



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



March Newsletter Updates

BEAD Program Update

The Indiana Broadband Office (IBO) is excited to announce that we have completed all scoring of applications for the [Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment \(BEAD\) program](#) Round 1 and have begun the deconfliction process.

Round 1 was a robust, competitive round, and now providers will receive additional email communication regarding the specific outcomes of their proposed project areas. This will include details on any awarded projects and instructions on how to proceed. **Awards will be announced publicly later this year after we have received provisional approval from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA).**

Looking Ahead

Following award acceptance, the IBO will then announce details on the start of Round 2 as they become available.

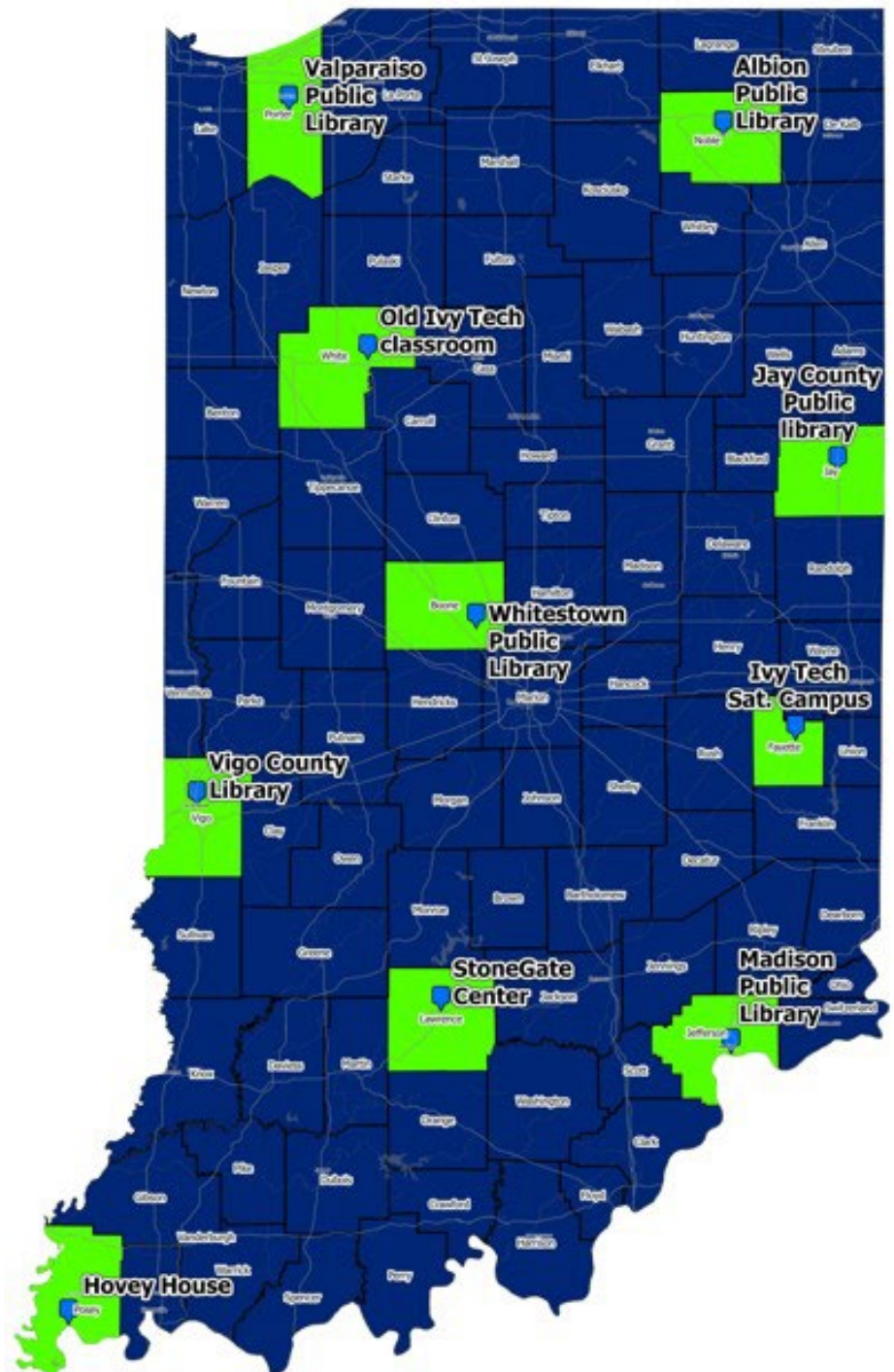
Want the full details? Learn more on our [Subgrantee Selection webpage](#).

March 2025 Listening Sessions

Throughout the month of March, the Indiana Broadband Office (IBO) traveled the State of Indiana with a series of public listening sessions.

From Posey to Noble counties, local community leaders, residents and internet service providers were in attendance to learn more about the BEAD Program and the opportunities that are being offered in their communities.

The team also discussed the Digital Opportunity program which is focused on giving communities the skills, resources and technology to use the internet effectively and safely.





Staff Spotlight: Maggie Ansty

Hi, my name is Maggie. I have worked in state government for almost 15 years now. I was a librarian at the Indiana State Library for ten years, where I was the Director of the Talking Book and Braille Library; I have been with the Broadband Office for just over two months.

As a librarian, connecting Hoosiers with resources and information was an important part of my job and I love that in the Broadband Office I am again helping connect Hoosiers to information, but this time, through broadband access. When I'm not at work I enjoy spending time outside, hanging out with my nephews, and reading.

Maggie has joined the IBO as the Broadband Permitting Liaison!

Digital Opportunity Updates

With the Digital Opportunity Subgrantee Application opening on **April 30, 2025**, the Digital Opportunity team has been traveling the state, attending in-person and virtual meetings discussing the digital opportunity grant.

We are expecting to fund a broad range of programs that promote increased internet adoption and availability in Indiana communities.

If your organization is considering applying, reach out now to schedule a meeting at IndianaBroadband@iot.in.gov.

Learn more about our upcoming Digital Opportunity subgrantee application [here](#)!



In March, the team visited places like Jay and Rush counties to present the most up-to-date program information. Kevin Nichols (above) is one of these Digital Opportunity Advisors.

Indiana Connectivity Program/Next Level Connections



In the Indiana Connectivity Program, Round 13 Awards will be released the first week of April. After the Round 14 challenge phase address collection in March, this bid phase will begin the third week of April.

In the Next Level Connections program, the Round 3 final reporting and project closeout continues. Round 4 projects' first quarter of reporting has been received, with all 49 projects accepted. **Rounds 3 and 4 reporting is due April 30, 2025.**

Did you know?

Previous names for wireless Internet were *WaveLAN*, *FlankSpeed*, *DragonFly*, *WECA* and *IEEE 802.11b Direct Sequence*, before the more consumer friendly name of **Wi-Fi** was adopted.



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