

Timeline of BEAD execution in Guam since Fall 2023



Initial Planning & Proposal Submission

Summer 2023

- **June 2023** – National Broadband Map (BDC) Released
- **June 27, 2023** – NTIA allocates \$155M to Guam for BEAD program
- **July 2023** – BEAD Initial Proposal Drafting Begins
 - Broadband assessments conducted
 - Unserved/underserved areas identified
- **August 2023** – Proposal Drafting Continues
- **August 22, 2023** – Guam Secures \$383K for Connectivity Outreach

Public Posting & Stakeholder Engagement

Fall 2023

- Community outreach and public engagement began.
- Meetings with key stakeholders (ISPs, govt agencies, municipalities, nonprofits) on broadband gaps.
- Established criteria for Community Anchor Institutions (CAIs).
- **November 2023** – BEAD Initial Proposal Vol. 1 Public Comment Period

Initial Proposal Submission & NTIA Review

December 2023

- Guam submitted the BEAD Initial Proposal to NTIA for approval.
- NTIA began reviewing the proposal.
- Initial classifications of broadband serviceable locations (BSLs) established.

Milestones & Stakeholder Engagement

January 2024

- **January – March 2024** – Stakeholder Engagement & Planning
- **January 19 – 25** – Attended Pacific Telecommunications Conference (PTC) in Honolulu to discuss BEAD implementation.
- **January 30** – Inalåhan Town Hall
- **January 31** – Talo'fo'fo' Town Hall



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Conferences & Community Outreach

February 2024

- **February 8** – Humåtak Town Hall
- **February 13 – 16** – Participated in SBLN/Net Inclusion Conferences in Philadelphia, focusing on digital inclusion.
- **February 26** – Yona Town Hall
- **February 29** – Asan Maina Town Hall

Public Engagement, Digital Equity Planning & BEAD Approvals

Spring 2024

- **March 1** – Public Engagement, Digital Equity Planning & BEAD Approvals & Virtual Town Hall
- **March 12 – April 1** – Piti, Tamuning, Malesso', and Sânta Rita-Sumai Town Hall
- **April 17** – Final BEAD Initial Proposal Volume 1 Approved
- **April 22** – Distributed Final BEAD Initial Proposal Volume 1 to Carriers
- **April 23** – Public Release of Final BEAD Initial Proposal Volume 1
- **May 15** – BEAD Mapping Meetings with GTA and Docomo to finalize service areas
- **May 26** – BEAD Map Review with PDS

Finalizing BEAD Proposals & Advancing Digital Equity

Summer 2024

- **June 24** – Press Release: Approval of the Guam Digital Equity Plan
- **August 19** – Final BEAD Initial Proposal Volume 2 Approved
- **August 20 – 30** – Meetings with Mayor's Offices (Talo'fo'fo', Barrigada, Hagåtña) to discuss digital equity needs
- **August 23** – BEAD Initial Proposal Volume II Final Released
- **August 29** – Initial Proposal Funding Request Approved



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BEAD Challenge Process

Fall 2024

Rebuttals, Grant Awards & Infrastructure Planning

December 2024

BEAD Challenge Process, Public Engagement, & Workforce Development MOU

Early 2025

- **November 5** – Open Office Hours with the Guam Broadband Office (GBO) for stakeholders
- **November 6 – 22, 2024** – Initial Challenge Submission Window
 - Eligible challengers (local governments, ISPs, nonprofits) submit disputes about broadband coverage
 - Social Media Ads (Facebook & Instagram) promoting the challenge process
- **November 14** – Radio Appearance discussing broadband challenges
- **November 23 – 29** – Broadband office processes and validates initial challenge submissions

- **November 30 – December 13** – Rebuttal Submission Window
 - ISPs and other stakeholders submit evidence to dispute challenges
- **December 14, 2024 – January 11, 2025** – Final Determination Period
 - Broadband office reviews and adjudicates challenges.
 - Updated broadband coverage maps prepared.
- **December 18** – Guam awarded \$2.1M by the Digital Equity Capacity Grant
 - GMHA's Network Connectivity Assessment to enhance telehealth infrastructure and digital inclusion.
 - Online privacy and cybersecurity outreach campaign
 - Digital devices and connectivity program with mayors offices
- **December 19, 2024 – January 2, 2025** – New Rebuttal Submission Window
 - Second round of rebuttals for unresolved disputes.

- **January 3 – January 16, 2025** – New Final Determination Period
 - Final adjudication of all challenges.
- **January 19** – Guam awarded \$2.5M by the Digital Equity Competitive Grant to expand digital inclusion and accessibility.
 - Website Accessibility Upgrades – Improved access, multilingual support, and streamlined services for DRT & DMV.
- **January 21** – Press Release: Conclusion of BEAD Challenge Process.
- **January 22** – Social Media Announcement of Challenge Process Conclusion.
- **January 23** – Meeting with New Mayors on BEAD & Digital Equity Initiatives.
- **February 14** – Workforce Development MOU signed

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Final Proposal & NTIA Review

Spring/Summer
2025

- **March 17** – RFP proposal deadline; Pre-Qualification document released; 30-day application window begins
- **March 18 – May 17** – 60-day Public Notice for Final Classifications (maps/project areas)
- **March 24** – Live webinar on prequalification, eligibility, and Q&A
- **March 28** – Follow-up recorded Q&A video
- **April 16 – May 17** – Subgrantee Application window opens (30 Days)
- **April 29** – Webinar for subgrant RFP
- **May 20 – 24** – Application scoring and selection process
- **June 2 – 7** – Meetings with top-ranked offerors, notification of alternates
- **June 8** – Notices of Award issued (Notices to Proceed issued post-NTIA approval)
- **June 31 – August 1** – Final proposal integration with all documents and plans
- **August 29** – Final BEAD Proposal submitted to NTIA for review and approval