



MASSACHUSETTS BROADBAND INSTITUTE

Notice of BEAD Deployment Round 1

November 19, 2024

The Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program is a federal grant program overseen by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), that aims to expand high-speed internet access to unserved and underserved areas nationwide. Of the \$42 billion in federal funding allocated to the BEAD Program, Massachusetts was awarded \$147 million principally intended to expand broadband to unserved and underserved locations. The Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) is responsible for managing the BEAD Program and determining sub-grant award selection on behalf of the state.

MBI will administer the initial round of subgrantee selection through BEAD Deployment Round 1. All applicants that have successfully completed the BEAD Pre-Qualification process will be eligible to apply. Any interested potential Applicants who did not complete or participate in the BEAD Pre-Qualification process must complete the pre-qualification process prior to accessing the full program application.

The BEAD Deployment Round 1 Application is anticipated to open on December 19, 2024, and will be conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in [Volume II of the BEAD Initial Proposal for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts](#), as approved by NTIA. This date is subject to change and is contingent, in part, on NTIA approval of the outcomes of the BEAD Challenge Process.

MBI will be hosting an informational BEAD webinar on December 4, 2024, to discuss the next phase of the BEAD program, including application requirements and anticipated timeline. Those interested in attending should register [here](#).

Please refer to the [BEAD Program Page](#) for all updates and reach out with any questions to broadband@masstech.org.