

## West Virginia Initial Proposal Volume 2 Public Comment Form

The West Virginia Department of Economic Development, Office of Broadband, (“WVDED”), is pleased to provide the BEAD Initial Proposal Volume 2 for review and comment. Comments will be accepted for 30 days, Friday, October 20, 2023, through Monday, November 20, 2023.

The WVDED is responsible for deploying broadband funds, including \$1.2 billion in federal Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) funding for broadband development in West Virginia. BEAD is administered by the National Telecommunication and Information Administration (NTIA). This historic investment in broadband infrastructure and related digital inclusion efforts will support West Virginia’s vision to, “Achieve universal broadband coverage and digital equity throughout the State through aggressive broadband deployment goals and a commitment to closing the digital divide through robust equity and inclusion initiatives.”

The BEAD application requires several steps: a Five-Year Action Plan, Initial Proposal Volume I, this Initial Proposal Volume 2, followed by a Final Proposal. The BEAD Program also requires states to coordinate efforts with Digital Equity planning, workforce development, and capacity building.

West Virginia’s Initial Proposal Volume 2 meets BEAD program requirements related to local coordination, subgrantee selection for deployment and non-deployment, implementation activities, labor standards, workforce readiness, provisions for minority and women owned businesses, cost and barrier reduction, climate assessment, low-cost broadband service, regulatory issues, middle class affordability, and other requirements of the NTIA BEAD program.

Required Information	
County of Residence	
Zip Code	
Optional Information	
Name	
Email Address	
Organizational Affiliation (If any)	
Title	

Comments on West Virginia Initial Proposal Volume 2.

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**Thank you for your interest in the BEAD Initial Proposal Volume 2. Please return this form to your Regional Planning and Development Council Office by November 20, 2023, or mail with a postmark on or before November 20, 2023, to:**

**West Virginia Department of Economic Development, Office of Broadband  
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East  
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Charleston, West Virginia 25305**

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