



The Idaho Office of Broadband's (IOB) prequalification phase of the Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program subgrantee selection has concluded. Forty-five applications were submitted through two phases of prequalification application periods. IOB and the State's third-party consultants completed a comprehensive review of all submissions in accordance with current National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) requirements.

The Idaho Broadband Advisory Board (IBAB) and IOB are delighted to announce that 40 prequalification applications have been approved, qualifying them to move to the next phase of the BEAD subgrantee selection process (see side bar). These 40 applicants will be invited to submit project applications for BEAD funding.

The approved prequalification applications demonstrated financial, managerial, operational, and technical capabilities in addition to compliance with required standards and laws, as required by the BEAD Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).¹ Passing the prequalification phase allows applicants to proceed with the BEAD application process, submitting applications for proposed projects to the IOB.

Important to note, qualifying to apply for BEAD funding does not guarantee, in any way, a preliminary selection through this program. The State of Idaho will conduct a fair, open, competitive, and transparent BEAD funding application process in accordance with NTIA guidelines and as outlined in Idaho's approved Initial Proposal Volume II.² Additionally, the State of Idaho reserves the right to request or require

APPROVED BEAD PREQUALIFICATION APPLICANTS

Airbridge Broadband
All West Communications Inc.
Amazon Kuiper Commercial Services LLC
Anthem Broadband
ATC Communications Inc
Blackfoot (formerly Fremont Telcom Co.)
Blackfoot Communications Inc (DBA Blackfoot Communications)
Charter Spectrum
Coeur d'Alene Tribe
Concept Communications/CoreFiber dba MiFiber
Cox Communications
Custer Telephone Cooperative Inc
Direct Communications Rockland Inc.
E.L. Internet Northwest
EntryPoint Networks Inc.
ETS Management LLC
Farmers Mutual Telephone Co.
Fatbeam LLC
FyberCom
IBT Group USA
Inland Cellular
Intermax Networks
Kaniksu
Latah County
Midvale Telephone Co
Millennium Networks LLC
Mud Lake Telephone Cooperative Assoc Inc.
Nez Perce Tribe
Northwest Fiber, LLC (Zipty)
Port of Lewiston
Project Mutual Telephone Cooperative Assoc Inc.
Rally Networks (Formerly Oregon Telephone Corp)
RTI (Rural Telecom Inc.)
Shoshone Bannock Tribes
Shoshone Paiute Tribes
Silver Star Communications
SpaceX
Vickery IT LLC
Whitecloud Communications
Wi-Fiber

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¹ [BEAD NOFO](#)

² View Idaho BEAD documents [here](#).

any additional information or documentation it deems necessary.

The next step will be releasing the Funding Application Guide and opening the Funding Application Phase. The Funding Application Phase will be open for 45 days. After the funding application window closes, the IOB and the State's third-party consultants will review, score,³ and rank applications and conduct application deconfliction and discussions with applicants as needed. The review and scoring phase will be a 90-120-day process immediately following the closing of the Funding Application Phase.

Idaho will provisionally select subgrantee awards in accordance with state and federal BEAD Program rules, including the BEAD NOFO, NTIA guidance documents and Idaho's Initial Proposal Volume II, to evaluate and select provisional awardees.

Additional information about Idaho's BEAD Program, including details about the subgrantee selection process, can be found on [Link Up Idaho](#). If you have any questions about the BEAD Program, application, and subgrantee selection process, you can reach out to broadband@commerce.idaho.gov.

³ Review the approved scoring criteria [here](#).