

Waiver Request Form

Complete this form to submit a waiver request. Please reference the applicable program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for NTIA waiver guidelines.

1. **Date of Submission:** August 19, 2025
2. **Program:** Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD)
3. **Entity Name:** West Virginia Department of Economic Development
4. **Point of Contact:**
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5. **Project Identification:**
 - a. Project Title: WV Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program
 - b. Project Identification Number: Award # 54-20-8060
6. **NOFO Provision Applicable to Requested Waiver:**
Cost Sharing/Matching
7. **Confirmation that Eligible Entity Is Not Seeking Waiver of a Statutory Requirement:**
Affirmed ☒
8. **Justification:**

The Office requests waivers of the minimum non-federal match requirement for a total of 9,238 locations included in this Final Proposal. Of these, waivers for 957 locations will allow awards where there are no other viable project options, specifically because they are located in sensitive areas with the National Radio Quiet Zone. (continued)



Separate waiver request forms are being submitted for the remaining locations. Despite outreach efforts and the use of limited non-BEAD funding sources, prospective subgrantees in these areas are unable to meet the full match requirement. The Office finds that the substantial cost savings generated from the Benefit of the Bargain Round reflect the program's overall lower per-location costs and efficient use of public funds. These savings have created space to support projects that unfortunately fall short of the non-federal match requirement but are critical to achieving universal broadband access under the BEAD Program. Granting this waiver will enable deployment in unserved and underserved communities where broadband access is most critical. These projects align with BEAD's goals and will deliver scalable, future-proof infrastructure to high-need areas.

Signature:

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