



## June 2024 Newsletter - Indiana Broadband Office

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### IBO June Newsletter

The [Indiana Broadband Office](#) (IBO) spent the month of June in the Final Determinations Phase of the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) grant program. Any location that receives both a challenge and rebuttal will enter a **"disputed"** state. All disputed locations are reviewed during the last phase of the Challenge Process, The Final Determinations Phase.

The Digital Equity team is in the process of submitting their application for the Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program. Indiana's Digital Equity Plan has been accepted by the [NTIA](#) and the Capacity Grant funding will allow us to start implementing the [Indiana Digital Equity Plan](#).

Please read more about this program [here](#) and the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) [here](#).

#### The Challenge Phase

**March 4, 2024 to April 17, 2024**

The Challenge Phase gave units of local government, non-profit organizations, and internet service providers the chance to submit certain types of challenges to correct the IBO's baseline map.

#### The Rebuttal Phase

**May 2, 2024 to June 1, 2024**

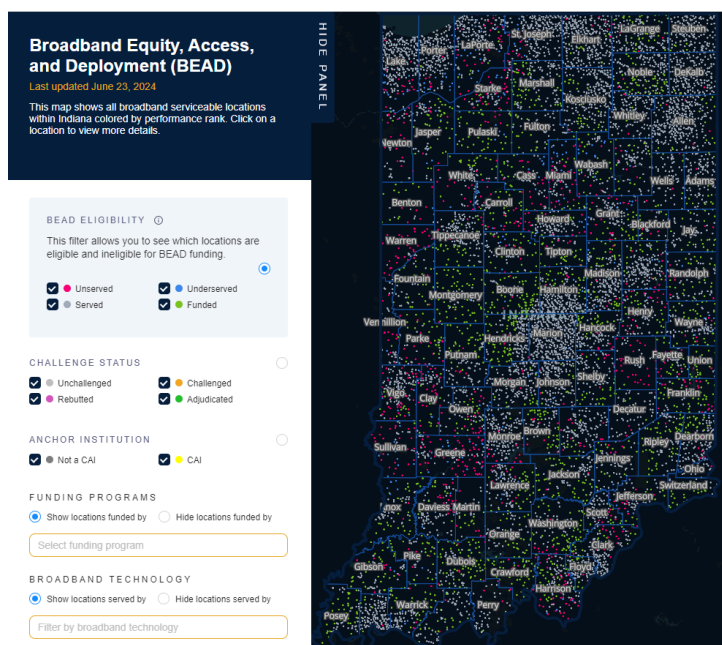
During the Rebuttal Phase, permissible challengers can provide rebuttal evidence against challenges that were submitted during the Challenge Phase. The Rebuttal Phase is an opportunity for permissible challengers to correct any changes they believe were made in error or are incorrect. **All rebuttals must be submitted by 11:59 PM EST on June 1.**

#### Final Determinations Phase

**June 2, 2024 to July 1, 2024**

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### Challenge Map Update



The BEAD challenge map has been **updated** with additional filtering capabilities. The map can now be filtered by **Challenge Status**, to reflect a location as unchallenged, challenged, or rebutted\* with the following steps:

1. Visit <https://connectingindiana.com/register/bead/map>.
2. Click the indicator bubble under "Challenge Status" in the map panel.
3. Select or unselect the checkboxes under the Challenge Status section that you'd like to see reflected in the map.

\*The adjudication status will populate once the Challenge Process has concluded. The map does not reflect any location's eligibility for BEAD or final determinations made about any location.

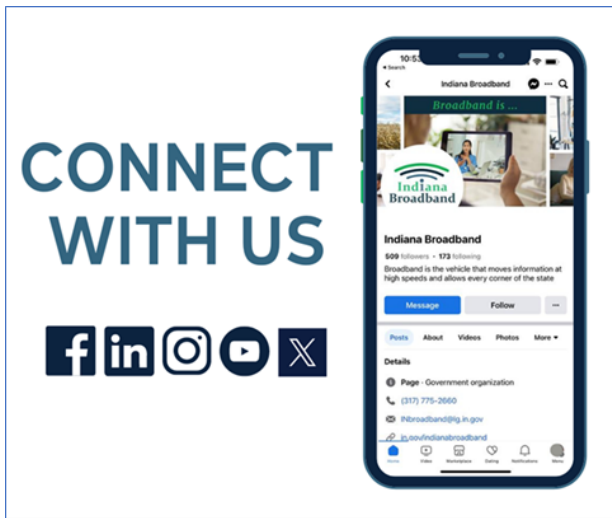
## Where is the IBO?

The IBO had a busy month! In addition to the Final Determinations Phase of the BEAD grant, Infrastructure and Broadband Administrator Steve Cox presented at the [Hoosier Huddle](#) event hosted at Hinkle Fieldhouse. Steve presented on BEAD, Digital Equity, and how communities can be involved moving forward.

The IBO also sat on a panel at the [Indiana Broadband and Technology Association's \(IBTA\) 102nd Annual Convention](#) in French Lick. Our team spoke about the Indiana BEAD program and how internet service providers can be involved going forward.



## Let's Connect!



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