



BEAD Program Deployment Timeline

In June 2023, U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito announced that West Virginia will soon receive \$1,210,800,969.85 in funding through the Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) Program to deploy high-speed internet networks. The BEAD program, and the funding for it, was made available through the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act*. Out of all of the states, West Virginia received the 11th most in funding. Eligible Entities have 180 days from the date of the formal funding notice to submit their Initial Proposals (IP) describing how they propose to run their grant programs. Once NTIA approves an IP, which will occur on a rolling basis, Eligible Entities will be permitted to request access to at least 20% of their allocated funds or roughly \$240 million for West Virginia, **which means projects can be funded in 2024**. The remaining 80%, or roughly \$960 million, will be distributed in 2025 once NTIA approves West Virginia's final proposal and how well it complied with its initial proposal.

A timeline on next steps for funding deployment can be found below:

May 31, 2023: Version 2 of FCC maps is released

June 26, 2023: State allocation amounts are released

July 1 through December 28, 2023: Initial Proposals (IPs) need to be submitted. IPs need to include a 5-year action plan, a Digital Equity Plan, and a Workforce Plan.

Early 2024: 20% of the BEAD money or roughly \$240 million will be distributed to the state who will then distribute it to subgrantees (ISPs) likely in the early spring.

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