Idaho Broadband Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 10, 2024 | 10am – 12:00pm MT (or upon adjournment)
Idaho Capitol Building
WW53
This meeting can be viewed online here.

Time	Topic	Presenter	Notes
10:00am	Call to Order Roll Call	Chairman Vander Woude	
	Approve Meeting Minutes: March 4, 2024	Idaho Broadband Advisory Board	Action Item
10:05am	State Broadband Update	Ramón Hobdey-Sánchez, Idaho Office of Broadband	
10:20am	BEAD Regional Coordination & Planning Grant Awards	Idaho Broadband Advisory Board	Action Item
11:20am	BEAD IP Volume II Scoring Matrix	Ramón Hobdey-Sánchez, Idaho Office of Broadband & Idaho Broadband Advisory Board	Action Item
11:45am	Next IBAB Meeting(s) & Any New Business	Idaho Broadband Advisory Board	
Noon or Call of the Chair	Adjournment	Chairman Vander Woude	

For additional information, please contact the State's Broadband Program Manager, Ramón S. Hobdey-Sánchez at 208.287.3153 or ramon.hobdey-sanchez@commerce.idaho.gov.

Idaho Broadband Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, March 4, 2024
Idaho Capitol Building
Room WW53 and via Zoom

Idaho Broadband Advisory Board Members	Idaho Commerce Staff
Chairman Rep. John Vander Woude, Idaho Legislator	Ramón Hobdey-Sánchez, State Broadband Program Manager
Vice-Chair Sen. Doug Ricks, Idaho Legislator	Jake Reynolds, Business Development & Operations Administrator
Sen. James Ruchti, Idaho Legislator	Ewa Szewczyk, Grants and Contracts Manager
Sen. Treg Bernt, Idaho Legislator	Kim Glineski, State Broadband Project Manager
Rep. Megan Blanksma, Idaho Legislator	Krista Baker, State Broadband Project Manager
Rep. Barbara Ehardt, Idaho Legislator	
Andrew Emerson, MH Solutions	Mindy Peper, Meeting Support (Z)
Mitch Watkins, Watkins Distribution (Z)	
Margie Watson, JC Watson & Company	
(Z) denotes via Zoom	
(A) denotes absent	

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Call to order:
Chairman Vander Woude called the meeting to order at 3:04 PM with a quorum present.

Approval of Meeting Minutes December 18, 2023

Motion by: Senator Bernt
To approve meeting minutes.
Seconded by: Andy Emerson
All in favor: Motion passes

State Broadband Update
IIG/Iron project and Port of Lewiston project have both been signed and executed.

All 18 Capital Idaho projects have been executed.

Regarding BEAD, 2-24 will be spent implementing Volume 1 and Volume 2, opening the preview time, going through the challenge process, identifying project areas, pre-qualification, application process, and awards.

BEAD Regional Coordination and Planning Grant
IBAB set aside $500,000 in grant funds to create subject matter experts, build broadband coalitions, and engage tribal and rural communities. This grant will open March 6th for 21 days with approval of IBAB. Would like to bring applications in front of IBAB early April. Each grant will have a maximum of $50,000. ISPs cannot submit an application unilaterally but can act as a partnership.

The process was created in house based on direction of IBAB in summer of 2022. Draft was published on February 23, 2024. Communication plan includes meetings with all 44 counties and tapping other resources amongst partners. If the application turnout is low, a second round will open.

Been focused on the need and application of broadband action teams and the utilization of technical assistance. This panning grant will allow for these as well as creating subject matter experts.

Motion by: Sen. Ricks
Move that IBAB approves the BEAD Regional Coordination and Planning Grant to remain open for 21 days.
Seconded by: Sen. Bernt
All in Favor: Motion Passes

Upcoming Board Meetings
Idaho Commerce proposes next meeting for Wednesday, April 10, 2024 to review the applications of the BEAD Regional Coordination and Planning Grant.

Idaho Commerce would like to propose a standing meeting every 3rd Wednesday of the month, starting after April. Will schedule and see if that works—may change depending on elections.

New Business: None.

Next IBAB Meeting: April 10, 2024, tentative

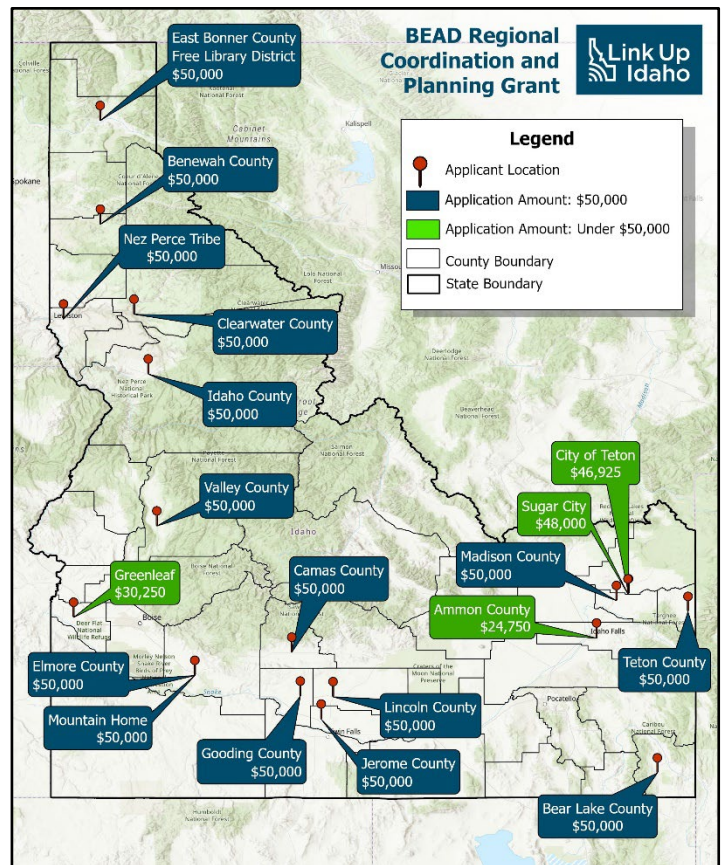**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 3:34 PM.

Link Up Idaho

April 5, 2024

Re: BEAD Regional Coordination and Planning Grant: Round One Summary

Summary and Recommendations:

- » 19 applications submitted.
- » Total grant funding requested: $899,925
- » Applications were scored by two separate reviewers, using the NOFO and scoring matrix provided by Idaho Office of Broadband.
- » Reviewers convened, reviewed scores, and determined final ranking. Those highlighted had cost-share or a matching contribution identified.

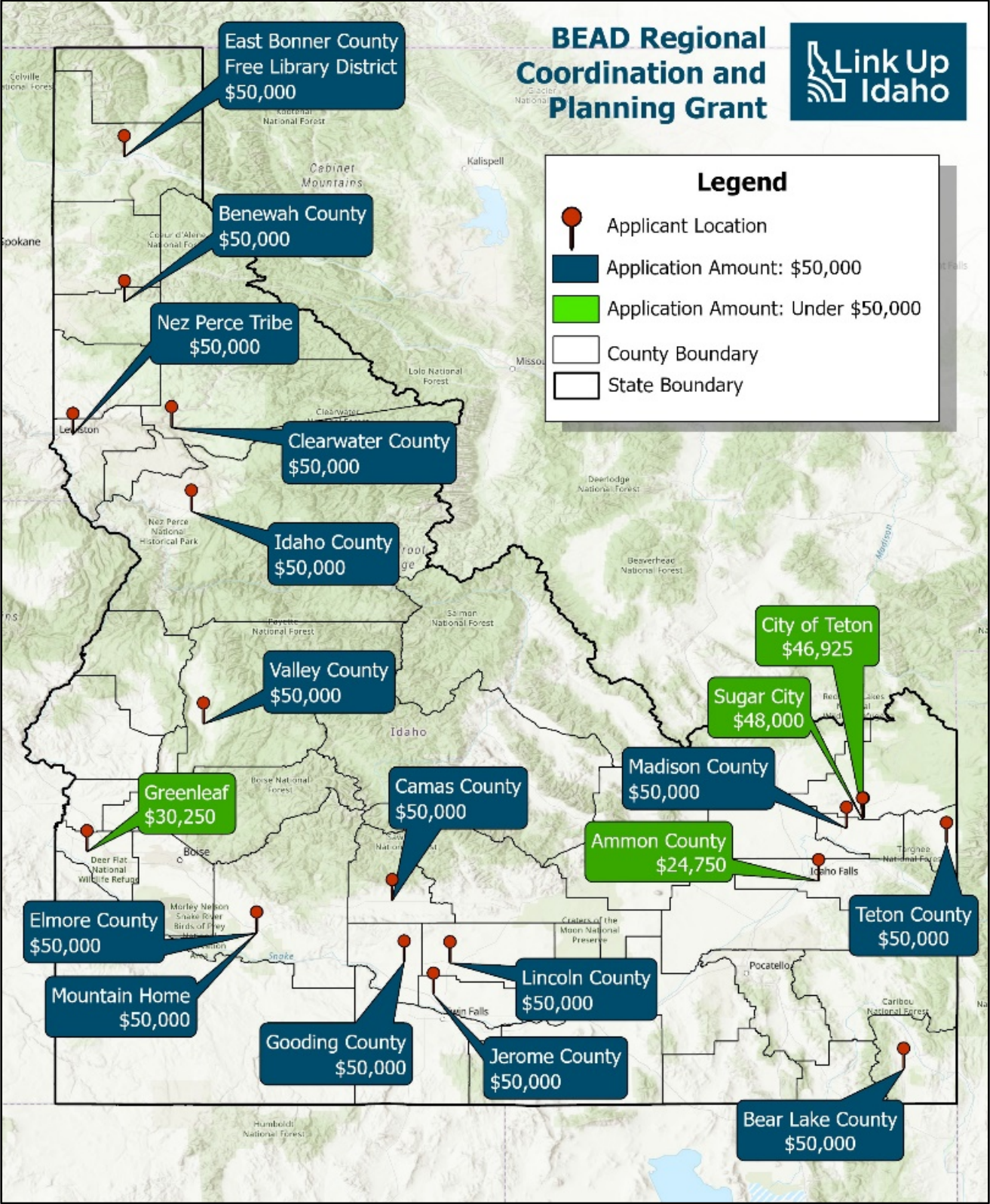| No.	Applicant	Average	Amount Requested
1	Idaho County	98.75%	$50,000
2	Madison County	90.63%	$50,000
3	Bear Lake County	84.38%	$50,000
4	Benewah County	82.50%	$50,000
5	Greenleaf City	80.00%	$30,250
6	City of Teton	78.13%	$46,925
7	East Bonner County Free Library District	77.50%	$50,000
8	Ammon County	76.88%	$24,750
9	Clearwater County	71.25%	$50,000
10	Camas County	67.50%	$50,000
11	Elmore County	63.75%	$50,000
12	Jerome County	63.75%	$50,000
13	Lincoln County	63.75%	$50,000
14	Mountain Home City	63.75%	$50,000
15	Gooding County	61.25%	$50,000
16	Nez Perce Tribe	60.63%	$50,000
17	Valley County	56.88%	$50,000
18	Teton County	51.25%	$50,000
19	Sugar City	50.63%	$48,000

BEAD Regional Coordination and Planning Grant — Link Up Idaho

Legend
- Applicant Location
- Application Amount: $50,000
- Application Amount: Under $50,000
- County Boundary
- State Boundary

BEAD Regional Coordination and Planning Grant

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East Bonner County Free Library District
$50,000

Benewah County
$50,000

Nez Perce Tribe
$50,000

Clearwater County
$50,000

Idaho County
$50,000

Valley County
$50,000

City of Teton
$46,925

Sugar City
$48,000

Madison County
$50,000

Greenleaf
$30,250

Camas County
$50,000

Ammon County
$24,750

Teton County
$50,000

Elmore County
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Mountain Home
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Idaho Broadband Advisory Board Agenda Item
Action Item

<u>**Idaho BEAD Initial Proposal Volume II**</u>
Scoring matrix reallocation of points.

Per the BEAD Program NOFO, NTIA guidance documents and curing comments concerning:

Secondary criteria for Priority Broadband Projects (All Fiber), "Speed of Network and Other Technical Capabilities" **<u>cannot</u>** be used. It can only be used as secondary criteria for Other Last-Mile Broadband Deployment Projects (non-FTTH/hybrid).

Currently, the Network and Other Technical Capabilities criterion is scored/weighted at <u>5 points</u> and needs to be reallocated to one or more of the following criteria areas.

<u>**Secondary Criteria**</u>	<u>**Current Score/Weight**</u>
Speed to Deployment	Maximum 5 Points; Weight 5%
Open Access	Maximum 7.5 Points; Weight 7.5%
Local and Tribal Coordination	Maximum 5 Points; Weight 5%
Equitable Workforce Development and Job Quality	Maximum 2.5 Points; Weight 2.5%

Priority Broadband Projects Scoring Criteria

Fiber End-to-end

Idaho Office of Broadband

	Criterion	Weight	Description	Maximum Points
Primary Criteria	**Minimal BEAD Program Outlay**	50	Matching funds above the 25 percent minimum match without a waiver (Points increase as match amount increases in proposed application service area)	15
			Lowest average cost per location in proposed application service area after match	35
	Affordability	15	**Using defined thresholds for 1 Gbps/1 Gbps service as base rate**	
			Monthly service cost 1 Gbps/1 Gbps < $70.00	15
			Monthly service cost 1 Gbps/1 Gbps $80.00-$89.99	10
			Monthly service cost 1 Gbps/1 Gbps $90.00-$99.99	5
			Monthly service cost 1 Gbps/1 Gbps $100.00-$109.99	2.5
			Monthly service cost 1 Gbps/1 Gbps > $109.99	0
	Fair Labor Practices	10	Applicant submits Certification of Compliance attesting to past compliance with relevant labor laws	5
			Applicant disclosure of applicant violations	1
			Applicant disclosure of contractor and/or subcontractor violations	1
			Applicant provides wage information	1
			How Applicant will ensure implementation of workplace safety committees	1
			Applicant demonstrates record of and will be compliant with federal labor and employment laws	1
Secondary Criteria	**Speed to Deployment**	5	Deployment schedule commitment < 24 Months	5
			Deployment schedule commitment 24-35 months	4
			Deployment schedule commitment 36-41 months	3
			Deployment schedule commitment 42-47 months	2
			Deployment schedule commitment = 48 months	0
	Speed of Network and Other Technical Capabilities	5	Up to 10 Gbps upload and 10 Gbps download or greater	5
			Up to 2.5 Gbps upload and 10 Gbps download	4
			Up to 1 Gbps upload and 2.5 Gbps download	2
			Up to 1 Gbps upload and download	1
	Open Access Network	7.5	Details regarding Open Access Network Policy	3
			Clear description of wholesale services and rates	3
			Identification of retail ISP partners and status of contract negotiations (E.G., MOU, signed commitment, etc.)	1.5
	Local and Tribal Coordination	5	Local and/or tribal coordination information and consultation meeting	5

	Criterion	Weight	Description	Maximum Points
	Equitable Workforce Development and Job Quality	2.5	**Score workforce narrative responses in Section 2.7.2**	
			Using a directly employed workforce, as opposed to a subcontracted workforce **Or** Paying wages defined by federal prevailing wages and benefits to workers, including compliance with Davis-Bacon and Service Contract Act requirements	.5
			Use of Idaho workforce including residents who are direct hires or workers of a contractor or subcontractors	1
			Use of an appropriately skilled workforce (i.e., satisfying requirements for appropriate and relevant pre-existing occupational training, certification, and licensure)	1

Other Last-Mile Broadband Deployment Projects Scoring Criteria

Non-Fiber End-to-end

Idaho Office of Broadband

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	Affordability	15	**Using defined thresholds for 100/20 Mbps service as base rate**	
			Monthly service cost 100/20 Mbps < $50.00	15
			Monthly service cost 100/20 Mbps $50.00-$59.99	10
			Monthly service cost 100/20 Mbps $60.00-$69.99	5
			Monthly service cost 100/20 Mbps $70.00-$74.99	2.5
			Monthly service cost 100/20 Mbps > $74.99	0
	Fair Labor Practices	10	Applicant submits Certification of Compliance attesting to past compliance with relevant labor laws	5
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	Speed of Network and Other Technical Capabilities	5	Hybrid fiber-coaxial (HFC) DOCSIS 4.0	5
			Hybrid fiber-coaxial (HFC) DOCSIS 3.1	4
			Wireless using licensed spectrum	3
			Other technologies approved by IBAB	1-2
	Open Access Network	7.5	Details regarding Open Access Network Policy	3
			Clear description of wholesale services and rates	3
			Identification of retail ISP partners and status of contract Negotiations (e.g., MOU, signed commitment, etc.)	1.5
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