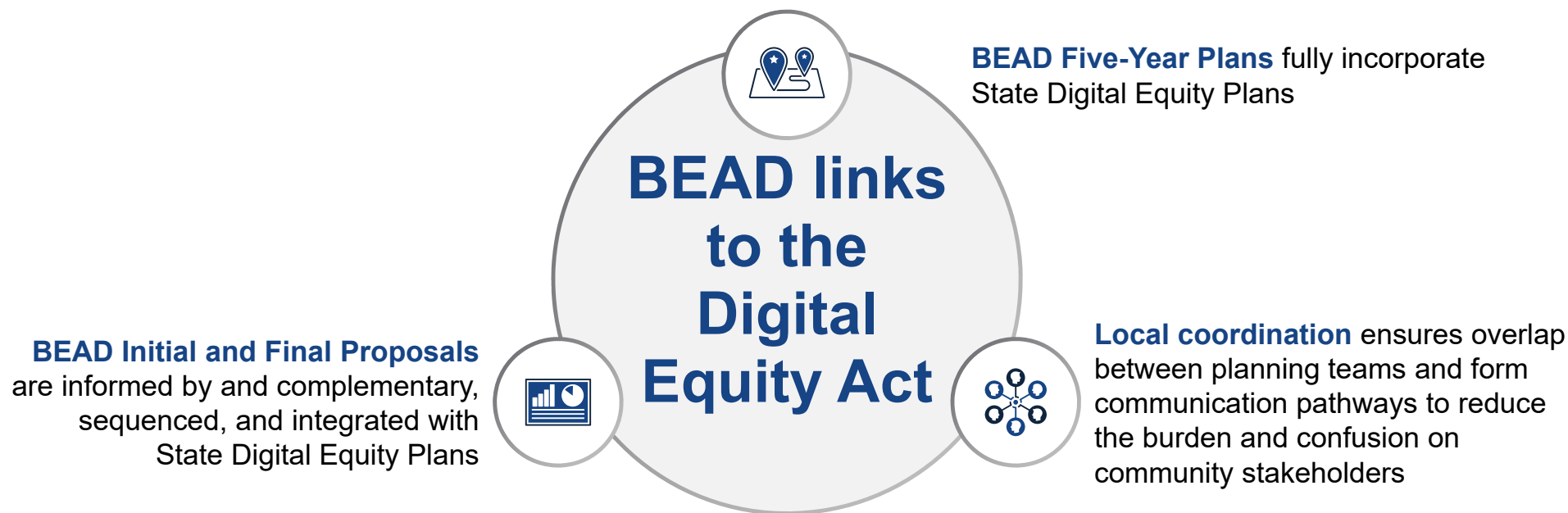
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# The BEAD Program is closely linked to the Digital Equity Act



States and territories should view the BEAD NOFO and State Digital Equity Planning Grant Program NOFO holistically under a **singular, unified objective of closing the digital divide**

# The BEAD Program helps deliver high-speed Internet access, affordability, and adoption



## Access



**Increases access for unserved and underserved** households to ensure that all Americans have access to high-speed Internet



Ensures Americans have access to **high-quality, high-speed Internet services** to support full participation in the 21st century economy and beyond



## Affordability



Supports **affordability** of broadband services, esp. in low-income households



Fosters a system that **promotes long-term, sustainable, and affordable solutions**



## Adoption and equity



**Enables investment in digital skills training** to increase the number of households adopting high-speed Internet and narrow adoption disparities



Makes investments to ensure Americans can **participate in economy & society, reducing inequities** across sectors, including healthcare, workforce & education

# Every stakeholder plays a role in the BEAD program

Illustrative, non-exhaustive

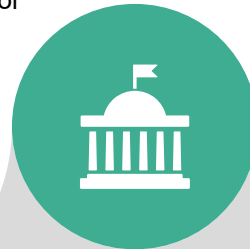
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- Apply to be a BEAD subgrantee
- *Note: Telecom providers may include government-owned entities*



## Community anchor institution

- Benefit from BEAD funding for faster Internet
- Advocate for community interests across programs



## Community orgs

- Coordinate on planning and execution
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## Tribal government

- Coordinate, consult, and partner with states during BEAD planning



## Local government

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# Digital Equity Act created three programs to promote digital equity and inclusion

**Funding pool**  
**\$2.75B**

Three programs that provide funding to promote digital inclusion and advance equity for all. They aim to ensure that all communities can access and use affordable, reliable high-speed Internet to meet their needs and improve their lives.

## PROGRAMS HIGHLIGHTS

The Digital Equity Act created three programs:

### State Planning

- \$60M formula funding program to develop digital equity plans

### State Capacity

- \$1.44B formula funding program to implement plans & promote digital inclusion

### Competitive

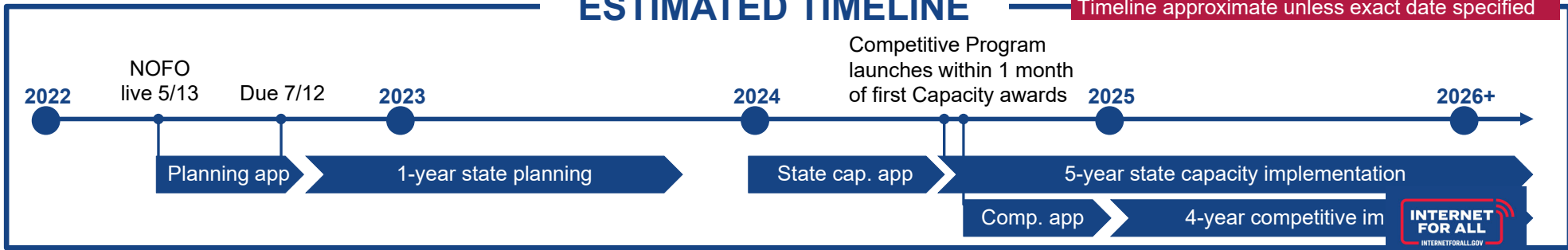
- \$1.25B to implement digital equity and inclusion activities

**Example eligible uses of funds include:**

- ☆ Developing digital equity plans; states must develop a plan to be eligible for state capacity grants
- ☆ Making awards to other entities to help make digital equity plans
- ☆ Improving accessibility and inclusivity of public resources
- ☆ Implementing digital equity plans and related activities
- ☆ Providing digital literacy and digital skills education
- ☆ Facilitating the adoption of high-speed Internet

## ESTIMATED TIMELINE

Timeline approximate unless exact date specified



# BEAD program will provide ~\$42.45B for infrastructure planning and implementation

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A program to get all Americans online by funding partnerships between states or territories, communities, and stakeholders to build infrastructure where we need it to and increase adoption of high-speed Internet.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

### Entities eligible to apply for this program include:

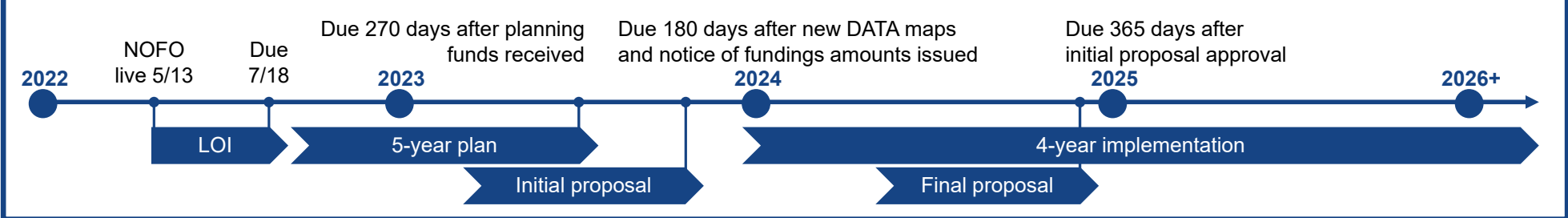
- All 50 States
- The District of Columbia and Puerto Rico
- Other Territories: U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

### Example eligible uses of funds include:

- ☆ Planning for deployment of Internet
- ☆ Deploying or upgrading Internet
- ☆ Installing Internet in multi-tenant buildings
- ☆ Implementing adoption and digital equity programs
- ☆ Workforce and job training

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# Local coordination | Eligible Entities to detail ongoing local coordination efforts and plan to fulfill future requirements



## Geographic coverage



Coordination must incl. Tribal, rural, suburban, and urban areas

Each political subdivision and Tribal / Native entity must be given:

- Opportunity to submit a plan for Eligible Entity consideration
- Opportunity to comment on Eligible Entity proposals

## Diverse stakeholders



Coordination must include a diversity of stakeholders

Eligible Entities must ensure Tribal / Native entities are involved in developing plans (incl. via a formal Tribal consultation process)

Example stakeholders include State agencies, CAIs, non-profits, etc.

## Outreach mechanisms



Coordination must include multiple mechanisms to ensure broad awareness and participation

Example mechanisms include listening sessions, public meetings, websites, social media, etc.

## Transparency



Coordination must include clear procedures to ensure transparency

Examples include websites, periodic reports, in-person meetings, etc.

## Un-/underserved and under-represented communities



Coordination must target un-/underserved, and underrepresented communities that have historically faced barriers in participating in federal programs

Examples include an advisory board with representatives, surveys to better understand needs, etc.

# High-speed Internet helps individuals and our country

These are some of the ways that high-speed Internet has transformed our world:



## **Maximizing savings for education**

The Internet is not a luxury, it's a necessity. Students are asked to use Internet to complete homework assignments, do research, apply to college or trade schools. Students who don't have access in their home are left out and left behind.



## **Stimulating growth in the economy**

By connecting the workplace, we can better connect businesses to consumers. New markets can increase sales and create jobs. High-speed Internet helps American businesses compete for talent and business in the global marketplace.



## **Lowering costs for health**

Telehealth reduces hospital visits and cuts down hospital stay time. Hospitals with high-speed Internet save money because they have lower administration costs. By offering telehealth, they save money while improving patient health.



## **Strengthening ties in our community**

High-speed Internet connects us to services we need. It helps first responders save lives. It lets us connect with our elected officials and it strengthens our ties to our neighbors. One in four Americans get online alerts about local issues and one in five use digital tools to stay in touch with their community.

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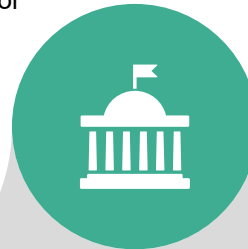
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