



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
The Assistant Secretary for Communications
and Information
Washington, D.C. 20230

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Veneeth Iyengar
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Baton Rouge, LA 70802-5243

Re: BEAD Program Notice of Available Amounts

Dear Veneeth Iyengar,

Pursuant to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) administers the \$42.45 billion Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program. I am pleased to provide you, by this letter, notice of the amount of BEAD Program funds available to Louisiana and invite you to submit an Initial Proposal and Final Proposal for a BEAD Program grant.¹

NTIA has calculated the available amounts as required by Section 60102(c) of the Infrastructure Act, utilizing data published to the Federal Communications Commission's National Broadband Map on June 26, 2023.² A description of how NTIA determined Louisiana's allocation is set forth in the attachment to this letter.

The Total Allocation for Louisiana is \$1,355,554,552.94.

I invite Louisiana to submit an Initial Proposal and Final Proposal in accordance with Sections 60102(e)(3) and (e)(4) of the IIJA and Sections IV.B.5 and IV.B.9 of the BEAD Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) through the BEAD application portal at <https://grants.ntia.gov/>. Initial proposals are due no later than December 27, 2023. Questions about the Total Allocation, the Initial Proposal, or the Final Proposal should be directed to your Federal Program Officer, Alex Johnson, at ajohnson@ntia.gov.

Thank you for your partnership in this once-in-a-generation investment to connect everyone in America to affordable, reliable, high-speed Internet service.

Alan Davidson
Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information

¹ Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021, Division F, Title I, Section 60102(e)(2), Public Law 117-58, 135 Stat. 429 (November 15, 2021) (Infrastructure Act or IIJA).

² *Id.* § 60102(c). The National Broadband Map is the name the Commission currently applies to the maps created under section 802(c)(1) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 642(c)(1)), referred to in the IIJA as the "Broadband DATA Maps." *See id.* § 60102(a)(2)(C).