



IBO February Newsletter Updates



The Indiana Broadband Office BEAD Subgrantee Selection process closed on February 12, 2025. The team is reviewing the applications from internet service providers who are bidding on underserved and unserved addresses across the state.

DISCLAIMER: We have not completed scoring but will be in the coming weeks.

BEAD Program Update

BEAD Application:

Round 1

- 135,667 of 144,478 (94%) of eligible locations included in at least 1 application
- 118,632 of 144,478 (82.1%) of eligible locations included in more than 1 application – **competitive**
- 755 valid applications submitted (these are the project areas submitted by Internet Service Providers, ISP's)
- 34 participating ISPs (we have pre-qualified providers and expect more to participate in rounds 2 & 3)

Want the full details? Learn more on our [Subgrantee Selection webpage](#).

Upcoming Listening Sessions

The Indiana Broadband Office (IBO) is hosting a series of public listening sessions across the state, and we want to hear from you!

[Register here!](#)

These sessions are an opportunity to:

- Get the latest updates on Indiana's broadband expansion efforts
- Learn about the Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) and Digital Opportunity (DO) programs and what they mean for your community
- Ask questions and share your feedback directly with state broadband officials

[Click here for the PDF with links to register!](#)

The scheduled sessions are as follows:

Date	County	Location	Address	Time
3/4/25	Jay	Jay County Public Library	315 N Ship St Portland, IN 47371	5:30 p.m.
3/6/25	Fayette	Ivy Tech Sat. Campus	717 W 21st Street Connersville, IN 47331	5:30 p.m.
3/10/25	Vigo	Vigo County Library	680 Poplar St Terre Haute, IN 4780	5:30 p.m.
3/11/25	White	Old Ivy Tech Classroom	1017 O'Connor Monticello, IN 47960	5:30 p.m.
3/12/25	Porter	Valparaiso Public Library	103 Jefferson St Valparaiso, IN 46383	5:30 p.m.
3/17/25	Posey	Hovey House	330 Walnut St, Mt Vernon, IN 47620	5:30 p.m.
3/20/25	Noble	Albion Public Library	813 E Main St, Albion, IN 46701	5:30 p.m.
3/24/25	Boone	Whitestown Public Library	6310 Albert S. White Dr, Whitestown, IN 46075	5:30 p.m.
3/27/25	Jefferson	Madison Public Library	420 West Main Street, Madison, IN 47250	5:00 p.m.
3/31/25	Lawrence	StoneGate Center	931 15th St., Bedford, IN 47421	5:30 p.m.



Staff Spotlight: Alexxus Smith

"Hello! My name is Alexxus, I go by Lexi most of the time!

I have been a state employee for over two years. My favorite thing about working at IBO is the collaborative environment we have.

Outside of work I spend my time with my never-ending 'To Be Read' list and summer vegetable gardening."

Lexi has joined the IBO as our Administrative Assistant!

Digital Opportunity

Coming Soon: The Digital Opportunity Grant Program Application is opening in the spring of 2025! The first allocation of \$15,096,770 was awarded on December 1, 2024, by the NTIA (National Telecommunication and Information Administration) to the Indiana Broadband Office (IBO).

Tentative Date: 4/30- Application opens



How to prepare:

- Register for a Unique Entity ID (UEI) at [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov)
 - [Read Indiana's Digital Equity Plan](#)
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- Connect with community members
 - Engage with local planning efforts and coalitions
 - Visit in.gov/indianabroadband for updates from our office
 - Email IndianaBroadband@iot.in.gov to subscribe to our newsletter and receive updates on timelines and application instructions, or if you would like a brief presentation on the grant.
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Indiana Connectivity Program/Next Level Connections

In the Indiana Connectivity Program, the 3rd round of final reporting and project closeout continues. The 7th round of projects of the 1st quarter of reporting have been received, and all 49 projects were awarded.

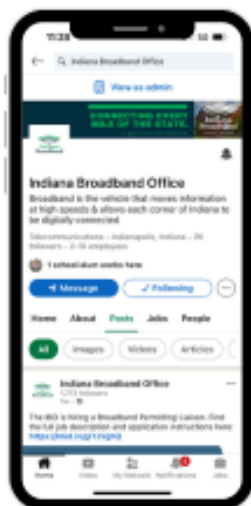
In the Next Level Connections program, the Round 14 bid period collection and Round 14 challenge period address collection ends on **March 3, 2025**. The Round 14 Challenge phase will take place from **March 3, 2025**.

Did you know?

It may seem like only yesterday we were all dialing in for our Internet connection, but wireless internet was actually founded in **September 1990!** Wi-Fi was only introduced to the public 25 years ago!



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