

The Infrastructure Gap

The \$42.45 billion BEAD program: all 56 Final Proposals approved, the first households connected in 2026, and a restructured budget.

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\$42.45 Billion Allocated. Deployment Has Only Begun.

BEAD status across 56 states and territories, NTIA Progress Dashboard,
September 8, 2026

\$42.45B

Total BEAD
Allocation

**May
2026**

First BEAD-funded
household connected (NE)

56 Final Proposals submitted

56 Final Proposals approved by NTIA

55 Approved by NIST

54 Signed award agreements

NTIA reports \$21 billion in BEAD "Benefit of the Bargain" savings

NTIA statement, March 6, 2026. Communities should track how much of the original allocation reaches deployment.

Accelerating Broadband Deployment

- **Protect BEAD funding from rescission** and ensure all \$42.45 billion reaches communities through enforceable deployment commitments and congressional oversight.
- **Streamline NIST cybersecurity compliance** by providing technical assistance to states and creating standardized compliance templates that reduce administrative burden.
- **Establish enforceable deployment milestones** with clear timelines for states to begin construction and connect households, with consequences for non performance.
- **Require quarterly progress reports** from all BEAD subgrantees, with publicly accessible dashboards tracking connections deployed versus funds disbursed.
- **Create an expedited Tribal track** that fast tracks BEAD deployment on Tribal lands, where connectivity gaps are most severe and administrative capacity is most constrained.

How AGI Affinity Can Help

AGI Affinity supports state broadband offices and ISPs with BEAD implementation strategy, from initial proposal development through subgrantee selection and deployment oversight. Our [TSDOH Assessment Matrix](#) ensures infrastructure investments reach the communities with the greatest need, aligning deployment priorities with equity outcomes.

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