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Re: BEAD Location Challenge Results Approved

5-BD-2025

The Commission has received approval from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) for the results of Wisconsin's Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) Program challenge process that was conducted based on the approved Initial Proposal Volume 1 ([PSC REF#: 496853](#)). This letter reflects a final update to the figures provided in the preliminary determination published on August 30, 2024 ([PSC REF#: 515886](#)). NTIA approval of the submitted challenge location data finalizes the broadband serviceable locations (BSLs) that are eligible for BEAD funding in Wisconsin.

Table 1 below provides a summary of eligible BEAD locations. A final list of BSLs that are eligible for BEAD funding have been posted to [docket 5-BCH-2024](#) (*link opens Excel file: [PSC REF#: 524390](#)*). A final list of challenges is also available in docket 5-BCH-2024 (*link opens Excel file: [PSC REF#: 524389](#)*).

Table 1: Wisconsin BEAD Eligible Locations

<i>BEAD Served Status</i>	<i>Count of WI BEAD Eligible Locations</i>
Unserved (<i>no access to 25/3 Mbps broadband service</i>)	98,836
Underserved (<i>no access to 100/20 Mbps broadband service</i>)	107,879
Total	206,715


The Commission received a total of 518 Community Anchor Institution (CAI) Challenges – 364 of these CAI challenges were accepted and 154 CAI challenges were not accepted. A final list of CAIs have been posted to docket 5-BCH-2024 (*link opens Excel file: [PSC REF#: 524392](#)*) as well as a final list of CAI challenges (*link opens Excel file: [PSC REF#: 524391](#)*).

The approved BEAD-eligible BSLs and CAIs will be the locations in the state of Wisconsin that are eligible for BEAD funding. These BSLs will be grouped into project units to facilitate the BEAD subgrantee selection process for eligible entities with an approved Letter of Intent.

For further details on the BEAD subgrantee selection process please visit the Commissions [BEAD Grant Program webpage](#). See [docket 5-BD-2025](#) for all BEAD sub-granting documentation and communication.

For questions regarding the BEAD program, email: PSCBEADGrants@wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,

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

Joe Fontaine
Administrator
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