



## **Purpose of this Resource**

The purpose of the BEAD and Digital Equity Pacing Guide is to help Eligible Entities **map out all their required local coordination milestones** for both programs. Both programs have multiple milestones throughout their timelines, so it is imperative that Eligible Entities **plan out their milestones and see which tasks apply to both programs to save time and effort**. Additionally, Eligible Entities should use this pacing guide to ensure they are **reaching out to all the appropriate stakeholders** for both BEAD and Digital Equity.



As stated in both the BEAD and State Digital Equity Planning Grant NOFOs, at a minimum, **States and territories should establish formal and direct communications** and collaboration pathways between the teams that remain in place throughout the entire planning process. This will be particularly important to **reduce the burden and confusion on community stakeholders** when fulfilling the local coordination, outreach, and stakeholder engagement requirements of both programs.

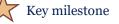
This is intended to be a resource to help states plan their local coordination over the course of the planning process. States may adopt other timelines and processes, so long as those processes conform to the NOFO requirements for both programs.

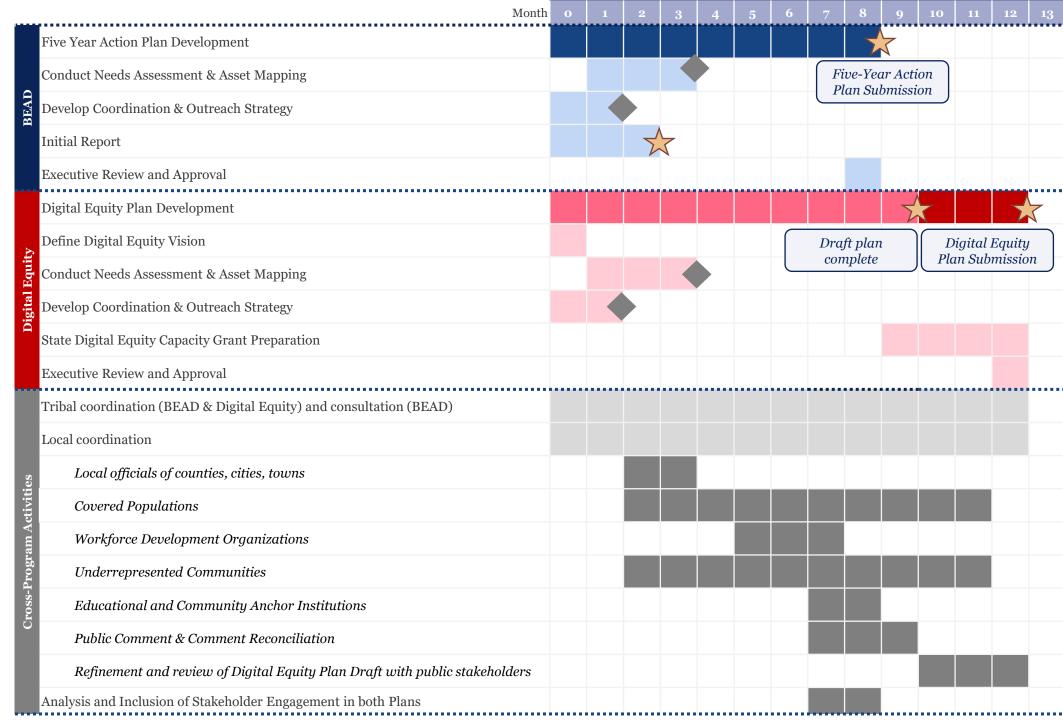
## BEAD & State Digital Equity Planning Grant Sample Timeline

This is one example of a timeline that States could follow in conducting local coordination.



Point of coordination and consolidation between BEAD and Digital Equity Plans





## BEAD & State Digital Equity Planning Grant Template Timeline

This is a blank timeline with key milestones for customization and planning

Legend

Key milestone

	Month	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Five Year Action Plan Development											7				
Conduct Needs Assessment & Asset Mapping										Five-Year Action Plan Submission					
Develop Coordination & Outreach Strategy										iun bu	0111331				
Initial Report				Z	7										
Executive Review and Approval															
Digital Equity Plan Development											$\checkmark$			$\rightarrow$	7
Define Digital Equity Vision										aft plar			Digital		
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State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Preparation															
Executive Review and Approval															
Tribal coordination (BEAD & Digital Equity) and consultation (BEAD)															
Local coordination															
23 Local officials of counties, cities, towns															
Covered Populations         Workforce Development Organizations         Underrepresented Communities															
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Underrepresented Communities															
Educational and Community Anchor Institutions															
Public Comment & Comment Reconciliation															
Refinement and review of Digital Equity Plan Draft with public stakehol	ders														
Analysis and Inclusion of Stakeholder Engagement in both Plans															