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# Funding Amount: **\$868 Million**

# PREQUALIFICATION

# **Program Details**

**Program Name:** Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD) **Administrator:** Indiana Broadband Office

# **Key Dates**

- August 26, 2024 Application Window opens
- September 25, 2024 Earliest window closing (awaiting NTIA guidance)

# **Eligible Applicants**

- Cooperatives
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Public-Private Partnerships
- Private Companies
- Public or Private Utilities
- Public Utility Districts
- Local Governments

#### **Prequalification Requirements**

- Organization registration
- Environmental and Historic Preservation compliance
- Buy America, Build America compliance
- Managerial capability
- Compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws
- Operational capability

#### Prequalification Requirements (Cont.)

- Information on ownership
- Information on other public funding
- Labor standards and protection
- Certification of compliance with low-cost service option
- Certification of compliance with BEAD cybersecurity and supply chain risk management requirements

#### **Prequalification Process**

- Register via <u>Prequalification Portal</u> beginning **August 26**
  - Will need to re-register even if an account exists from the challenge process
- Submit by deadline (TBD, at least 30 days following portal opening)

#### Links & Contacts

- <u>Prequalification Guidance (v 2.0)</u>
- Prequalification webinar recording
- Prequalification Portal Registration
- Indiana's Initial Proposal Volume 2 (approved)
- Sign-Up for 1:1 Meetings Here
- Indiana Broadband Office Homepage
- Questions? Contact <u>IndianaBroadband@iot.in.gov</u>



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