



Minnesota and BEAD

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Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment or BEAD

- NOFO issued May 2022
- Each state will receive an allocation of \$100M and an additional allocation based on the number of unserved locations as determined by FCC maps
- Three Priority Uses of Funding in the NOFO:
 - Deploying broadband service to unserved locations
 - Deploying broadband service to underserved locations
 - Deployment of gigabit speeds to community anchor institutions

Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD)

FCC Maps

- If a location does not have a good internet connection as determined by new maps the FCC launched, it will count towards Minnesota's allocation of federal funding.
- "Good internet" means having broadband service at speeds of at least 25Mbps download/3Mbps upload from a wireline provider or provider using licensed spectrum.
- An accurate map is an important resource for targeting funding and other efforts to bring broadband to unserved and underserved communities.
- Minnesota's allocation will be based on those new FCC maps. We encourage everyone—providers and customers—to be reviewing those maps online to make sure the FCC has it right.
- <https://broadbandmap.fcc.gov/home#/>

Five-year infrastructure investment plan

- Minnesota's plan must be submitted to the federal government by July 12, 2023.
- The five-year plan will include steps the state will take to get a good broadband connection to every home and business in Minnesota.

BEAD Funding

- Minnesota's BEAD allocation expected to be needed entirely for infrastructure buildout to unserved and underserved locations
- BEAD Five Year Plan will coordinate with Digital Equity Plan
- BEAD Five Year Plan will follow state law directive that federal IJA funding for broadband flow through the Border to Border Broadband Infrastructure Grant Program
- OBD will engage with Partners—communities and providers—to complete the Five Year Plan

Questions?

- Visit OBD's website: [Office of Broadband Development / Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development \(mn.gov\)](https://www.mn.gov/office-of-broadband-development)
 - Sign up for email updates on grant program on “Contact Us” page of website.
 - Review maps and data; watch recorded webinar on how to use the interactive map.
 - See past projects funded.
 - Locate additional federal resources.
- Contact us at deed.broadband@state.mn.us or 651/259-7610

Thank you!