

Notice: Request for Intent to Participate in Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program

June 13, 2025

The West Virginia Department of Economic Development, Office of Broadband (collectively WVDED), requests all broadband service providers interested in submitting new applications to West Virginia's Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program inform WVDED of their intent to do so not later than June 18, 2025. Providers that have already submitted a complete application during West Virginia's BEAD Full Application¹ or Extension Application² phases need not respond to this Notice.

WVDED intends to conduct one additional subgrantee selection round as required by the "Benefit of the Bargain Round" section of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA) *BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice*.³ This notification of intent is neither binding nor required to submit an application during the additional subgrantee selection round.

Providers that submit an intent to participate or who previously submitted an application will receive an Information Request and have the opportunity to identify Target Locations that they consider to be excessively high cost or not economically viable;⁴ providers who have not previously participated or notified WVDED of their intent to participate will not. Prior to holding the new subgrantee selection round, WVDED will publish materials and instructions that have been updated in accordance with NTIA's *BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice* and any future guidance from NTIA.

Interested entities may notify WVDED of their intent only via email in the form that follows—replacing the bracketed text with their details:

To: luke.n.peters@wv.gov
Subject: Intent to Participate in BEAD Program
Body: We, [your entity's legal name], intend to participate in West Virginia's Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program.

¹ WVDED, "West Virginia BEAD Program Procedures" Updated November 7, 2024, <https://broadband.wv.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/WVDED-Deployment-Program-Procedures-2024.11.7.pdf>.

² WVDED, "West Virginia BEAD Program Procedures Application Extension" Updated September 13, 2024, <https://broadband.wv.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/WVDED-BEAD-Application-Extension-Program-Procedures-2024.9.16.pdf>.

³ National Telecommunications and Information Administration, "Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program: BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice" June 6, 2025, <https://www.ntia.gov/sites/default/files/2025-06/bead-restructuring-policy-notice.pdf>.

⁴ As required by Id. at 11.