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# **BEAD Deployment Subgrantee Selection**

*Guidance on the Notification  
of Provisional Selections*

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*Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment  
(BEAD) Program*

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# Notification of Provisional Selections

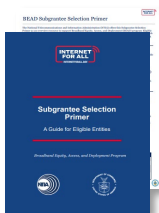
Eligible Entities must satisfy the following requirements **before publicly disclosing provisional BEAD subgrantee selections.**

The BEAD NOFO outlines that “Each Eligible Entity must establish **fair, open, and competitive processes for selecting subgrantees**...In establishing a fair, open, equitable, and competitive selection process, each Eligible Entity must ensure that **adequate safeguards are in place to protect the integrity of the competition**, including safeguards against collusion, bias, conflicts of interest, arbitrary decisions, and other factors that could undermine confidence in the process.”  
 [1]



In keeping with these NOFO requirements, applicants that the EE selects to receive a BEAD subgrant during the subgrantee selection process are **preliminarily selected subgrantees and** only become **provisionally selected subgrantees** when the EE publicly announces provisionally selected subgrantees, which can be done immediately upon written confirmation from NTIA that the SAC meeting was successfully completed. The SAC meeting is a required meeting between EE and NTIA to review deployment subgrantee selection outcomes. Provisionally selected subgrantees become final upon NTIA approval of the Final Proposal.

## Subgrantee Selection Resources



[\*\*Subgrantee Selection Primer\*\*](#)



[\*\*Tailoring the Application of the Uniform Guidance to the BEAD Program\*\*](#)



[\*\*Fixed Amount Subaward Overview\*\*](#)

[1] BEAD NOFO, page 35

# Notification of Provisional Selections

Eligible Entities **may not publicly disclose provisional selections until** receipt of written confirmation from NTIA that the SAC meeting was successfully completed.

## Unallowable Activities per the BEAD NOFO and BEAD IPFR SAC



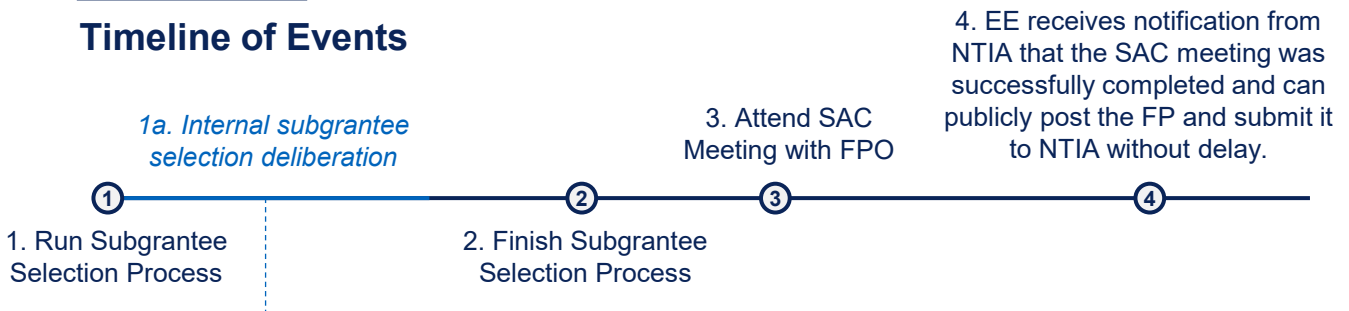
- ❌ Eligible Entities cannot publicly announce preliminary subgrantees between rounds of subgrantee selection. Preliminary subgrantees become provisional subgrantees when the EE publicly announces provisionally selected subgrantees.
- ❌ Eligible Entities may not publicly disclose provisional subgrantees until receipt of written confirmation from NTIA that the SAC meeting was successfully completed. This meeting will only happen after subgrantees have been selected for all locations the EE plans to serve with BEAD. Subgrantees are considered provisional until approved by NTIA through the Final Proposal.

## Allowable Activities per the BEAD NOFO and BEAD IPFR SAC



- ✅ Eligible Entities may disclose directly to applicants (both successful and unsuccessful) if their applications were preliminarily selected.
- ✅ EEs utilizing multiple grant rounds or other strategies for locations that did not receive an application may consider disclosing preliminary selections to all applicants as the results may have implications on future applications.

## Timeline of Events



*Between Steps 1-2, this can include multiple rounds of applications, scoring, and negotiations.*