



What's Next after Final Proposal Approval?

This document is intended solely to assist recipients in better understanding the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program and the requirements set forth in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#), as modified by the [BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice \(RPN\)](#). This document does not and is not intended to supersede, modify, or otherwise alter applicable statutory or regulatory requirements, the terms and conditions of the award, or the specific application requirements set forth in the NOFO not modified by the RPN. In all cases, statutory and regulatory mandates, the terms and conditions of the award, and follow-on policies and guidance, shall prevail over any inconsistencies contained in this document.



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After Final Proposal approval, Eligible Entities (EEs) should prioritize signing subgrantee agreements and preparing for NEPA and permitting processes. To advance these goals, EEs should complete the following activities.

ACTIVITIES TO PRIORITIZE



In the next 6 months after FP approval, activities that Eligible Entities should prioritize include, *but are not limited to*, the following:

- ☐ **Sign and return the Notice of Award (NOA) Amendment** to NIST and receive confirmation from NIST before starting activities
- ☐ **Review** [2 CFR 200](#), the [BEAD NOFO](#), the [BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice](#), the BEAD GT&Cs, the [Subgrantee Obligations](#) resource, the [Performance Measures Policy Notice](#) and applicable Final Proposal SACs¹ to understand all requirements and **update draft subgrantee agreements** accordingly
- ☐ **NEPA/Permitting**
 - ☐ **Onboard or prepare** NEPA Specialist(s) to use the [ESAPTT User Guide](#) to initiate the NTIA-mandated ESAPTT environmental screening component
 - ☐ **Notify FPO** of the decision to use/ not use the optional ESAPTT permitting tracking tool
 - ☐ **Review** the [Smart Start II templates](#) for subgrantee environmental SACs
 - ☐ **Review** the [Dividing BEAD Subgrant Awards into Multiple NEPA Project Areas resource](#) and **notify NTIA** of subgrant awards with multiple NEPA projects
 - ☐ **Refer** to additional existing NTIA resources on NEPA and permitting to prepare for upcoming activities²
- ☐ **Submit** outstanding [Tribal Resolutions of Consent](#) within 6 months of the NOA Amendment issuance
- ☐ **Ensure** subgrantees obtain Letters of Credit or Performance Bonds compliant with the [Letter of Credit Waiver](#) and [Letter of Credit Waiver Update](#)
- ☐ **Finalize subgrantee monitoring plans** to allow for the timely collection of data for Semi-Annual Report (SAR) submissions
- ☐ **Sign final subgrantee agreements and signed certifications** within 6 months of the issuance of the NOA Amendment³ and submit signed certifications within 6 months and 30 days of the NOA Amendment issuance

NOTE: Eligible Entities will submit SARs to NTIA on Jan. 30 and July 30 which may fall within the 6-month period following FP approval.

¹ This list is not exhaustive and may not reflect every consideration impacting subgrantee agreement creation. Eligible Entities are required to ensure that both they and their subgrantees comply with federal and programmatic requirements, per 2 CFR 200.332.

² Resources may include the [Roadmap for Streamlined Environmental Review & Permitting](#); the [BEAD Guidance on NEPA and NHPA for LEO Satellite Service](#); the [Smart Start Guide to BEAD NEPA Compliance](#); and other existing NTIA resources on [BBUSA](#).

³ For example, if an Eligible Entity's NOA Amendment is issued on December 1, 2025, its deadline would be June 1, 2026.