

Public Service Commission of Wisconsin

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Re: BEAD Round One Sub-Granting Summary

5-BD-2025

On Monday January 13, 2025, the Commission began accepting applications for the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program for projects deploying qualifying broadband. Prior to the opening of the grant round, the Commission received and reviewed BEAD Letter of Intent materials and approved 30 entities to participate in the BEAD sub-granting process (PSC REF#: 528689). On Tuesday February 25, 2025, Wisconsin's BEAD Round One closed at 4:59 p.m. C.T.

Table 1 below provides a summary of the applications submitted in Round One.

Table 1 BEAD Round One Sub-Granting Summary

Number of Applications Submitted	425
Total BEAD Funds Requested	\$2,978,629,527
Percentage of eligible locations included in submitted applications	95%
Number of eligible locations included in submitted applications	188,926 of 199,067 eligible locations

In accordance with the process detailed in the State of Wisconsin's approved Initial Proposal Volume 2, (PSC REF#: 510389) Commission staff will review and score submitted Round One applications over the coming weeks and announce the forthcoming opening of the BEAD Grant Round 2 via a letter posted in this docket. Following the completion of all three BEAD subgranting rounds, the preliminary awards will be included within Wisconsin's draft Final Proposal which will be published for public comment prior to Commission review at an open meeting.

Further details on the BEAD sub-grantee selection process can be found on the Commission's BEAD Grant Program webpage and in the docket 5-BD-2025. For questions regarding the BEAD sub-granting process or other questions regarding the BEAD program, email: PSCBEADGrants@wisconsin.gov.

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