

What's Next with BEAD?

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“Toto, I’ve a feeling we’re not in Kansas anymore!”

Prior Programs

Agency free to select among projects; no requirement to solve the problem everywhere

Federal agency selects awardees

Federal agency sets rules for the whole country

Once and done approvals

Focused on broadband deployment

BEAD

Internet for all - the goal is complete coverage

States to select awardees









State-by-state variation within federal parameters

Multi-step NTIA approval process for full implementation

Additional rules to advance other policy objectives (jobs, climate, US manufacturing)

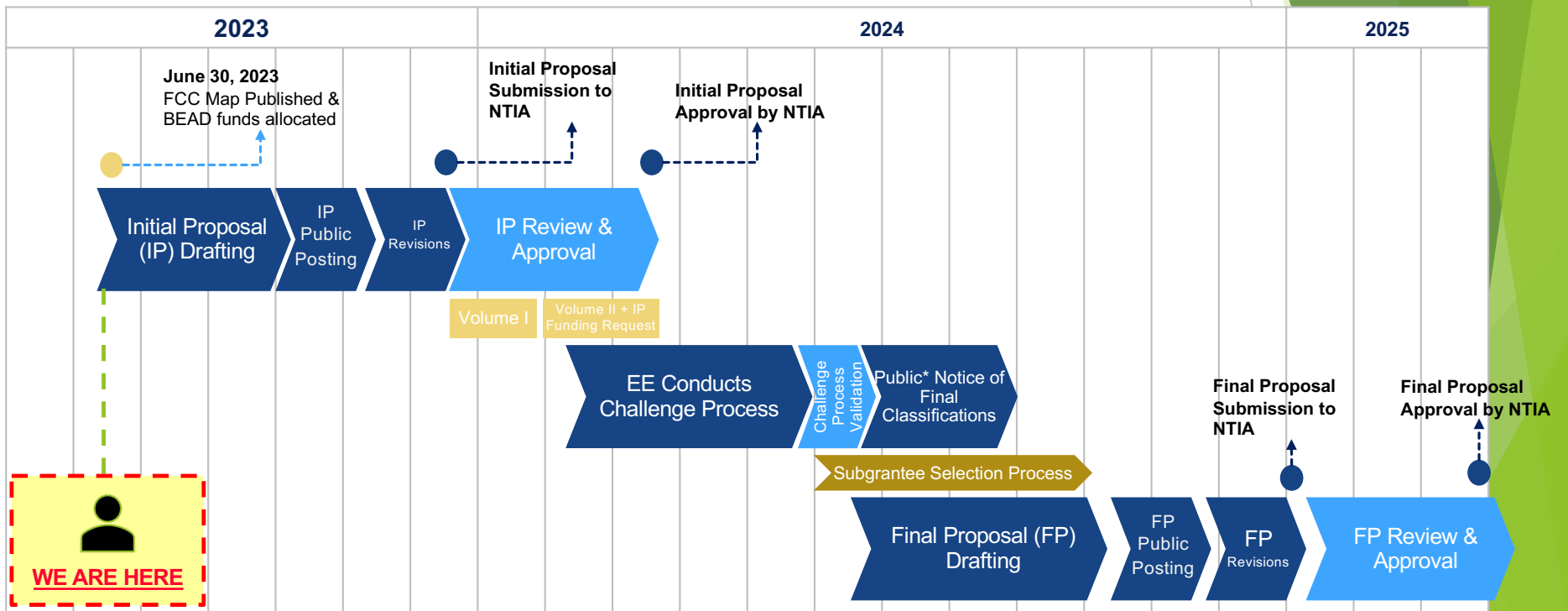
Broadband, Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) Timeline

The BEAD Program requires Eligible Entities to submit multiple plans and materials. Eligible Entities are currently drafting their Five-Year Action Plans, and the next step is to draft and submit the **Initial Proposal**.

 Letter of Intent	Submitted by July 18, 2022.
 Request for Initial Planning Funds	Eligible Entities requested up to \$5,000,000 in Initial Planning Funds.
 Five-Year Action Plan	Must be submitted if receiving Initial Planning funds.
 Notice of Available Amounts	June 30, 2023.
 Initial Proposal	Eligible Entities will have 180 days from the receipt of the Notice of Available Amounts to develop (between July 1 st and December 27 th).
 Challenge Process	Eligible Entities must conduct a challenge process.
 Subgrantee Selection	Eligible Entities must complete a competitive subgrantee selection process (but cannot make subgrants until the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) has approved the Final Proposal).
 Final Proposal	After executing the Initial Proposal, submit a Final Proposal to NTIA.

BEAD Timeline - Illustrative

Actual dates will vary for each Eligible Entity.



*Per the BEAD NOFO, an Eligible Entity must provide public notice of the final classification of each unserved location, underserved location, or Eligible Community Anchor Institution within the jurisdiction of the Eligible Entity after resolving each challenge and at least 60 days before allocating grant funds for network deployment.

“There’s two buttons I never like to hit:
that’s panic and snooze.”

-- Ted Lasso

Questions?