Idaho Funding Application and Overview

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Overview

Please provide the following general information regarding your Funding Application. For the "Title of Proposed Project," provide a reference name or title that can be used to identify this proposed project to the public, using the naming convention that includes a (1) common version of the ISP name, (2) the county where the majority of the project area is located, and (3) the city or town where the majority of the project is located. If the applicant has more than one project in the same county and town, please sequentially number the projects. Separate each segment with an underscore. The name should appear as: (ISPNAME_COUNTY_CITY/TOWN_##).

> **Amount Requested: [**Total Grant Funds Being Requested[

> **Title of Proposed Project:** [ISPNAME_COUNTY_CITY/TOWN_##[

Idaho BEAD Program Description

The Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program is a federal program that provides $42 billion nationwide to expand high-speed broadband access. The BEAD Program was funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and is administered by the National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA).

The BEAD Program's principal focus is to award funding for the deployment of broadband infrastructure and to provide access to all unserved locations (those without any broadband service at all or with broadband service offering speeds below 25 megabits per second (Mbps) download/3 Mbps upload), and underserved locations (those without broadband service offering speeds of 100 Mbps download/20 Mbps upload) in Idaho.

Idaho was awarded $583 million in BEAD funds to extend affordable, high-speed internet infrastructure to unserved and underserved Broadband Serviceable Locations (BSLs) in the state.

The Idaho Office of Broadband (IOB) and the Idaho Broadband Advisory Board (IBAB) have established a fair, open, equitable, and competitive Subgrantee Selection Process for last-mile broadband deployment projects through a multi-phase approach. Last-mile deployment refers to the final stage in broadband deployment and is the "last stretch" that provides internet access to the end user. The Idaho BEAD Subgrantee Selection Process is based on the NTIA-approved Idaho BEAD Initial Proposal Volume II (IPV2) and updates to the NTIA BEAD Program rules [see, most recently, June 6, 2025, NTIA BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice (2025 Policy Notice)] and related changes to the Idaho Initial Proposal. The IOB held an initial Prequalification Application round in January and February 2025. It will simultaneously hold an additional Prequalification Application round and a single Funding Application round in July 2025.

The IBAB will approve subgrantees for an award via this competitive grant application process in furtherance of the main objectives outlined in the State's Five-Year Action Plan, IPV2, and the IBAB's Broadband Strategic Plan. The Board will prioritize entities committed to improving and deploying broadband infrastructure to unserved and underserved locations in Idaho and meeting the program requirements.

BEAD Subgrantee Selection Process

The IOB Subgrantee Selection Process will ensure that Idaho's limited BEAD funds are used as efficiently as possible to achieve Idaho's broadband objectives, including connecting all unserved and underserved locations in Idaho with robust, affordable, reliable, and scalable technologies and ensuring universal availability of high-speed broadband service.

The IOB will conduct a comprehensive review of all submitted materials to determine a project's technical and financial feasibility, compliance with program requirements, and alignment with strategic priorities. Each step in the IOB review and approval process will ensure that adequate protections are in place to protect the integrity of competition in the broadband market in Idaho, including protections against collusion, bias, and conflicts of interest. The scoring process will be transparent, objective, and consistent with the IOB's IPV2 and BEAD Program rules, as updated by the 2025 Policy Notice.

The Prequalification Application process qualified forty entities to compete for BEAD subgrants. Applicants that successfully completed the Prequalification Application process may move forward to submit funding applications for proposed projects. Prequalified entities for the IOB BEAD Program are listed HERE. The IOB will hold an additional Prequalification Application round during the Funding Application round. Applicants that have not previously prequalified can submit their prequalification information at the same time as their Funding Application.

During the Funding Application process, each applicant must provide sufficient evidence to demonstrate that it can competently implement the proposed project and meet the required performance standards, including demonstrating that it has the financial, technical, and operational capability to operate the resulting broadband network and that the proposed project is technically and financially feasible. The Funding Application Guide issued by the IOB provides additional guidance and information regarding the Idaho BEAD Program rules.

The State's third-party review team will rely on state and federal BEAD Program rules, including the BEAD NOFO, NTIA Guidance documents, the Idaho IPV2, and updates from the 2025 Policy Notice to evaluate and recommend provisional awardees. The third-party review team will review, score, and rank applications based on BEAD Program rules and using the IOB updated Scoring Matrix. After the IBAB approves the provisional awards, the IOB will submit a Final Proposal to the NTIA for review and approval. Grant awards are not final until the NTIA approves Idaho's Final Proposal and each subgrantee has finalized a grant agreement.

Information in this Funding Application has been updated with the new NTIA rules set forth in the 2025 Policy Notice and may continue to change due to ongoing guidance and updates to the BEAD Program from the NTIA and/or other federal agencies. The IOB will communicate any such changes in a clear and timely manner.

The IOB has initiated a multi-step process for selecting subgrantees and making BEAD subgrant awards:

1. **Initial Prequalification Application Phases:** Mandatory for the potential applicant's participation in the BEAD Program. The initial application window consisted of two phases conducted over 59 days and closed on March 27, 2025, at 11:59 pm MST. Per the 2025 Policy Notice, a third phase will run concurrently with the Idaho BEAD Funding Application, open only to new applicants and to those who applied but were not approved during the initial Prequalification Phase.

2. **Publish Application Project Areas** (APAs**)**: The IOB published the APA 2.0 map on March 13, 2025, and held the second Prequalification round from March 13, 2025 – March 27, 2025. The IOB subsequently published an updated APA 3.0 map reflecting additional input from public comment. The current version, APA 4.0, is published on the IOB Link Up Idaho website and reflects an updated and final list of eligible APAs and BSLs, pursuant to instructions from the 2025 Policy Notice.

3. **BEAD Funding Application Phase:** Prequalified applicants and applicants that submit a Prequalification Application for review, will submit proposed projects and supporting documentation. The application window will open for 14 calendar days and run from July 15, 2025 @ noon Mountain Time through July 29, 2025 @ noon Mountain Time.

4. **Funding Application Summaries**: Descriptions of funding applications received by the IOB and related APAs will be posted to Link Up Idaho. Summaries will be posted exactly as written by the applicant – summaries will **NOT** be edited for grammar or spelling.

5. **Review, Scoring, and Deconfliction Phase**: Funding applications will be reviewed, scored, and ranked by a third-party reviewer. The reviewer and the IOB will conduct application deconfliction and discussions with applicants as needed.

6. **Provisional Subgrant Awards**: The IBAB will approve and announce provisional grant awards upon finalizing the review and scoring phase.

7. **Final Proposal**: The IOB will post a draft of its Final Proposal and hold a 7-calendar day public comment period before it submits its final draft to the NTIA for review and approval on or before September 4, 2025.

8. **Grant Agreement**: After the NTIA approves the Final Proposal, the IOB will finalize the grant agreements with BEAD subgrantees to begin the BEAD grant period of performance.

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Technical Support

The IOB intends to provide applicants with technical assistance and administrative support during the application window. The IOB will use its existing communication channels to share Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), information, and program milestones and deadlines. Additionally, the IOB will host at least two information sessions via open office hours as scheduled and published on Link Up Idaho.

The IOB reserves the right to change or supplement technical assistance events and activities. Potential applicants should monitor Link Up Idaho for updates.

Under the Idaho Public Records Law (Chapter 1, Title 74, Idaho Code), applicants should redact any personally identifiable information and/or confidential, proprietary information submitted by the applicant before publication. The applicant must appropriately label each page that contains confidential information to ensure this information will not be subject to public disclosure.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants include eligible broadband providers (as defined by §40-517, Idaho Code), incorporated businesses or partnerships, non-profit organizations, limited liability companies, corporations, cooperative entities that provide broadband services, Idaho local or Tribal governments, or non-traditional providers (e.g., telecommunications provider, electric cooperative).

Applicants that have been approved through the IOB Prequalification Application process may submit a Funding Application and **do not need to resubmit any prequalification information**. Applicants that have not yet been prequalified will be allowed to apply and must submit the required Prequalification Application at the same time as the Funding Application. A list of prequalified entities is posted on the IOB BEAD Program website, HERE.

Prequalification Application materials, updated with the new NTIA requirements as set forth in the 2025 Policy Notice can be found here: 2025 Policy Notice. This Funding Application and required templates will be posted to: Idaho BEAD Subgrantee Selection Process.

Application Project Areas

Application Project Areas (APAs) are groups of census blocks that include unserved and underserved locations. These areas were identified using the BEAD eligibility list, which is based on NTIA-approved BSLs from the State's BEAD Challenge Process. This data was further updated and reflects the current status of both state and federal enforceable broadband commitments as well as additional ineligible locations. Census blocks with unserved and underserved locations have been clustered to create APAs. Tribal APAs are entirely within Tribal land boundaries. Some Tribal lands may contain more than one APA.

The Idaho Application Project Areas 4.0 Map is posted on Link Up Idaho, found here: Idaho BEAD Application Project Areas (APAs)

The Funding Application will seek detailed information from eligible applicants regarding specific APAs and the applicant's proposed project. Applicants must include a "proposed project area"

as part of its application. A "proposed project area" is the geographic area, consisting of one or more APAs, that an applicant is proposing to serve with BEAD Program funding.

Each proposed project area in a Funding Application may include no more than 60 APAs. If an applicant wishes to apply for a project area that includes more than 60 APAs, they must submit as many separate applications as necessary to ensure no single proposed project area exceeds the 60-APA limit. Applicants may combine APAs, including APAs that are not contiguous, into a single proposed project area. Applicants may also submit multiple applications for a single proposed project area if they propose different technology deployment plans, types, and strategies.

The IOB maintains its overall goals to serve all unserved and underserved BSLs in the State. Applicants are strongly encouraged to design their proposed project with the capability to provide BEAD-qualifying service to all eligible locations, those unserved, underserved, and CAIs, within each APA. However, to support projects in high-cost areas, an applicant may identify up to 5% of the BSLs within each APA, included in a proposed project, that it prefers not to serve. Any BSL that an applicant has designated as "prefer not to serve" must be identified as an excessively high-cost location or a location that would otherwise make the project economically unviable for the technology being used. These designated BSLs may include, but are not exclusive to, eligible BSLs in NTIA-designated high-cost census block groups.

Applicants may also identify BSLs that they believe are no longer "eligible" BSLs under the BEAD Program rules and request not to serve those locations. This may include identifying BSLs that have been removed from the Idaho APA Map or the FCC Broadband Map fabric, identifying new enforceable commitments or private investment to serve an area, or identifying structures that are misidentified as BSLs (such as abandoned structures, hay bales/rocks, or large equipment). Applicants must identify these BSLs with specific reason codes from a drop-down menu in the Project Area BSL Template that generally corresponds with the NTIA Reason codes used to remove BSLs from a state's Challenge Process eligible BSL list. BSL exclusion requests made under NTIA Reason codes 1-5, as described in the 2025 Policy Notice (Section 4) do not apply towards the 5% cap.

Applicants must identify each BSL that it is proposing to exclude and provide justification for the request not to serve these locations using the drop-down menu, narrative, and uploaded evidence. Applicants that propose to exclude high-cost BSLs must provide a budget for each scenario that describes the costs to build the project with the proposed BSLs removed from the APA and a separate budget to demonstrate the costs to serve those removed BSLs as part of the project. This information will allow the IOB to review the applicant's proposal to remove BSLs as part of the review team's analysis of the minimum BEAD outlay criteria for project scoring under the 2025 Policy Notice guidance and to determine the impact of the applicant's request on the Idaho BEAD Program's overall goals to serve all unserved and underserved BSLs in the State.

Application Elements and Attachments

As outlined in the Idaho IPV2 and the Funding Application Guidelines, applicants will be required to provide information related to the following BEAD Program elements:

- Technical Capability
- Budget and Financial Sustainability
- Managerial Capability

- Build America Buy America (BABA)
- Environmental and Historic Preservation (EHP)
- Low-Cost Service Option
- Additional requirements as directed by the NTIA

All Funding Applications must include the following documents and attachments:

- Project Area Broadband Serviceable Location Template
- Project Budget Template
- Proposed Project Workplan
  - Project Pro Forma Template
  - Deployment Timeline Template
  - Project Area and Network Design
  - Logical Network Design
- Resumes of Key Management Personnel dedicated to this proposed project
- Letter of Commitment regarding the Letter of Credit or Performance Bond
- Tribal Coordination and Consent documentation (if applicable)
- Audited Financials (if not previously provided, applicant will have 66 days from the opening of the application window to submit audited financials)
- Notarized Final Attestation Document

An officer or legal representative of an eligible entity with binding authority must complete this application.

If the application reviewers determine a submission is incomplete, non-compliant, or unclear, the IOB reserves the right to request clarifying or updated information from an applicant. The opportunity for applicants to submit clarifying or updated information may be impacted by the compressed schedule required by the 2025 Policy Notice. The IOB encourages applicants to submit applications as quickly as possible to provide more time for the IOB and its review team to request updated information, if necessary. Despite the compressed time frame, the IOB also encourages applicants to submit complete, comprehensive, and compliant applications that adhere to all BEAD Program rules.

Any requests for clarifying and updated information will be sent via email, and the IOB will direct modifications to the application in the portal. The IOB will specify the required response deadlines as part of its request to the applicant. Failure of the applicant to make good faith efforts to respond to the request of the IOB within the deadline may result in the rejection of the application(s).

The IOB reserves the right to request more information from the applicant as necessary at any time during the review process. Failure to provide timely and complete responses to these requests may result in the rejection of the related application(s) or the disqualification of any applicant.

The IOB reserves the right to request updated or additional information at any time, including after the subawards are provisionally awarded or finalized, to reassess the qualifications of subgrantees and the compliance of the awarded project within the IOB BEAD Program rules.

Funding Application Review and Approval Process

The IOB Funding Application review process will consist of the following elements:

- Compliance and Completeness Review
- State Administrative and Technical Review
- Third-Party Scoring Review
- IBAB Review and Approval

Due to the compressed timeframe for the subgrantee selection process under the 2025 Policy Notice, some of these elements may occur simultaneously.

Compliance and Completeness Review

The review team will determine whether the applicant has submitted all the necessary information required by the scoring criteria and the IOB BEAD Program rules, including the IOB's IPV2 and Application Guide.

During this time, the IOB will post summaries provided by the applicants of their applications and proposed project areas, identifying the APAs in each proposed project. Under the Idaho Public Records Law (Chapter 1, Title 74, Idaho Code), properly identified confidential information in the funding application submissions will not be publicly posted on Link Up Idaho. Applicants must appropriately label each page that contains confidential information to ensure this information will not be subject to public disclosure.

State Administrative and Technical Review

The review team will review the submitted proposed project network design, timelines, proposed project costs and pro forma financial analysis, BSL and APA descriptions, and other proposed project documents to determine the cost reasonableness, financial and technical feasibility of the proposed project, and compliance with the BEAD Program rules, including the IOB's IPV2 and the 2025 Policy Notice and subsequent guidance. The reviewing team will also identify any applicant requests to remove excessively high-cost BSLs from the proposed project area in preparation for the scoring and negotiations and to determine the impact of these requests on Idaho BEAD Program goals.

Third-Party Scoring Review

The review team will assign a maximum score of 100 points using the IOB updated Scoring Matrix to rank the proposed projects competing for the same APAs. The Review Team will identify and score Priority Projects and Non-Priority Projects, as those terms are defined in the 2025 Policy Notice and the Funding Application Guide. The IOB will review each proposed project to determine whether the project has excessive BEAD Program costs. Pursuant to the 2025 Policy Notice, the IOB reserves the right to reject a project that proposes excessive BEAD Program costs and to, instead, consider other pending Priority Projects for the same area. If there are no competing eligible Priority Projects, the IOB may consider a Non-Priority Project or, if feasible within the Program timeline, request new proposals for the area.

When there are multiple eligible projects competing for the same APAs, the IOB will

- First, assign Priority Projects a score using the Primary Criteria of the "Minimal BEAD Program Outlay" as specified in the updated IOB Scoring Matrix.

- Second, identify all Priority Projects with project costs that are within 15% of the lowest cost Priority Project (based on the average per-BSL Program cost)
- Third, score these projects, if any, using the Secondary Criteria elements.
- Last, provisionally award the Priority Project with the highest score

If all competing Priority Projects in a project area are proposing excessive BEAD Program costs, or if there are no Priority Projects in an area, the IOB will consider any Non-Priority Projects using the same process and analysis as discussed above for the Priority Projects. The IOB will provisionally award the Non-Priority Project with the highest score in the area.

In areas where all proposed projects are determined to have excessive BEAD Program costs, or in areas that receive no applications, the IOB may allow prequalified applicants to submit new applications, or it may include these areas as part of a negotiations phase, if time allows. In light of the compressed timeline under the 2025 Policy Notice, applicants are encouraged to continually monitor the Link Up Idaho site for announcements regarding possible additional application opportunities.

During this phase, to maximize the number of eligible BSLs that will be funded during this round, the IOB may also use its discretion to suspend funding for underserved locations; adjust matching requirements; consider alternative technologies for funding in these areas; or engage with applicants that proposed to serve proximate APAs to request that they adjust their existing applications to include unserved locations.

This process will maximize the likelihood that the IOB will achieve Idaho's BEAD Program goals and objectives.

IBAB Review and Approval

Upon completion of the application review and scoring process, the IOB and the State's third-party reviewers will prepare a package of recommended projects for discussion with the NTIA and provisional approval and funding by the IBAB. The process will allow the IBAB to ensure that provisional awards and funding distribution align with the State's broadband vision and goals set out in the Idaho Broadband Strategic Plan, the Five-Year Action Plan, and the IPV2. The IBAB results will be announced and incorporated into the IOB's Final Proposal for public posting during a 7-day public comment period and then for submission to the NTIA. The NTIA will conduct a final review and approval of the IOB's Final Proposal and provisional subgrant awards. With that approval, the IOB will finalize grant agreements for the approved projects.

Funding Application Section and Questions

Please see the Idaho Funding Application Guidelines for more details on the required responses to each question.

   A. **Applicant Information and Required Certifications**

Section A. COMMENT BOX TEXT: Questions 1-5 have been pre-populated with the applicant's profile information from their access account for the Idaho Department of Commerce's Grant Portal. Please note that the Grant Portal access account must be the same across all Idaho Department of Commerce grant programs. Therefore, this pre-populated information is not specific to the Idaho BEAD program but should be the same information that the applicant provided for the Prequalification Application.

If any of the pre-populated responses are incorrect or need to be updated for the applicant's participation in the BEAD Program, the Applicant must revise those responses in this application directly. Applicant must also indicate in **Question 10** that changes were made and provide a description of those changes in **Question 11**.

In addition to the identifying information in Questions 1–5, the Applicant is also required to review all other responses submitted in the Prequalification Application. If there are any additional changes or updates beyond those in Questions 1–5, the applicant must use Questions 10 and 11 to notify the IOB of those modifications.

1. SAM.gov Unique Entity ID
   - Field Type: Text Box
   - Character Length: 12
2. Applicant name (Legal business name and DBAs, if applicable)
   - Field Type: Text Box
   - Character Length: 100
3. Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN)
   - Field Type: Numeric
   - Character Length: 9
4. Contact name of person to contact regarding the application
   - Field Type: Text Box
   - Character Length: 80
5. Contact email address
   - Field Type: Text Box
   - Character Length: 80
6. **BEAD Program rule certification**: Does the applicant certify its commitment to adhere to all applicable BEAD Program requirements described in the BEAD Program rules, IOB IPV2, Prequalification Application, and this Funding Application?
   - Field Type: Y/N Radio Buttons
7. **BEAD Program completion timeline certification**: Does the applicant certify its commitment to completing all planned work for the proposed project(s), as described in the application, within four years or less of finalizing the grant agreement?
   - Field Type: Y/N Radio Buttons

8. **Failure to perform**: Does the applicant acknowledge that failing to fulfill these plans or violating any certifications or commitments in this application may result in disqualification, penalties and/or the termination of grant funds?
   - Field Type: Y/N Radio Buttons
9. **Conflict of interest disclosure**: Provide information related to any conflicts of interest that the applicant may have, perceived or otherwise, that could influence the application review process.
   - Field Type: Text Box
   - Character Length: 3000
10. **Prequalification submission**: Does the applicant certify that all information in the applicant's Prequalification Application is correct and current? If there are changes, answer "no," and describe them in the next question.
    - Field Type: Y/N Radio Buttons
11. **Prequalification changes**: Describe any updates and changes to information and certifications in applicant's Prequalification submissions. Cite specific sections and questions impacted by these updates and discuss any effect on applicant's eligibility.
    - Field Type: Text Box
    - Character Length: 3000

B. **Proposed Project Description**
12. **Proposed project name** (*ISPNAME_COUNTY_CITY/TOWN_##*) Please check to make sure this is the same project name entered in the box at the beginning of the Grant Portal.
    - Field Type: Text Box
    - Character Length: 80
13. **Brief proposed project description** (*to be posted on* _Link Up Idaho_). Include the APA identifier(s), number of eligible BSLs to be served, planned technology type, proposed speeds, match amount, and BEAD grant funds requested.
    - Field Type: Text box
    - Character Length: 3000
14. **Total Project Cost**
    - Field Type: Numeric Field (currency)
    - Character Length: 12
15. **BEAD Funds Requested**
    - Field Type: Numeric Field (currency)
    - Character Length: 12
16. **Applicant Matching Funds**
    - Field Type: Numeric Field (currency)
    - Character Length: 12
17. **Number of Passings** (Eligible Broadband Serviceable Locations (BSLs) in the proposed project area to be served with BEAD funding)
    - Field Type: Numeric Field
    - Character Length: 6
18. **Number of unserved BSLs** in the proposed project area
    - Field Type: Numeric Field
    - Character Length: 6
19. **Number of underserved BSLs** in the proposed project area

- Field Type: Numeric Field
- Character Length: 6

20. **Number of BSLs identified as Community Anchor Institutions** (CAIs) in the proposed project area
    - Field Type: Numeric Field
    - Character Length: 6

21. **High Cost BSLs**: Percent of BSLs in the proposed project area located in Census Block Groups (CBGs) **identified as High Cost by the NTIA**
    - Field Type: Numeric Field
    - Character Length: 3

22. **Served APAs**: List the APA numbers included in the proposed project area (max 60). Separate APA numbers by commas.
    - Field Type: Text Box
    - Character Length: 100

23. **Project Area and BSL Template:** Please complete and upload the Project Area and BSL Template. Please reference the Guidelines for more information.
    - Field Type: Upload

24. **Prefer Not to Serve BSLs**: Total number of BSLs in the proposed project area that applicant has identified as high-cost and would prefer not to serve. If none, please put "0."
    - Field Type: Numeric Field
    - Character Length: 6

25. **Prefer Not to Serve BSLs**: Provide explanation and analysis of the cost, construction, geography, or operational reasons for any eligible BSLs in the project area that applicant is requesting not to serve. Please be specific.
    - Field Type: Text Box
    - Character Length: 3000

26. **Prefer Not to Serve BSLs**: Upload any additional information or evidence (e.g. annotated maps, photos, drawings) to support applicant's request not to serve the identified BSLs in the project area.
    - Field Type: Upload

27. **Proposed Technology:** Select one technology option that best describes the proposed project
    - Field Type: Drop Down with the following options:
        - Fiber to the premises (FTTP)
        - Coaxial Cable / HFC
        - Licensed Fixed Wireless
        - Mixed technology
        - Unlicensed Fixed Wireless
        - Low Earth Orbit Satellite

28. **Mixed Technology**: For mixed technology projects, list the types of technologies that will be deployed and the percentage of the BSLs in the project area that will be served by each technology.
    - Field Type: Text Box
    - Character Length: 100

29. Does this proposed project qualify as a Priority Project, as that term is defined by the NTIA 2025 Restructuring Policy Notice (2025 Policy Notice)?

- Field Type: Yes/No

30. **Proposed Download Speed**: Provide the <u>maximum download speed that</u> will be provided to all eligible locations within the proposed project area upon project completion. Use "Mbps" units.
    - Field Type: Numeric Field
    - Character Length: 10
31. **Proposed Upload Speed**: Provide the <u>maximum upload speed</u> that will be provided to all eligible locations within the proposed project area upon project completion. Use "Mbps" units.
    - Field Type: Numeric Field
    - Character Length: 10
32. **Proposed Minimum Latency**: Provide the <u>minimum latency</u> that will be provided to all eligible locations within the proposed project area upon project completion. Use "ms" units.
    - Field Type: Numeric Field
    - Character Length: 10
33. **Middle Mile:** Will any element of the proposed project include **middle-mile infrastructure**?
    - Field Type: Y/N Radio Buttons
34. **Existing Facilities**: Please select the types of technology (fiber, coaxial, fixed wireless, low earth orbit satellite) **currently deployed by the applicant** in the APAs included in the proposed project area and neighboring communities.
    - Field Type: Drop Down, allowing multiple selections with the following options:
        - Fiber to the premises (FTTP)
        - Coaxial Cable / HFC
        - Licensed Fixed Wireless
        - Mixed technology
        - Unlicensed Fixed Wireless
        - Low Earth Orbit Satellite
        - Not currently serving the APA or neighboring communities
35. **Existing Facilities**: Please describe the types of infrastructure (towers, poles, conduit) **currently deployed by the applicant** in the APAs included in the proposed project area and neighboring communities.
    - Field Type: Text Box
    - Character Length: 1800
36. **Existing Facilities**: Please indicate the highest download and upload speeds **currently offered by the applicant** in the APAs included in the proposed project area and neighboring communities.
    - Field Type: Text Box
    - Character Length: 25
37. **Existing Facilities:** Is there currently sufficient access to middle-mile and backhaul capacity for this proposed project?
    - Field Type: Y/N Radio Buttons
38. **Existing Facilities:** Is there existing open access network capacity in the project area?
    - Field Type: Y/N/Unsure Radio Buttons

39. **Current Investments**: Please describe any **current regional investments** or funding commitments in the local area by the applicant or third parties that could be leveraged for this proposed project.
    - Field Type: Text Box
    - Character Length: 3000

C. **Proposed Project Budget**

40. **Total Project Cost per Eligible BSL Passing**
    - Field Type: Numeric Field
    - Character Length: 12
41. **BEAD Requested Funding Cost per Eligible BSL Passing**
    - Field Type: Numeric Field (currency)
    - Character Length: 12
42. **Project Budget Template**: Please complete and upload the Project Budget Template. Please refer to the Application Guidelines for further information.
    - Field Type: Upload
43. **Letter of Commitment:** Upload a Letter of Commitment from a qualified financial institution or a surety using the IOB sample letter. Please see the Application Guidelines for additional information.
    - Field Type: Upload
44. **Additional Financial Capability documents**: Upload any **additional documents** to demonstrate financial capability tailored to the proposed project.
    - Field Types: Upload
45. Does the applicant certify that it has the financial resources to support all proposed project costs necessary to complete the project, even if those costs exceed the amount of the grant award and pledged matching funds?
    - Field Type: Y/N Radio Buttons
46. Does the applicant certify that it is familiar with and will comply with all applicable provisions of the US Treasury Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Part 200, and related NTIA Policy Notices (12/26/2023, 10/2024) for this proposed project?
    - Field Type: Y/N Radio Buttons

D. **Tribal Consent**

47. Is the proposed project within or traversing Tribal Lands?
    - Field Type: Y/N Radio Buttons
48. **Tribal Consent**: If Q.47 is "yes," upload the formal Tribal Consent Resolution or similar documents. If these documents are unavailable, please upload relevant documents demonstrating the Tribal engagement that applicant has conducted to date.
    - Field Type: Upload
49. Does the applicant certify its understanding and compliance with BEAD Program rules for projects on or traversing Tribal Land and that it will provide the required Tribal consent documents within 21 days of the funding application closing?
    - Field Types: Y/N/NA Radio Buttons

E. **Technical Documents**

Comment for Section E: The Idaho BEAD Application Review Team will review the responses to the questions in this section, along with the technical documentation provided by the applicant to ensure that the project can meet the applicant's committed construction milestones, proposed speeds, and estimated capacity and scalability, as well as ensuring that the project will meet the minimum BEAD standards (per 2025 Policy Notice and other applicable BEAD Program rules).

The questions in this section apply to all technology types unless otherwise specified.

50. **Project Pro Forma Template:** Upload the Project Pro Forma Template that demonstrates financial sustainability of the proposed project over a ten-year period.
    - Field Type: Upload
51. **Additional Financial Sustainability documents**: Upload any additional documents to demonstrate financial sustainability tailored to the proposed project.
    - Field Type: Upload
52. **Deployment Timeline Template**: Upload the Project Deployment Timeline template that reflects project completion in no longer than the four-year grant performance period. See Application Guidelines for more information.
    - Field Type: Upload
53. Discuss plans for incorporating network scalability and expansion into the proposed project's planning and design. Discuss anticipated costs, beyond any BEAD funded costs, for future upgrades of equipment and increased network capabilities.
    - Field Type: Text Box
    - Character Length: 1800
54. Discuss how the proposed network will easily scale speeds over time to meet evolving connectivity needs of households and businesses.
    - Field Type: Narrative
    - Character Length: 1800
55. Discuss how the proposed network will easily scale speeds over time to support the deployment of 5G.
    - Field Type: Narrative
    - Character Length: 1800
56. Discuss how the proposed network will easily scale speeds over time to support successor wireless technologies.
    - Field Type: Narrative
    - Character Length: 1800
57. Discuss how the proposed network will easily scale speeds over time to support other advanced services.
    - Field Type: Narrative
    - Character Length: 1800
58. **Scalability Documentation**: Please upload documentation and evidence to support the applicant's claims regarding the scalability of the proposed network. See the Guide for additional information.
    - Field Type: Upload

59. Select the maximum speeds of service that the applicant's proposed project network will expect to support within four years after the completion of the project (i.e. approximately eight years after the grant award).
    - Field Type: Drop Down
        1. Less than 1 Gbps/1Gbps
        2. 1 Gbps/1Gbps
        3. 2 Gbps/2 Gbps
        4. Greater than 2 Gbps/2Gbps
60. Will there be sufficient backhaul and middle mile capacity to easily scale the speeds of the network to meet the BEAD scalability requirements?
    - Field Type: Y/N Radio Buttons
61. Will there be sufficient capacity in the proposed network to easily scale the speeds of the network to meet the BEAD scalability requirements?
    - Field Type: Y/N Radio Buttons
62. Will the proposed network be connected to middle-mile and backhaul facilities that are fully redundant?
    - Field Type: Y/N Radio Buttons
63. List all planned equipment types and major network protocols, including DOCSIS versions, optical fiber technology types (XGS-PON, G-PON, etc.), satellite technology, and customer premises equipment deployed in the funded network.
    - Field Type: Text Box
    - Character Length: 3000
64. Please describe applicant's planned construction methods, including utility coordination.
    - Field Type: Text Box
    - Character Length: 3000
65. Please describe applicant's planned interconnection methods and plans to place conduit access points at regular and short intervals.
    - Field Type: Text Box
    - Character Length: 1800
66. Please discuss any anticipated barriers to construction and deployment (weather, economic, permitting, interconnection, satellite launch issues, geography, topography, etc.).
    - Field Type: Text Box
    - Character Length: 3000
67. **Network Route Diagram**: Upload a project area polygon and network route drawing in a shapefile or geospatial format (KMZ, etc.) that supports the committed technical performance and network capabilities. See Guidelines for required elements.
    - Field Type: Upload
68. **Logical Network Drawing**: Upload a logical network design drawing or diagram in JPEG, PNG, or PDF format. See the Guidelines for required elements.
    - Field Type: Upload
69. **Network Resiliency**: Discuss applicant's plans to ensure robust and reliable connectivity, including efforts to mitigate outages and other impacts from weather, natural disasters, cybersecurity breaches, and other operational challenges.
    - Field Type: Text Box
    - Character Length: 3000

70. **Outage Management**: Please describe applicant's service outage restoration management plan to minimize network outages and downtime and to support service restoration timelines and prioritization.
    - Field Type: Narrative
    - Character limit: 3000
71. **Permitting and Make Ready:** Discuss planned permits and easements. Discuss the number and type of poles and conduit owned or leased by the applicant requiring make-ready work. Analyze potential barriers or delays from these activities.
    - Field Type: Text Box
    - Character Length: 3000
72. **Professional Engineer (P.E.) Certification**: Upload a P.E. certification and documentation verifying the funded network will meet BEAD Program performance standards at all eligible locations within the committed project timeframes.
    - Field Type: Upload

E.1   Fiber to the Premises Projects

73. How many estimated fiber miles will be deployed on the proposed project route?
    - Field Type: Numeric Field
    - Character Length: 6
74. What is the fiber strand count of the cable to be deployed on a per mileage basis for each segment of the funded network?
    - Field Type: Text Box
    - Character Length: 100
75. What is the anticipated percentage of the fiber miles that will be aerial fiber?
    - Field Type: Numeric Field
    - Character Length: 3
76. What percentage of the aerial fiber will be on applicant-owned poles?
    - Field Type: Numeric Field
    - Character Length: 3
77. What is the anticipated percentage of the fiber miles that will be buried fiber?
    - Field Type: Numeric Field
    - Character Length: 3
78. What percentage of fiber strands in each conduit sheath will be dedicated as excess capacity for planned further growth?
    - Field Type: Numeric Field
    - Character Length: 3

E.2   Licensed and Unlicensed Fixed Wireless Projects

79. **Fixed Wireless Performance:** Complete and upload the Fixed Wireless Performance template for all proposed projects deploying any fixed wireless technology.
    - Field Type: upload
80. **Propagation Map:** Provide a propagation map(s) showing signal strength (as a heat map) from each tower. Label each tower with a unique identifier.
    - Field Type: Upload
81. Describe the capacity of the funded network to provide qualifying broadband service to all BSLs in the proposed project area. Address plans to adopt mitigation strategies discussed in Appendix A of the 2025 Policy Notice.
    - Field Type: Narrative

- Character Limit: 3000
82. ULFW providers only, discuss plans to mitigate and manage potential interference with other users of unlicensed or licensed-by-rule spectrum and the use of mitigation strategies in Appendix A of the 2025 Policy Notice. Other providers enter N/A.
   - Field Type: Narrative
   - Character Limit: 3000

E.3   Coaxial Cable and HFC Projects

83. State the percentage of locations within the proposed network that will have a last-mile connection using coaxial cable.
   - Field Type: Numeric Field
   - Character Length: 3
84. Estimate the percentage of buried (bare or in conduit) cable deployed for the proposed project.
   - Field Type: Numeric Field
   - Character Length: 3
85. Estimate the percentage of aerial cable deployed for the proposed project.
   - Field Type: Numeric Field
   - Character Length: 3
86. What version of DOCSIS do you plan to deploy in the funded network?
   - Field Type: Drop Down with the following options:
     1. DOCSIS 3.0
     2. DOCSIS 3.1
     3. DOCSIS 4.0
     4. N/A

E.4   LEO Satellite Projects

87. Does the applicant certify it will reserve enough capacity to deliver 100/20 Mbps to all unserved/underserved BSLs in the project area for the first 4 years and maintain it for 10 more years?
   - Field Type: Y/N/N/A Radio Buttons
88. How many total satellites will the project require to reserve sufficient capacity to provide service to all eligible BSLs in the project area?
   - Field Type: Numeric Field
   - Character Length: 6
89. How many additional satellites must the applicant launch, beyond those already in low Earth orbit, to complete the proposed project and meet all BEAD Program rules, requirements and speeds?
   - Field Type: Numeric Field
   - Character Length: 6
90. What is the timeline for the launch and deployment of those additional satellites? Please confirm that the timeline listed here matches the timeline for launch provided in the Project Deployment Timeline Template.
   - Field Type: Text Box
   - Character Length: 1800
91. Which version of the technology does applicant plan to deploy using BEAD funds?
   - Field Type: Text Box
   - Character Length: 1800

92. Provide the number of ground stations included in the funding request, their location(s), and the type of equipment to be deployed.
- Field Type: Numeric Field
- Character Length: 6

93. What percentage of the applicant's project budget represents expenses for customer premises equipment and customer premise equipment installation costs?
- Field Type: Numeric Field
- Character Length: 3

94. How many locations does the applicant estimate will have the customer premises equipment and any other nonrecurring charges paid for through BEAD Program requested funding?
- Field Type: Numeric Field
- Character Limit: 6

95. Specify which spectrum bands applicant will use to provide service to unserved/underserved BSLs in the proposed project area.
- Field Type: Narrative
- Character Limit: 500

96. Describe applicant's plans to avoid or mitigate interference with terrestrial wireless networks, public safety networks, and other communications network infrastructure.
- Field Type: Narrative
- Character Limit: 500

97. Specify the minimum satellite elevation angle supported by the network's satellite constellations required to provide service that meets the minimum BEAD performance standards for the proposed project area
- Field Type: Text Box
- Character Limit: 50

F. Low-Cost Service Option

98. Does the applicant certify that it understands and will comply with the BEAD Program low-cost service option requirements described in the 2025 Policy Notice and further described in the Funding Application Guide?
- Field Type: Y/N Radio Buttons.

99. If the answer to the previous question was "no," please provide an explanation here. If the answer was "yes," please enter N/A.
- Field Type: Text Box
- Character Length: 1800

100. Provide the monthly rate for subscribers to the applicant's low-cost service option that it will offer to eligible households in the proposed project area, inclusive of all fees, taxes, and charges for the first 12 months of service.
- Field Type: Text Box
- Character Length: 500

101. Will the applicant increase the monthly rate charged to subscribers to the low-cost service option in the proposed project area during the first five years of service?
- Field Type: Y/N

102. Describe applicant's methods and plans for pricing its low-cost service option during the federal interest period, including any expected rates or trends of increase and communication with subscribers about any increases.
- Field Type: Text Box
- Character Length: 1000

103. Describe the applicant's low-cost service option offering and the terms and conditions, including advertised speeds, expected latency, data caps, and limits on deployment technologies to offer the service.
- Field Type: Text Box
- Character Length: 1000

G. BEAD Environmental and Historical Preservation (EHP) and Build America, Buy America (BABA)

104. Please describe any ground-disturbing activities or other deployment activities that may have a significant impact on environmental, cultural, or historic state and federal resources.
- Field Type: Text Box
- Character Length: 3000

105. Is the proposed project proximate to sensitive environmental, historical, or cultural areas? Applicant may rely on experience in the local area and/or reference the Idaho and NTIA Permitting and Environmental Application Tools.
- Field Type: Y/N Radio Buttons

106. If "yes," please describe any sensitive areas proximate to the proposed project and any local, state, or federal environmental requirements that the applicant is aware of. If the answer was "no," please enter N/A.
- Field Type: Text Box
- Character Length: 3000

107. Please describe applicant's planned process to ensure compliance with EHP-related BEAD Program rules and requirements.
- Field Type: Text Box
- Character Length: 3000

108. Please describe applicant's planned process to ensure compliance with the Build America/Buy America Act and Secure and Trusted Communications Act of 2019 requirements.
- Field Type: Text Box
- Character Length: 3000

H. Managerial and Operational Capability

109. How many key managerial staff are expected to be dedicated to this proposed project?
- Field Type: Numeric Field
- Character Length: 4

110. **Key Staff**: Upload resumes of key managerial staff dedicated to this proposed project if the applicant has not already done so in its Prequalification Application.
- Field Type: Upload

111. Describe the job titles, relevant qualifications, certifications, and years of experience of all key staff for the proposed project. Describe the processes to be used to ensure that all proper certifications and licenses remain in place.
- Field Type: Text Box
- Character Length: 3000

I. Deployment Timeline

112. Use the drop-down menu to provide the number of months that applicant commits to complete the deployment of the proposed project.
- Field Type: Drop Down

J. Final Attestation

113. **Final Attestation**: Complete, notarize, and upload the Final Attestation document.
- Field Type: Upload