Idaho Office of Broadband Update: July 11, 2025

The Idaho Office of Broadband and Idaho Broadband Advisory Board are excited to share the following update with the State's partners and stakeholders.

Idaho BEAD Program

NTIA's 6/6/25 BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice and Program Update

Upcoming IOB Open Office Hours
Thursday, 7/17 @ 9:30am-10:30am MT

Thursday, 7/24 @ 9:30am-10:30am MT

Register via Zoom

BEAD Funding Application Phase
Application Window = Tuesday, July 15, 2025 @ noon MT to Tuesday, July 29, 2025 @ noon MT.

Materials, resources and application templates can be found here.

Funding Application Grant Portal: If you do not already have portal access, please make sure to select "New User?" on the login page. New portal users will be sent PDF instructions regarding how to navigate the portal. Please note, organizations are only able to have one active portal user at a time. For grant portal questions, please contact grants@commerce.idaho.gov.

BEAD Application Project Areas (APAs)
See BEAD APA Map 4.0
Important Note: The only difference between BEAD APA Map 3.0 and 4.0 is the BEAD eligibility location layer. The BEAD eligible locations were modified as follows:
- Lumen RDOF default (added locations to eligibility)
- CPF enforceable commitments – Latah County and Idaho County projects (removed locations from eligibility)
- Successful ULFW challenges (removed locations from eligibility)
- Non-BSLs that have been removed from the fabric per FCC Version 6 (removed locations from eligibility)

There were no modifications made to the number or design of APAs from Map 3.0 to 4.0
APA Methodology

BEAD Prequalification Application Phase

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Prequalification Application Grant Portal: If you do not already have portal access, please make sure to select "New User?" on the login page. New portal users will be sent PDF instructions regarding how to navigate the portal. Please note, organizations are only able to have one active portal user at a time. For grant portal questions, please contact grants@commerce.idaho.gov.

View a complete list of Idaho BEAD eligible applicants here. If an applicant is already on this list, nothing further is needed. If an applicant is not on this list, then a Prequalification Application **must** be completed and submitted.

Idaho Broadband Advisory Board

Next Meeting: No meeting currently scheduled.
IBAB meeting materials can be viewed here.

Other News

BEAD Efforts in Idaho are No Small Potatoes

Idaho ranks dead last in internet speeds. Change is afoot, but will it help?
Story based on highspeedinternet.com publication/data.

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