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# **BEAD Deployment Subgrantee Selection**

*Guidance on the Notification  
of Provisional Selections*

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*Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment  
(BEAD) Program*

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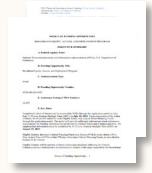
This document is intended solely to assist recipients in better understanding the BEAD program and the requirements set forth in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for this program. This document does not and is not intended to supersede, modify, or otherwise alter applicable statutory or regulatory requirements, the specific terms and conditions of a BEAD award, or the specific application requirements set forth in the NOFO. In all cases, statutory and regulatory mandates, the specific terms and conditions of a BEAD award, and the requirements set forth in the NOFO, shall prevail over any inconsistencies contained in this document.

# Notification of Provisional Selections

Eligible Entities must satisfy the following requirements **before publicly disclosing provisional BEAD subgrantee selections.**

The BEAD NOFO outlines that “Each Eligible Entity must establish **fair, open, and competitive processes for selecting subgrantees...**

In establishing a fair, open, equitable, and competitive selection process, each Eligible Entity must ensure that **adequate safeguards are in place to protect the integrity of the competition**, including safeguards against collusion, bias, conflicts of interest, arbitrary decisions, and other factors that could undermine confidence in the process.” [1]



The BEAD Initial Proposal Funding Request (IPFR) Specific Award Condition (SAC) provides guidance to Eligible Entities on when they are permitted to disclose the provisional selections of their subgrantee selection process and to whom: “[i]n addition to other monitoring activities throughout the course of the grant, the Grantee must meet with NTIA to review the Grantee’s subgrantee selection procedures after the completion of their subgrantee selection and **no later than 14 calendar days prior to notification to any provisionally selected subgrantees.** The Grantee may not post the Final Proposal for public comment until NTIA has provided a letter documenting the occurrence of this meeting as part of NTIA’s award monitoring. Receipt of this letter does not constitute the Assistant Secretary’s approval of the results of the subgrantee selection process”. [2]

Applicants that the EE selects to receive a BEAD subgrant during the subgrantee selection process are **preliminarily selected subgrantees**, and only become **provisionally selected subgrantees** when the EE publicly announces provisionally selected subgrantees 14 (or more) days after the SAC meeting. Provisionally selected subgrantees become final upon NTIA approval of the Final Proposal.

## Subgrantee Selection Resources



[Subgrantee Selection Primer](#)



[Tailoring the Application of the Uniform Guidance to the BEAD Program](#)



[Fixed Amount Subaward Overview](#)

[1] BEAD NOFO, page 35

[2] BEAD IPFR SAC, *Subgrantee Selection Monitoring Meeting with NTIA*.

# Notification of Provisional Selections

Eligible Entities **may not publicly disclose provisional selections until they meet the Initial Proposal Funding Request (IPFR) Special Award Conditions (SAC) requirements.**

## Unallowable Activities per the BEAD NOFO and BEAD IPFR SAC



- ✘ Eligible Entities may not publicly disclose provisional selections until they meet IPFR SAC requirements, i.e., until at least 14 days after the occurrence of the SAC meeting with their FPO. This meeting will only happen after provisional subgrantees have been selected for all locations the Eligible Entity plans to submit in its Final Proposal.
- ✘ Eligible Entities cannot publicly announce selected subgrantees between rounds of subgrantee selection. All subgrantee selections are considered provisional until approved by NTIA through the Final Proposal.

## Allowable Activities per the BEAD NOFO and BEAD IPFR SAC



- ✔ Eligible Entities may disclose directly to applicants (both successful and unsuccessful) if their applications were preliminarily selected.
- ✔ EEs utilizing multiple grant rounds or other strategies for locations that did not receive an application may consider disclosing preliminary selections to all applicants as the results may have implications on future applications.

## Timeline of Events

