



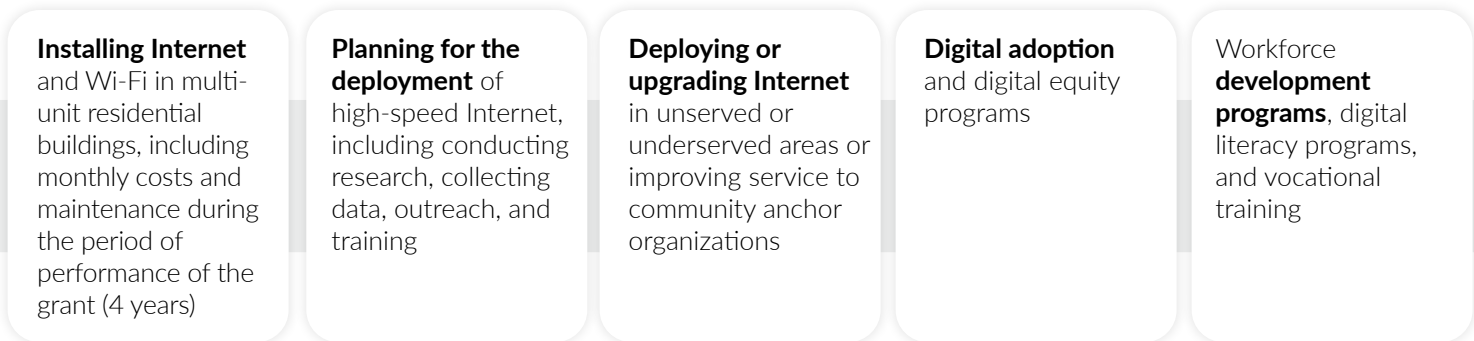
\$42.45 Billion

Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program

The **Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD)** is the largest federal infrastructure investment dedicated to getting all Americans online and closing the digital divide. Funded by the \$1.2 trillion Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), BEAD funds partnerships between states or territories, communities, and stakeholders to build infrastructure and access to high-speed, reliable, affordable broadband and increase high-speed Internet adoption.

All 50 states, D.C., Puerto Rico, and all other U.S. territories are eligible to apply for funding. **Each will receive a minimum of \$100M from BEAD**, remaining funds will depend on each state's national percentage of unserved, underserved households within their state, along with specific funding for "high-need" areas. The new FCC Broadband Data Maps will be utilized to identify unserved locations. States must develop a process for stakeholders to challenge whether a location or community anchor institution is eligible for grant funds.

Examples of **eligible uses of BEAD funds** include:



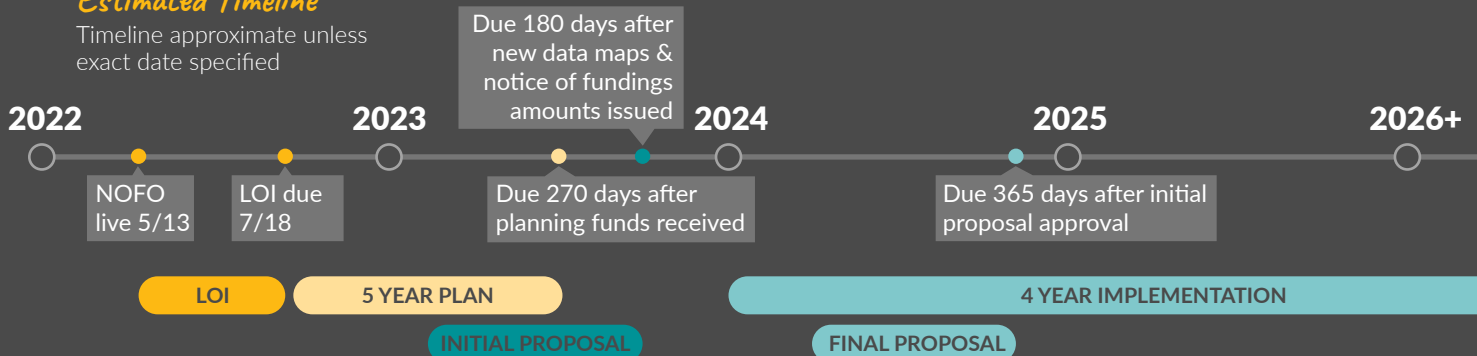
Opportunities for Multi-Tenant Buildings

BEAD funds can be used to extend broadband service to multi-tenant buildings (including public housing) lacking high-speed broadband, including those in low-income, urban areas. As part of their goal of broadband deployment to all unserved and underserved locations, Eligible Entities may fund the deployment of Wi-Fi infrastructure to multi-family and public housing buildings that either entirely or partially lack high-speed broadband access (100/20).

Eligible Entities must prioritize residential buildings that (1) have a substantial share of unserved households or (2) are in locations where the number of households with an income at or below 150 percent of the poverty line is higher than the national percentage.

Estimated Timeline

Timeline approximate unless exact date specified



\$2.75 Billion

Digital Equity Act Program

The **Digital Equity Act (DEA)** allocates \$2.75 billion to three programs that provide funding to promote digital inclusion and advance equity for all. They aim to ensure that all communities can access affordable, reliable high-speed Internet to meet their needs and improve their lives.

State Digital Equity Planning Grants - \$60M

- **For states and territories to develop “Digital Equity Plans.”** The purpose of the program is to ensure that states have the planning capacity to design and support digital equity and inclusion programs. The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) will make planning grants available directly to states.

- **State Digital Equity Plans must include:**
 - Stated vision for digital equity;
 - Measurable objectives and assessment of how those objectives will impact the States’ plans and outcomes;
 - Identify barriers to digital equity and include a digital needs assessment;
 - Description of the plan to collaborate with key stakeholders to achieve its digital equity goals, list of organizations that collaborated on and contributed to digital equity plans, and coordination and outreach strategies
 - Asset inventory of current strategies, including a description of incorporation plans and coordination with BEAD funds
 - Implementation timeline

State Digital Equity Capacity Grants - \$1.44B (\$240M in FY22 and \$300M annually in FY23-FY26)

- For states and territories to support the implementation of their State Digital Equity Plans.
- Open to U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, that completed the State Planning Program.

Digital Equity Competitive Grants - \$1.25 billion total (\$250M annually in FY22-FY26)

- To support efforts to achieve digital equity, promote digital inclusion activities, and spur greater broadband adoption among covered populations.
- Open to certain entities, such as political subdivisions, Tribal entities, nonprofits, community anchor institutions, local educational agencies, and workforce development organizations.
- **“Covered” populations include:**
 - Aging individuals
 - Individuals who are incarcerated in non-federal facilities
 - Veterans
 - Individuals with disabilities
 - Individuals with a language barrier
 - Members of a racial or ethnic minority
 - Rural residents
 - People who live in “covered” households

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