

Notice of Fund Availability

New Jersey Board of Public Utilities

Availability of Grant

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“BPU” or “Board”), located at 44 South Clinton Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, announces a funding opportunity under the federal Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (“BEAD”) Program.

Name of Program: The New Jersey Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (“New Jersey’s BEAD program”).

Purpose:

The BEAD program, passed pursuant to Section 60102 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Public Law 117-58, 135 Stat. 429, aims to lay critical groundwork for widespread access, affordability, equity, and adoption of broadband, create good-paying jobs; grow economic opportunities, including for local workers; provide increased access to healthcare services; enrich educational experiences of students; close long-standing equity gaps; and improve the overall quality of life across America.

On June 26, 2023, the Biden Administration announced that New Jersey was allocated \$263,689,548.65 of the BEAD Program’s available funding. The Board’s Office of Broadband Connectivity (“OBC”) has been awarded \$263,689,548.65 in BEAD funding from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (“NTIA”) for BEAD-funded projects. OBC intends to distribute up to \$231.2 million for broadband deployment projects, with the remaining funds being reserved for non-deployment initiatives (\$27.5 million) and internal grant administration (\$5 million, or up to 2% of New Jersey’s allocation as permitted by NTIA’s BEAD Notice of Funding Opportunity (“NOFO”)).¹

Overview

BEAD is authorized by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021, Division F, Title I, Section 60102, Public Law 117-58, 135 Stat. 429 (November 15, 2021), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

OBC has been allocated approximately \$263.7 million in federal funding from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration for BEAD-funded projects. OBC plans to distribute up to \$231.2 million for broadband deployment projects, with the remaining

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funds reserved for non-deployment initiatives (\$27.5 million) and internal grant administration (\$5 million, or up to 2% of New Jersey's allocation, as permitted in NTIA's BEAD NOFO).²

This Notice of Fund Availability (NOFA) announces \$231.2 million available for broadband deployment projects through a competitive application process. The application and subgrant³ award process will align with the information contained herein, which reflect New Jersey's Initial Proposal (approved by NTIA on August 23, 2024) and NTIA's BEAD NOFO. For information on how OBC intends to award and disburse funding for non-deployment, please see the Initial Proposal (Volume 2, Section 2.5: Non-Deployment Subgrantee Selection).

Applications for New Jersey's BEAD program must be submitted to the OBC by 5:00PM Eastern Time on June 19, 2025, unless a deadline extension is issued. If granted, extensions will be provided for all applicants. This NOFA provides an overview of the application process. Subsequent guidance will be made available on the OBC's website to support applicants in preparing a comprehensive application for evaluation (e.g., intake forms, application instructions/walkthroughs).

Program Goals for New Jersey's BEAD program:

The goal for New Jersey's BEAD program is to connect every unserved and underserved location in New Jersey to high-speed internet, as defined in NTIA's BEAD NOFO and New Jersey's Initial Proposal (Volume 2, Section 1.4: Challenge Process). New Jersey has put forth specific goals for broadband deployment in the Five-Year Action Plan (Section 2.2: Goals and Objectives)⁴ and Initial Proposal Volume 2 (Section 2.1: Long-Term Objectives).⁵ Please refer to these documents for additional information regarding programmatic goals.

OBC aims to incentivize a cost-efficient grant program that serves all unserved and available for other BEAD-eligible uses, such as connecting community anchor institutions ("CAIs") and increasing digital skills. This strategy seeks to complement the last-mile infrastructure investments enabled by BEAD funding, resulting in a comprehensive approach that addresses both immediate and long-term broadband needs.

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³ This NOFA generally uses the terms "subgrantee" and "subgrant" because these are the terms used in the relevant Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) provisions. Applicable regulations governing federal financial assistance generally use the term "subrecipient" to refer to what the Infrastructure Act calls "subgrantees" and the term "subaward" to refer to what the Infrastructure Act calls "subgrants." See generally 2 C.F.R. Part 200. As used herein, the terms "subgrantee" and "subgrant" herein are meant to have the same meaning, respectively, as the terms "subrecipient" and "subaward" in those regulations and other governing authorities.

⁴ New Jersey's BEAD Five-Year Action Plan, <https://www.nj.gov/connect/documents/bead/BEAD-Five-Year%20Action%20Plan.pdf>

⁵ New Jersey's Initial Proposal Volume 2, [https://www.nj.gov/connect/documents/bead/Approved Initial%20Proposal%20v2.pdf](https://www.nj.gov/connect/documents/bead/Approved%20Initial%20Proposal%20v2.pdf).

Broadband goals outlined in New Jersey’s Initial Proposal (Volume 2, Section 2.1: Long-Term Objectives), relevant to broadband deployment, include:

- Developing broadband investment and deployment strategies for unserved and underserved areas, including, as a required part of the BEAD program, the development of a low-cost service option and middle-class affordability plan
- Maximizing enrollment in existing low-cost programs for eligible residents
- Scaling New Jersey’s workforce to meet the potential shortage of skilled workers required to support broadband deployment

Amount of funds available in the program:

A total of \$231.2 million is available for broadband deployment projects through a competitive application process. Any profit, fee, or other incremental charge above actual cost incurred by a grantee is not an allowable cost under New Jersey’s BEAD Program

GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS

Eligible Entities:

As described in New Jersey’s Initial Proposal (Volume 2, Section 2.4: Deployment Subgrantee Process), OBC is committed to fostering a diverse and inclusive applicant pool. Consistent with NTIA’s BEAD NOFO, the following entities are eligible to apply for BEAD deployment funding under this NOFA:⁶

- Co-operatives
- Non-profit organizations
- Public-private partnerships
- Private companies
- Public or private utilities
- Public utility districts
- Local governments

Applicant Prequalification

OBC’s subgrant process will include a prequalification phase, as detailed in the Initial Proposal (Volume 2, Section 2.4: Deployment Subgrantee Process), with a tentative deadline for submission of prequalification materials outlined in the Application Timeline of this NOFA.

All applicants must successfully complete prequalification to advance to the application review phase. Only providers approved in the first application phase are eligible to apply in any subsequent phases

⁶ NTIA BEAD NOFO (May 2022), Section IV.B.7 (“Subgrantee Selection Process”)

Table 1: Prequalification materials required from all applicants

Category	Section in IP Vol. 2	Description
Managerial Capabilities	Section 2.4.12.a	Resumes for all key management personnel in functions related to planning, deployment, and ongoing sustainability and adoption of BEAD-funded infrastructure
	Section 2.4.12.b	Project organizational charts, narrative describing prospective subgrantee's readiness to manage a broadband services network, and narrative describing organization's capacity (if staff has not previously overseen broadband deployment)
Compliance with all applicable federal, state, territorial, and local laws	Section 2.4.14.a	Information about broadband deployment project compliance with federal, state, and local laws in the last 5 years. This includes compliance with legal clauses outlined in New Jersey's Board of Public Utility's grant including state affirmative action legal citations: requirements of N.J.A.C. 17:27, applicable provisions of N.J.S.A 10:14, et al., and P.L. 1975, c.127 and all implementing regulations
		Certification from the Director or equivalent evidencing consistent past compliance
		Written confirmation disclosing violations of labor and employment laws in the last 3 years
		Adherence to all relevant federal, state, and local laws
Worker-led health and safety committees	Section 2.4.14.b	Description of public notice provided to employees to form worker-led health and safety committees, as well as detailed descriptions of any existing committees, terms and conditions, and time provided for committees to meet

		Documentation of reasonable time provided during working hours for the worker-led health and safety committees to meet independently of key management personnel in the workplace
		Key management personnel must respond to a reasonable request to meet with the worker-led health and safety committees within 10 business days of the request
		Certify no retaliation is permitted to the worker-led health and safety committee or its members
Operational Capabilities	Section 2.4.15.a	Years the prospective subgrantees (or partners) have been providing internet service
		Whether the current number of subscribers, including households, businesses, and CAIs in New Jersey is above 5,000 or not
		Current number of national subscribers, including households, businesses, and CAIs
		Record of federally, state, or locally funded deployment projects, along with their funding sources and sizes and completion or non-completion timelines
		Any penalties incurred by the prospective applicant, its subsidiaries, affiliates, or holding companies related to deployment projects
		Number of instances where the prospective applicant has been involved as a defendant in federal or state criminal proceedings or civil litigation
		Whether the prospective subgrantee has ever defaulted or was otherwise unable to complete a federal or state obligation to deploy broadband

		infrastructure as originally envisioned and if so, to provide a summary
Ownership Qualifications	Section 2.4.15.a	Provide ownership in accordance with the seven requirements set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations Title 47 § 1.2112(a)(1)–(7)

Table 2: Prequalification materials required for specific cases

Category	Section in IP Vol. 2	Circumstance for which this material is required	Description
Worker-led health and safety committees	Section 2.4.14.b	If a prospective subgrantee lacks worker-led health and safety committees...	Provide a notice to employees outlining their rights to create such committees and the obligations described above. Pre-qualification applications will request an attachment of the notice as evidence
		If a prospective subgrantee has worker-led health and safety programs...	Describe programs and document past meetings with key management personnel
		If a prospective subgrantee has union contracts...	Disclose terms and conditions in the contract applying to worker-led health and safety committees
Operational Capabilities	Section 2.4.15.b	If a prospective subgrantee has offered voice, broadband, and/or electric transmission or distribution services for a continuous period of at least two years before the date of application submission, or if it is a wholly owned subsidiary of such an entity...	Submit a certification. Certifications should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm these facts and specify the number of years that the prospective subgrantee has been in operation • Confirm these facts and specify the

			<p>number of years that the parent company has been in operation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be signed by an officer of the prospective subgrantee
	Section 2.4.15.c	If the prospective subgrantee has offered voice and/or broadband services...	<p>Certify timely submission of FCC Form 477s. Evidence supporting certification may include bi-annual Submission Acknowledgements by the FCC of Form 477 filing</p>
		For wired, fixed wireless, and satellite providers...	<p>Provide a Broadband Deployment Accuracy and Technological Availability Act submission, as required during this period, in compliance with the FCC's rules and regulations</p>
		Alternatively, if there is a pending or completed enforcement action, civil litigation, or any other matter related to non-compliance or alleged non-compliance with page 75 of the BEAD NOFO... the prospective subgrantee should provide an explanation	<p>Provide an explanation for the matter related to non-compliance or alleged non-compliance</p>
Operational Capabilities (continued)	Section 2.4.15.d	If a prospective subgrantee has exclusively operated an electric transmission or distribution service...	<p>Provide qualified operating or financial reports from the previous two fiscal years that have been filed with financial regulators. Acceptable submissions include those specified by the BEAD NOFO on page 75</p>

			and in the referenced section of the Initial Proposal Volume 2
			Provide certification confirming the accuracy and authenticity of these submissions signed by an officer of the prospective subgrantee (e.g., President, CEO)
			Propose organizational structure separating the electric transmission or distribution service from its broadband operations to prevent any cross-subsidization of electric transmission or distribution operations by broadband operations
	Section 2.4.15.e	If a prospective subgrantee is a new entrant to the broadband market...	<p>Discuss hires of key personnel, including any succession planning in the event key staff leave</p> <p>Describe all contractors and subcontractors with relevant operational experience that are supporting the new entrant in establishing the project</p> <p>Narrative describing key risks and proposed evidence-based mitigation strategies</p>
Public Funding Qualifications	Section 2.4.17.a	If a prospective subgrantee or its affiliates have used or committed to using public	Provide details of every broadband deployment project which uses or will use public funds

		funds for a deployment project ⁷ ...	
		If a prospective subgrantee is managing any state or local universal service or broadband deployment funding program...	Disclose any details about any projects which materially change, including whether new projects are undertaken, after the submission of an application. Prospective subgrantees must submit these disclosures within 5 business days of the change/adjustment.

Application Process

To submit a complete application, applicants must follow the Application Instructions, which were published on the OBC's website on May 27, 2025. These instructions are designed to guide applicants in preparing a comprehensive application for evaluation and include guidance on how to submit application materials during the application phase(s).

OBC will conduct the following activities to support the anticipated subgrant process:

1. Release prequalification materials
2. Open prequalification submission window
3. Publish Application Instructions, including reference prices for all Project Area Building Blocks (PABBs)⁸ determined by OBC to be used as an applicant's project areas
4. Review prequalification materials and inform qualified applicants of eligibility to apply for Phase 1
5. Open Application window for potential applicants to submit bids for OBC-defined PABBs

⁷ Public funds include, but are not limited to, funds provided under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (Public Law 116-127; 134 Stat. 178); Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (Public Law 116-136; 134 Stat. 281); Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116-260; 134 Stat. 1182); American Rescue Plan, 2021 (Public Law 117-2; 135 Stat. 4); and Federal Universal Service high-cost program (including the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund, Connect America Fund, and Enhanced Alternative Connect America Cost Model).

⁸ Potential subgrantees will have the flexibility to design their overall project area proposals by combining a set of PABBs. OBC has defined PABBs as a Census Block Group in the current application. As needed in future application phases, OBC may create larger PABBs or PABBs that do not match Census Block Group (CBG) boundaries to improve the potential of connecting all unserved and underserved BSLs in New Jersey. PABBs will only include every unserved and underserved BSL and CAI within its boundaries (i.e., no served locations) and individual BSLs will be considered unserved service projects and underserved service projects, respectively.

6. Inform provisional subgrantees of award decision in Phase 1 (e.g., uncontested project areas, winners whose applications are “decisively superior”⁹)
7. Open Phase 2 application window for all remaining applicants with adjusted reference prices and PABBs to account for Phase 1 awards
8. Inform provisional subgrantees of award decision in Phase 2

If required, OBC will conduct a deconfliction process to reduce overlap among proposed projects, maximize competition, and broaden coverage areas. Additional information relevant to potential subgrantees is available in New Jersey’s Initial Proposal (Volume 2, Section 2.4: Deployment Subgrantee Process), available on OBC’s website at following link: https://www.nj.gov/connect/documents/bead/Approved_Initial%20Proposal%20v2.pdf.

Application Timeline

As described above, New Jersey’s BEAD deployment program will proceed in likely up to two potential application phases, with the timeline dependent on NTIA’s review of challenge determinations and New Jersey’s subsequent publication of NTIA’s Final Determination of BEAD-eligible broadband serviceable locations and CAIs.

The preliminary timeline for OBC’s subgrant process, which is subject to change, is as follows:¹⁰

Date	Activity
April 14, 2025	OBC releases prequalification materials and opens the submission window for prequalification
May 27, 2025	OBC releases Application Instructions, including reference prices for all Project Area Building Blocks (PABBs) and Phase 1 application window opens
June 13, 2025, 5:00 PM Eastern	Prequalification materials are due from prospective applicants. OBC informs pre-qualified applicants of their eligibility to apply on a rolling basis
June 19, 2025, 5:00 PM Eastern	Phase 1 application window closes
August 8, 2025	OBC awards provisional grants to Phase 1 applicants
August 11, 2025	Phase 2 application window opens with adjusted reference prices for Project Area Building Blocks (PABBs)

⁹ “Decisively superior” applications are those which surpass the score of any other overlapping application by at least 50 points (New Jersey’s Initial Proposal, Volume 2, Section 2.4: Deployment Subgrantee Selection).

¹⁰ NTIA has informed all states that it plans to adopt “a more technology-neutral approach, cut unnecessary red tape, and streamline deployment” in its Notice of Programmatic Waiver published on April 22, 2025, prompting a 90-day extension to account for potential impacts on timelines. New Jersey’s Final Proposal is now due by November 21, 2025. OBC will make any necessary adjustments to program requirements or deadlines to maintain compliance with NTIA guidance.

August 22, 2025, Phase 2 application window closes

5:00 PM Eastern

September 12, 2025 OBC awards provisional grants to Phase 2 applicants

Application Preparation

Applicants may submit multiple grant applications, either individually or in partnership with other eligible applicants. Each application must focus on a distinct project area and include a detailed list of the Project Area Building Blocks (PABBs) that make up the proposed project area. PABBs are the foundational units used to define project areas, and applicants have the flexibility to combine multiple PABBs to design their overall project area proposals.

Applicants will also submit all financial, operational, managerial, and technical qualifications that were not required as a part of the prequalification process. This will include, but is not limited to, detailed proposals on the type of technology they plan to use, their approach to affordability, their plan to uphold fair labor standards, their deployment timeline, their strategy to engage with local governments and communities, and their potential commitment to weather-resilient infrastructure.

Additional information regarding application materials is described in the Initial Proposal (Volume 2, Section 2.4: Deployment Subgrantee Process).

Scoring Criteria

Additionally, the OBC shall award points to eligible applicants, based on the following scoring criteria in the Initial Proposal (Volume 2, Section 2.4: Deployment Subgrantee Process).

Please refer to Initial Proposal for a more detailed breakdown of these criteria and their associated points.

Scoring Criteria	Total Available Points
Primary Criteria - account for 75% of the total scoring points	
Minimization of BEAD outlay: Applicants will be scored based on how much funding is requested relative to the reference price. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requesting equal to or less than the reference price: 5 base points plus additional points based on the percentage of the reference price not requested i.e., $30 * [1 - (100\% - \text{percent of reference price requested})]$. For example, an application requesting 80% of the reference price in BEAD subsidy	35

<p>would receive a total of $5 + (30 * (0.2)) = 11$ points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requesting more than the reference price: Points calculated as $5 * [1 - (\text{percent over the reference price requested})]$, with a maximum of 5 points. For example, an application requesting 140% of the reference price would receive a total of $5 * (1 - 0.4) = 3$ points. 	
<p>Affordability: Applicants will be scored based on affordable service offerings.</p> <p>Fiber applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commitment to providing 1 Gbps service at reference price: 15 points. • Offering lower than reference price: Additional points added based on a percentage of the monthly price requested i.e., $5 * [1 - (\text{percent of monthly reference price requested})]$. <p>Non-fiber applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commitment to provide 100/20 Mbps service at reference price: 15 points. • Offering lower than reference price: Additional points calculated as $5 * [1 - (\text{percent of monthly reference price requested})]$. • No commitment to 100/20 Mbps at or below reference price: No points awarded. 	20
<p>Fair labor practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance with labor laws and a record of outstanding labor practices, including no violations within the last three years: 10 points. • Forward-looking commitment to strong, fair labor practices on all 	20

<p><i>BEAD-related projects and activities:</i> Up to 10 points based on strength and volume of commitment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants who cannot demonstrate past compliance may still receive up to 10 points for overall strength in addressing the factors identified in BEAD NOFO Section IV.C.1.e as it pertains to the applicant's practices and commitments within New Jersey 	
Secondary Criteria – account for 25% of the total scoring points	
<p>Speed of deployment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commitment to complete deployment within 24 months 	1
<p>Climate resiliency: Fiber applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deploying 90%+ buried fiber in only high climate risk counties (Ocean, Atlantic, Cape May, Hudson): 10 points. • Partial deployment or no commitment to buried fiber: Points reduced based on the proportion of high-risk areas. <p>Non-fiber applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hardening 90% of above-ground broadband equipment in high-risk counties: 5 points 	10 for fiber applications, 5 for non-fiber applications
<p>Local government support & community engagement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent community advisory group setup with outreach plans: 6 points. • Demonstrated community outreach and engagement before application submission: Up to 5 points based on breadth and depth. 	14

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Documentation of local government support or proof of engagement attempts: 3 points.</i> 	
<p><i>Speed of network and other technical capabilities – <u>Non-fiber applicants only:</u></i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Minimum speed of 1000/250 Mbps and maximum latency of 100 milliseconds: 4 points</i> • <i>Minimum speed of 400/100 Mbps and maximum latency of 100 milliseconds: 3 points</i> • <i>Minimum speed of 200/50 Mbps and maximum latency of 100 milliseconds: 2 points</i> • <i>Minimum speed of 100/20 Mbps and maximum latency of 100 milliseconds: 1 point</i> • <i>Applicants may receive an additional point if they certify a useful network life of 10+ years</i> 	5

Eligible and Ineligible Costs

Eligible activities include last-mile broadband deployment projects to unserved locations, underserved locations, and CAIs. As described in the Initial Proposal (Volume 2, Section 2.4. Deployment Subgrantee Process), applicants are required to provide a project match at or above the 25% match required by the NTIA BEAD NOFO.

Ineligible costs include those costs that are unallowable under the applicable federal cost principles. Please note that costs ineligible for the BEAD program may not be paid for with matching funds committed to an award (as described in Initial Proposal, Volume 2, Section V.H.2: Ineligible Costs).

Award Notification and Period of Performance:

Successful applicants will be notified that they have received an award of funds under the BEAD program no later than September 26, 2025.

Applicants with existing, enforceable federal funding commitments are ineligible to request BEAD program funding for project areas that are expected to be served with other federal funding sources.

As established in Section 60102(h)(4)(C) of the Infrastructure Act, subgrantees that receive BEAD program funds for network deployment must deploy the planned broadband network and begin providing services to each customer that desires broadband service within the project area not later than four years after the date on which the subgrantee receives the subgrant from New Jersey.¹¹ Funding will be distributed on a reimbursable basis, with disbursements tied to the achievement of service milestones as set forth in the subgrantee agreement. Subgrantees must document progress and meet the specified deployment, service availability, and reporting benchmarks to receive reimbursement for eligible project costs.

Regulations:

OBC will post National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), and Build America, Buy America (BABA) requirements as part of its application guidance. This guidance will require applicants to familiarize themselves with these legal obligations and to include their compliance plans in their application materials. Failure to demonstrate an understanding of, or an intent to comply with, the NEPA, NHPA, or BABA guidelines, or any indication of a violation of these requirements, will result in disqualification from the subgrant process.

As per NTIA's BEAD NOFO Section VII.E.2, a subgrantee shall submit to New Jersey regular reporting, at least quarterly, for the duration of the subgrant to track the effectiveness of the use of funds provided. However, to ensure close monitoring and timely reporting to NTIA, OBC will require all subgrantees to submit quarterly progress reports for each BEAD infrastructure grant. Each report shall describe each type of project and/or other eligible activities carried out using the subgrant and the duration of the subgrant. New Jersey may add additional reporting requirements or increase the frequency of reporting with the approval of the Assistant Secretary and must make all subgrantee reports available to NTIA upon request.

In the case of a broadband infrastructure project, the report must, at minimum:

- Include a list of addresses or location identifications (including the Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric established under 47 U.S.C. 642(b)(1)(B)) that constitute the service locations that will be served by the broadband infrastructure to be constructed and the status of each project
- Identify new locations served within each project area at the relevant reporting intervals, and service taken (if applicable)
- Identify whether each address or location is residential, commercial, or a community anchor institution
- Describe the types of facilities that have been constructed and installed
- Describe the peak and off-peak actual speeds of the broadband service being offered

¹¹ NTIA BEAD NOFO, Section II.B ("Period of Performance").

- Describe the maximum advertised speed of the broadband service being offered
- Describe the non-promotional prices, including any associated fees, charged for different tiers of broadband service being offered
- List all interconnection agreements that were requested, and their current status
- Report the number and amount of contracts and subcontracts awarded by the subgrantee disaggregated by recipients of each such contract or subcontracts that are MBEs or WBEs
- Include any other data that would be required to comply with the data and mapping collection standards of the Commission under Section 1.7004 of title 47, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor regulation, for broadband infrastructure projects
- Include an SF-425, Federal Financial Report and meet the requirements described in the Department of Commerce Financial Assistance Standard Terms and Conditions (dated November 12, 2020), Section A.01 for Financial Reports
- For projects over \$5,000,000 (based on expected total cost), subgrantees may have additional reporting requirements as described in the BEAD NOFO
- Comply with any other reasonable reporting requirements determined by New Jersey to meet the reporting requirements established by the Assistant Secretary; and certify that the information in the report is accurate.
- Any governing body or local unit, as defined by N.J.S.A. 40:9D-1, including, but not limited to, counties and municipalities, intending to submit an application to BPU for BEAD funding should review P.L. 2007, c. 191 (N.J.S.A. 40:9D-1 to - 8) and comply with same if applicable. Questions as to the requirements and applicability of N.J.S.A. 40:9D-1 to -8 should be directed to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.
- Stakeholder outreach activities (e.g., ACP outreach events, local emergency management meetings, community meetings)
- Compliance with New Jersey's prevailing wage laws and project labor agreement requirements, as applicable
- Current status of apprenticeship program(s) (e.g., total participants, number/percentage of participants who complete, number that have been hired from the program)
- Number of local hires
- Description and status of all required permits
- Description of mitigation measures and/or technical assistance if milestone is at or at risk of being behind schedule