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Counties, Tribes, and Regional Economic Development Organizations

Re: BEAD Local Planning Grants

5-BP-2023

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin is pleased to announce 77 entities have opted into the Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) Local Planning Grant Program. This includes all 72 Wisconsin counties and five Tribes, with 48 of these entities collaborating through one of six participating Regional Economic Development Organizations (REDOs). This robust participation is a demonstration of the importance of broadband planning and the need for affordable, reliable high-speed internet for all Wisconsinites.

It is a federal requirement that Wisconsin's Five-Year Action Plan for broadband deployment be informed by local and Tribal leaders. The BEAD Local Planning Grant Program will support locally informed analysis of broadband needs that will provide important information for the Five-Year Action Plan. Local and Tribal leaders have the knowledge and vision that are essential to Wisconsin's broadband planning.

BEAD Local Planning Grants provide funds to support local broadband planning efforts and build local capacity that will be needed throughout the BEAD planning and initial implementation period. Funds will support planning activities that include but are not limited to outreach initiatives, conducting local needs assessments, and developing local plans for broadband development.

Funding allocations for the BEAD Local Planning Grant program were established through the Commission's Order of February 1, 2023, in docket 5-BP-2023. ([PSC REF#: 458495.](#)) The Commission determined that total program funding of \$1.5 million is to be divided equally among all participants who opt into the program, with a 10 percent increase for those participating through a regional entity. Attached to this letter is the final allocation for each eligible entity that opted into the grant program and designated point of contact for each entity.

In order to access the grant funds, recipients must submit a simple grant application for their funding through the [PSC's online Grants System](#), and thereafter execute a grant agreement with the Commission. Grant application instructions with steps to prepare the application within the PSC Grants System and additional guidance on allowable costs and activities will be forthcoming. Upon the successful completion of the grant application, Commission staff will reach out with a grant agreement for signature. For entities collaborating within a region, REDOs

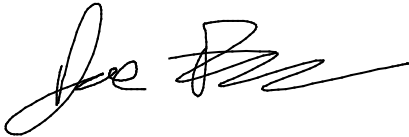
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will submit the application, execute the grant agreement, and receive the funds. Grants will be administered on a reimbursement basis.

Commission staff are on hand to provide technical assistance throughout this process. If you require assistance, please contact us at PSCStateBroadbandOffice@wisconsin.gov.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support of the Wisconsin Broadband Office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Fontaine", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joe Fontaine
Administrator
Division of Digital Access, Consumer and Environmental Affairs

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Attachment: BEAD Local Planning Grant Recipients Listing

BEAD Local Planning Grant Recipients

Formula:					
Independent Award = 1,500,000/((0.1*(Regional Collaborator Count))+(Total Participants))					
Collaborator Award=1.1*Independent Award					
Funding Available: \$1,500,000					
Participating Entities: 77					
Independent Award = \$18,337.40					
Independent Participants: 29					
Collaborator Award = \$20,171.15					
Regional Collaborators: 48					
Participating Regions	Award	Contact Name	Contact Title/Position	Contact Email	Contact Phone
<u>Centergy</u>	<u>\$100,855.75</u>	<u>Angel Whitehead</u>	<u>Executive Director</u>	<u>president@centergy.net</u>	<u>715-849-5510</u> <u>ext 307</u>
Adams County		Kyle Patterson	Finance Director	kyle.patterson@co.adams.wi.us	608-339-4201
Lincoln County		Ken Wickham	Lincoln County Broadband Committee Chair	ken.wickham@co.lincoln.wi.us	715-360-0912
Marathon County		Gerard Klein	Director, CCITC	Gerard.Klein@co.marathon.wi.us	715-261-6707
Portage County		Jeff Hartman; Jeremy Solin	GIS/LIS Coordinator; Area 7 Extension Director	HartmanJ@co.portage.wi.gov; Jeremy.Solin@wisc.edu	715-346-1221; 715-498-7051
Wood County		Jason R. Grueneberg	Planning + Zoning Director	jason.grueneberg@woodcountywi.gov	715-421-8478
<u>Madison Region Economic Partnership</u>	<u>\$100,855.75</u>	<u>Gene Dahlhoff</u>	<u>Vice President - Talent and Education</u>	<u>gdalhoff@madisonregion.org</u>	<u>608-571-0403</u>
Columbia County		Chris Polzer	Columbia County Board Chair	christopher.polzer@columbiacountywi.gov	608-697-1085
Dane County		Alexandra Andros	Senior Planner	andros@countyofdane.com	608-261-9780 (o), or 608-720-0168 (c)
Dodge County		Cameron Clapper	County Administrator	cclapper@co.dodge.wi.us	920-386-4251
Jefferson County		Ben Wehmeier	County Administrator	benjaminw@jeffersoncountywi.gov	920-674-7101
Sauk County		Melanie Platt-Gibson	Sauk County Development Director	melanie.plattgibson@saukcountywi.gov	608-355-4840

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<u>Milwaukee 7</u>	<u>\$141,198.05</u>	<u>Jim Zehner</u>	<u>Director, Economic Development Programs</u>	<u>jehner@mke7.com</u>	<u>414-287-4134</u>
Kenosha County		Shawn Smith	County Executive	samantha.kerkman@kenoshacounty.org	262-653-2600
Milwaukee County		Lynn Fyhrlund	Chief Information Officer	lynn.fyhrlund@milwaukeecountywi.gov	414-278-3941
Ozaukee County		Jason Dzwinel	County Administrator	jdzwinel@ozaukeecounty.gov	262-238-8202
Racine County		Travis Richardson	Director of Data & Performance Analytics	Travis.Richardson@racinecounty.com	262-636-3721
Walworth County		Mark W. Luberda	County Administrator	mluberda@co.walworth.wi.us	262-741-4357 262-215-8586(cell)
Washington County		Scott M. Schmidt	Chief Public Work Officer	scott.schmidt@washcowisco.gov	262-355-6881
Waukesha County		Dale R. Shaver	Parks and Land Use Director	dshaver@waukeshacounty.gov	262-896-8310
<u>The New North</u>	<u>\$302,567.25</u>	<u>Barbara Koldos</u>	<u>Vice President, Business Development</u>	<u>barbara.koldos@thenewnorth.com</u>	<u>920-336-3860</u>
Brown County		August Neverman	Broadband & BCCAN Director	august.neverman@browncountywi.gov	920-448-7860
Calumet County		Jason Pausma	Economic Development Director	jason.pausma@calumetcounty.org	920-849-1680
Door County		Jessica Hatch	Broadband Coordinator	jhatch@co.door.wi.us	920-746-2289
Florence County		Eric Printz	Director of Economic Development	eprintz@florencecountywi.gov	715-528-3294
Fond du Lac County		Erin Gerred	Director of Administration	ERIN.GERRED@FDLCO.WI.GOV	920-929-3156
Kewaunee County		Scott Feldt	County Administrator	feldt.scott@kewauneeco.org	920-388-7111
Manitowoc County		Barbara Koldos	Vice President, Business Development	barbara.koldos@thenewnorth.com	920-544-7626
Marinette County		John Lefebvre	County Administrator	John.Lefebvre@marinettecountywi.gov	715-732-7416
Marquette County		Keri Solis	Economic Development Coordinator	KSOLIS@co.marquette.wi.us	608-297-1000
Menominee County		Jeremy C. Weso	Administrative Coordinator	jweso@co.menominee.wi.us	715-853-1366

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Oconto County		Melissa Schwaller	Technology Service Director	melissa.schwaller@co.oconto.wi.us	920-834-6870
Outagamie County		Sadie DiNatale Burda	Interim Director/Principal Planner	sadie.dinataleburda@outagamie.org	920-832-7821
Shawano County		Matt Hietpas	Technology Service Director	matt.hietpas@shawanocountywi.gov	715-526-4645
Sheboygan County		Christopher S. Lewinski	Director of Information Technology	chris.lewinski@sheboygancounty.com	920-459-0335
Waushara County		Barry West	IT Director	barry.west@co.waushara.wi.us	920-787-6586
Prosperity Southwest	\$121,026.90	Troy Maggied	Executive Director	t.maggied@swwrpc.org	608-342-1636
Crawford County		Dale Klemme	Crawford County Broadband Committee Coordinator	dklemme@developmentplanning.net	608-326-7333
Grant County		Shane Drinkwater	Information Technology Director	sdrinkwater@co.grant.wi.gov	608-723-1668
Green County		Ryan Camron	Director, Information Technology	rcamron@greencountywi.org	608-328-9348
Iowa County		Troy Maggied	Executive Director	t.maggied@swwrpc.org	608-342-1636
Lafayette County		Abby Haas	Economic Development Director	abby.haas@lafayettecountywi.org	608-776-4860
Richland County		Clinton Langreck	County Administrator-Richland County	clinton.langreck@co.richland.wi.us	608-475-0009
Visions Northwest	\$201,711.50	Sheldon Johnson	Executive Director	sjohnson@nwrpc.com	715-635-2197
Ashland County		Dan Grady	County Administrator	dan.grady@co.ashland.wi.us	715-682-7015
Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa		Brian Mayotte	Superior Connections Manager	b.mayotte@badriver-nsn.gov	715-685-7858
Bayfield County		Mark Abeles-Allison	County Administrator	mark.abeles-allison@bayfieldcounty.wi.gov	715-373-6181
Burnett County		Richard F. Hartmann	Burnett County Economic Development Director	dhartmann@burnettcounty.org	715-349-2979(O) 715-566-0021(M)

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Douglas County		Ann Doucette	Administrator	ann.doucette@douglascountywi.org	715-395-1335
Iron County		Kelly Klein	Iron Co Development	Kelly@ironcountywi.com	715-561-2922
Price County		Nicholas Trimner	County Administrator	nick.trimner@co.price.wi.us	715-339-5138
Rusk County		Ashley Heath	Administrative Coordinator	aheath@ruskcountywi.us	715-532-2257
Sawyer County		Andy Albarado	Sawyer County Administrator	andy.albarado@sawyercountygov.org	715-638-3245
Washburn County		Tom Boron	IT Director-Washburn County	tboron@co.washburn.wi.us	715-468-4665
Independent Participants	Award	Contact Name	Contact Title/Position	Contact Email	Contact Phone
Barron County	\$18,337.40	David Armstrong	Director, Economic Development	bcedc@barron.wi.us	715-637-6871
Buffalo County	\$18,337.40	Lee Engfer	Administrative Coordinator	Lee.engfer@buffalocountywi.gov	608-685-6235
Chippewa County	\$18,337.40	Randy Scholz	County Administrator	rscholz@co.chippewa.wi.us	715-726-7981
Clark County	\$18,337.40	Mitchell Weber	Director of IT Services	mitchell.weber@co.clark.wi.us	715-743-8677
Dunn County	\$18,337.40	Dan Dunbar	CIO	ddunbar@co.dunn.wi.us	715-231-6501
Eau Claire County	\$18,337.40	Rodney J. Eslinger	Planning and Development Director	rod.eslinger@eauclairecounty.gov	715-839-1657
Forest County	\$18,337.40	Chris Shafer	Executive Director Chamber/Tourism/FCEDP	chris.visitforestcounty@gmail.com	920-517-4534
Green Lake County	\$18,337.40	Cate Wylie	County Administrator	cwylie@greenlakecountywi.gov	920-294-4147
Ho-Chunk Nation	\$18,337.40	Loa Porter	HCN Division of Planning & Development - Management Analyst	Loa.Porter@ho-chunk.com	715-284-9343 ext. 11280
Jackson County	\$18,337.40	Cindy Altman	County Clerk/Administrative Coordinator	cindy.altman@jacksoncountywi.gov	715-284-0268
Juneau County	\$18,337.40	Lori Chipman	Finance Director	lchipman@co.juneau.wi.us	608-847-9309
La Crosse County	\$18,337.40	Sam Bachmeier	Community Development Specialist	sbachmeier@lacrossecounty.org	608-785-5792

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Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	\$18,337.40	Christina Rencontre	Tribal Resource Development Specialist	crencontre@ldftribe.com	715-588-4414
Langlade County	\$18,337.40	Angela Close	Chair Broadband Commission Executive Director, Langlade County Economic DC	aclose@co.langlade.wi.us	715-623-5123
Monroe County	\$18,337.40	Tina Osterberg	County Administrator	Tina.Osterberg@co.monroe.wi.us	608-269-8944
Oneida County	\$18,337.40	Jeff Verdoorn	Executive Director OCEDC	jeff.verdoorn@OCEDC.org	715-369-9110
Oneida Nation	\$18,337.40	Jason Doxtator	Network Services Manager	jdoxtat1@oneidanation.org	920-496-7379
Pepin County	\$18,337.40	Pamela Hansen	Administrative Coordinator	phansen@co.pepin.wi.us	715-672-8704
Pierce County	\$18,337.40	Jason Matthys	Administrative Coordinator	jmatthys@co.pierce.wi.us	715-273-6851
Polk County	\$18,337.40	Donald W. Wortham	General Government Director	don.wortham@polkcountywi.gov	715-485-8606
Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	\$18,337.40	Evan Cutler	Information Technology Director	evan.cutler@redcliff-nsn.gov	715-779-3700
Rock County	\$18,337.40	Randy Terronez	Assistant to the Administrator	randolph.terronez@co.rock.wi.us	608-757-5543
St. Croix County	\$18,337.40	Ken Witt	County Administrator	ken.witt@sccwi.gov	715-381-4302
Taylor County	\$18,337.40	Michael Bub	Taylor County Broadband Chairperson	Michael.Bub@co.taylor.wi.us	715-765-7748
Trempealeau County	\$18,337.40	Dave Carlson	Economic Development Manager	dave.carison@co.trempealeau.wi.us	715-538-1923
Vernon County	\$18,337.40	Amy Oliver	Grants Officer	amy.oliver@vernoncounty.org	608-637-5379
Vilas County	\$18,337.40	Darcy Smith	Finance Director	dasmit@vilascountywi.gov	715-479-3674
Waupaca County	\$18,337.40	Ryan Brown	Planning and Zoning Director	ryan.brown@co.waupaca.wi.us	715-258-6258
Winnebago County	\$18,337.40	Michael Collard	Director of Administration	mcollard@winnebagocountywi.gov	920-232-3443