



## Idaho Office of Broadband Update: February 2026

On behalf of the Idaho Broadband Advisory Board (IBAB) and the Idaho Office of Broadband (IOB), please see this month's update below.

### **Idaho BEAD Program**

After receiving approval of the State's BEAD Final Proposal from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) on December 19, 2025, the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) formally issued Idaho's Notice of Award (NoA) on January 26, 2026.

Acceptance of the Program's *Terms and Conditions* is due in early March. Issuance of the NoA also triggers the State's 6-month shot-clock to get subgrant agreements signed and executed, which includes the completion of several environmental permitting steps.

With formal approvals from both NTIA and NIST, the IOB has now posted updated BEAD Final Proposal documents [here](#), including the new [Idaho BEAD Awards Dashboard](#).

The State looks forward to working with subgrantees to execute the Idaho BEAD Subgrant Agreement, assist with permitting and implement the State's BEAD Monitoring & Compliance Standard Operating Procedures as those are the next significant steps of the BEAD Program.

### **Idaho Capital Projects Fund Program**

Awarded \$120M via ARPA in December 2023

18 projects/15 subgrantees statewide/connecting 30K+ homes & businesses

Projects complete by December 31, 2026

[Statewide CPF Projects Map](#)

### **Idaho Broadband Fund Program**

No updates.

### **Idaho Broadband Advisory Board**

No meeting currently scheduled.

Board member bios can be viewed [here](#).

IBAB meeting materials can be viewed [here](#).

## **Other News**

[House Bill 674](#): Discontinuation of Telecommunication Service  
Sponsored by Representative Vander Woude

[House Bill 675](#): Definition of Broadband  
Sponsored by Representative Vander Woude

### PUC Rulemaking

In accordance with [HB180-2025aaS](#), this pending rule was presented to the [Senate State Affairs Committee \(Rule Book\)](#) on January 28, 2026, and was subsequently approved. It was presented to the [House State Affairs Committee \(Rule Book\)](#) on February 16<sup>th</sup> and was approved

The IOB Director participated on a panel at the [Connecting Communities Summit](#) on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

### Idaho Commerce Connect

Driggs (City Hall), March 24<sup>th</sup>

[Sandpoint](#) April 9<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30am-noon

[Burley](#), July 16<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30am-noon

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2026 [Idaho Rural Success Summit](#) in Pocatello on May 13-14, 2026.

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