



## BROADBAND, EQUITY ACCESS AND DEPLOYMENT (BEAD) Fact Sheet

The BEAD program is a federal initiative to expand high-speed internet access across the United States. \$1.48B in BEAD funds was awarded to the Commonwealth of Virginia. Virginia has undertaken an efficient and strategic process to build broadband infrastructure projects that target unserved and underserved communities across the Commonwealth. Our approach supports the shared goal of universal broadband access now and for decades to come.

### Virginia will have high-speed broadband coverage throughout the State



**100%**

Broadband coverage  
for Virginia

**99%**

Localities with new  
broadband projects

**100/20**<sub>Mbps</sub>

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### The BEAD Program will produce outcomes that benefit all



**133K** locations previously without broadband service will now have broadband availability in the next 4 years



**\$545M** investment in broadband infrastructure subgrants



**More than \$250M** in Federal Funds saved during the most recent application process for BEAD projects



**Diverse Mix of Technology** that leveraged fiber, cable, fixed wireless, and low Earth orbit satellite systems to best serve Virginians

### Next Steps

September 2025



Late 2025 - Early 2026



2026 - 2029



2030



Submission  
of plans to  
Federal  
Entity

Federal approval,  
contract  
negotiations,  
permitting

Construction of  
broadband  
infrastructure

Period of  
Performance  
complete

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