Funding Amount: **$1.48**

APPLICATION

Program Details

Program Name: Broadband and Equity, Access and Deployment Program (BEAD)
Administrator: Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)
Match Requirement: 25% Match Requirement

Key Dates

December 1, 2024 – Application Window Opens
March 1, 2025 – Application Window Closes (90 days)

Eligible Applicants

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

Eligible Projects

- Projects deploying qualifying last-mile broadband infrastructure to unserved (25/3 Mbps or less) and underserved (between 25/3 and 100/20 Mbps) locations. Applicants must propose to serve at least 95% of the unserved and underserved locations.

Eligible Areas

- Application areas will be defined as Zip Code Tabulation Areas (ZTCA)
- DHCD has posted eligible locations to the [Open Data Portal](#)

Eligible Costs

- Construction, improvement, and/or acquisition of facilities and telecommunications equipment, including infrastructure for backhaul, middle and last-mile networks, and multi tenant buildings
- Long-term leases of facilities to provide qualifying broadband service, including IRUs
- Deployment of internet and Wi-Fi within an eligible multi-family residential building
- Network software upgrades
- Engineering design, permitting, and work related to environmental, historical, and cultural reviews
- Personnel costs, including salaries and fringe benefits for staff and consultants
- Training for cybersecurity professionals working on BEAD-funded networks
- Workforce development including Registered Apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeships, and community college and/or vocational training for broadband-related occupations

Selection Criteria

Scoring:

Priority criteria (Maximum of 100 points)

- **45 points** – Minimal BEAD Outlay
- **20 points** - Affordability
- **10.2 points** – Fair Labor Practices
- **5 points** – Speed to Deployment
- **9.9 points** – Universality of Applications
- **9.9 points** – Local and Tribal Coordination/Letter of Support

Non Priority Criteria (Maximum of 100 points)

- **45 points** – Minimal BEAD Outlay
- **20 points** - Affordability
- **10.2 points** – Fair Labor Practices
- **2.5 points** – Speed to Deployment
- **2.5 points** - Speed of Network & Other Technical Capabilities
- **9.9 points** – Universality of Applications
- **9.9 points** – Local and Tribal Coordination/Letter of Support

Application Process

- Applicants must be registered in the CAMS application portal to begin the application

Links & Contacts

- VA BEAD application guidebook
- CAMS application portal
- VA Open Data Portal
- VA BEAD Program
- VA BEAD FAQ's
- VA IPV I
- VA IPV II