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Funding Amount: **\$1.48 Billion**

APPLICATION

Program Details

Program Name: Broadband and Equity, Access and Deployment Program (BEAD)

Administrator: Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)

Match Requirement: 25% Match Requirement

Key Dates

June 13, 2025 – Letter of Intent Window Opens

June 23, 2025 – Letter of Intent Window Closes

June 25, 2025 – Benefit of the Bargain Round Opens

July 2, 2025 – Benefit of the Bargain Round Closes

July 16, 2025 – Provisional Subawardees notified of awards under Initial Cycle (tentative)

July 16 – July 26, 2025 – Negotiation phase (tentative)

August 8, 2025 – Provisional Subawardees notified of awards under Negotiation Cycle (tentative)

August 8 – August 22, 2025 – Public Comment period (tentative)

Eligible Applicants

- Cooperatives
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Public-Private Partnerships
- Private Companies
- Public or Private Utilities
- Public Utility Districts
- Local Governments

Eligible Projects

- Projects deploying qualifying last-mile broadband infrastructure to unserved (25/3 Mbps or less) and underserved (between 25/3 and 100/20 Mbps) locations. Applicants must propose to serve at least 95% of the unserved and underserved locations.

Eligible Areas

- Application areas will be defined as Zip Code Tabulation Areas (ZTCA)
- DHCD has posted eligible locations to the [Open Data Portal](#)

Eligible Costs

- Construction, improvement, and/or acquisition of facilities and telecommunications equipment, including infrastructure for backhaul, middle and last-mile networks, and multi tenant buildings
- Long-term leases of facilities to provide qualifying broadband service, including IRUs
- Deployment of internet and Wi-Fi within an eligible multi-family residential building
- Network software upgrades
- Engineering design, permitting, and work related to environmental, historical, and cultural reviews
- Personnel costs, including salaries and fringe benefits for staff and consultants
- Training for cybersecurity professionals working on BEAD-funded networks
- Workforce development including Registered Apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeships, and community college and/or vocational training for broadband-related occupations

Selection Criteria

Scoring:

Priority Criteria: Competing applications within the same project area, the application with the lowest grant request will be selected

Secondary Criteria (100 points): Applications within 15% of the lowest grant request for the same application area the following scoring will be applied

- **25 points** – Speed to Deployment
- **25 points** – Speed of Network & Other Technical Capabilities
- **50 points** – Provisionally selected subgrantee from the first Initial BEAD application cycle

- Opportunity Evaluation
- Effective Grant Writing
- A Track Record of Success

Application Process

- Applicants must be registered in the [CAMS application portal](#) to begin the application

Links & Contacts

- [VA Benefit of the Bargain Policy Notice](#)
- [CAMS application portal](#)
- [VA Open Data Portal](#)
- [VA BEAD Program](#)
- [VA BEAD FAQ's](#)

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