

2024 Hub Summit April 24, 2024

Agenda

- ✓ About Kansas Office of Broadband Development (KOBD)
- ✓ Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)
- ✓ BIL Signature Funding Programs for Broadband
- ✓ Upcoming Grant Opportunities
- √Q&A

The Kansas Office of Broadband Development (KOBD) was established in 2020 to help ensure all Kansans have the opportunity to live, work, learn, and compete in a global economy and by improving universal access to quality, affordable, and reliable broadband.

Mission

Deep Dive | Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD)

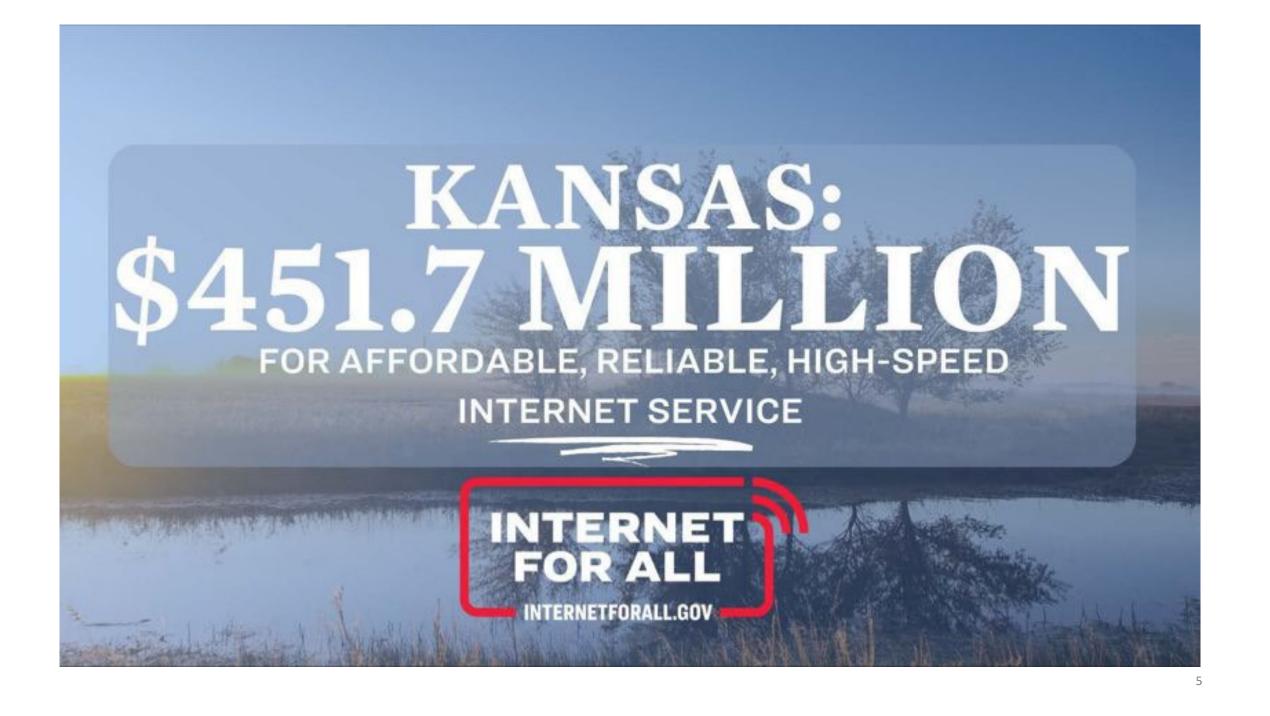
Summary: Appropriates \$42.45 billion for States, territories, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico to use for broadband planning, deployment, and adoption projects. Each State, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico will receive an allocation of at least \$100 million. The National Telecommunication Information and Administration allocated \$451 million dollars in Kansas to address the digital divide.

Eligibility: Providers, Coop's Nonprofits, Municipalities

Financial: \$451M available to Kansas.

Match: Not less than 25 percent of project costs (except in high-cost areas). Waivers are available. The match requirement for this program is eligible for application through the Build Kansas Fund.

KOBD Subgrant Process: Estimated to open summer 2024. Visit the KOBD BEAD website for updates on the opening of the application.



Deep Dive | Digital Equity Act (DEA)

Summary: DEA Programs are planning and implementation programs that provide funding to promote digital inclusion and advance opportunity for all. They aim to ensure that all communities can access and use affordable, reliable high-speed internet to meet their needs and improve their lives. The three programs include two state formula programs and one competitive program. Kansas received \$600k in planning dollars and was allocated \$8.2 million from the National Telecommunication Information and Administration to implement the Digital Equity Strategic Plan.

Financial: \$8.2M available to Kansas for the first year, subsequent funds available for three following years.

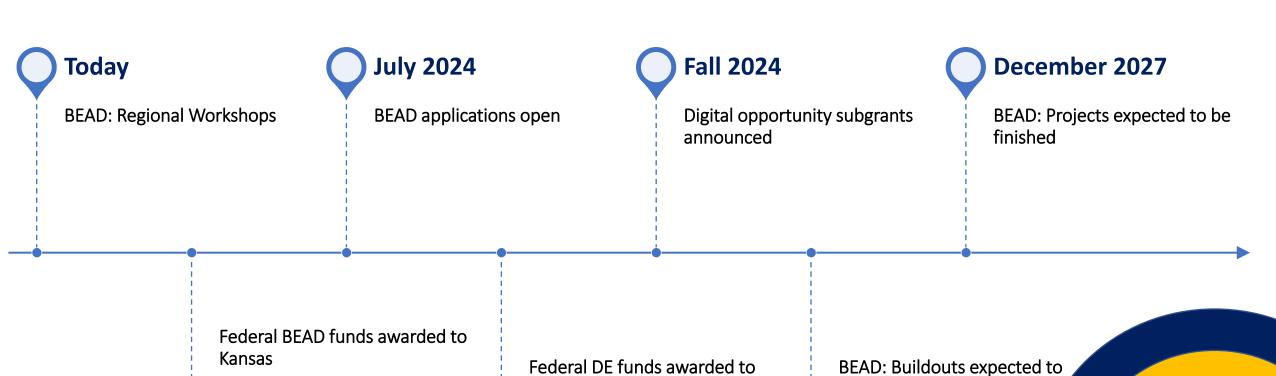
Deadline: Kansas will submit application by May 28 and funding awards expected in August.

BEAD/DEA Timeline

*subject to change – pending federal partners

\$451.7 million

June 2024

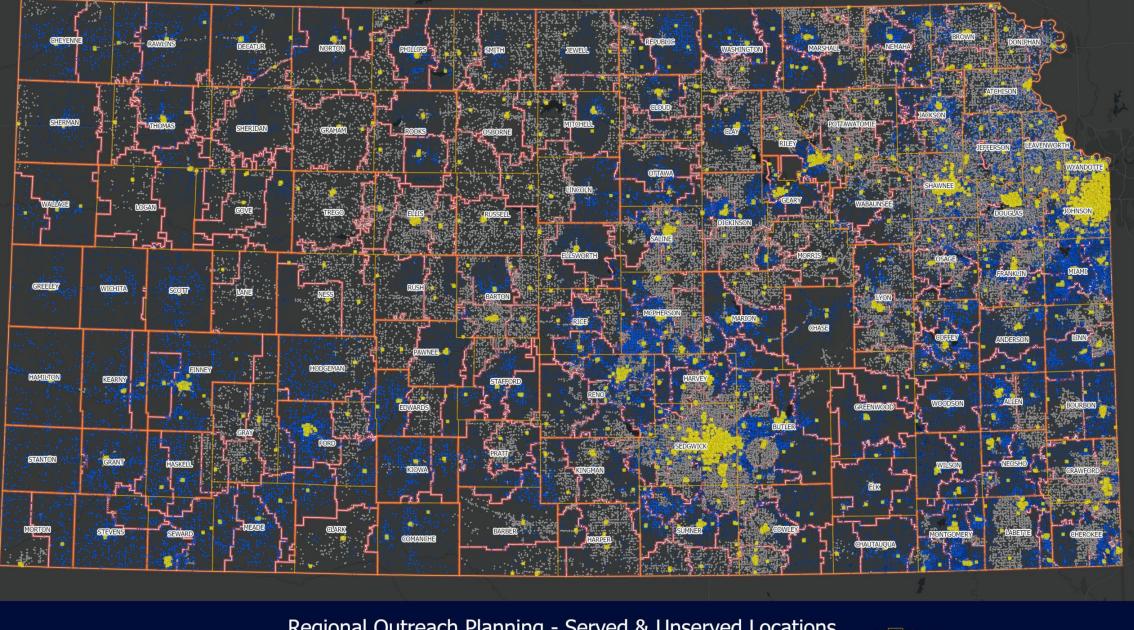


Kansas \$8.2 million

August 2024

begin

January 2025







Regional Outreach Planning - Served & Unserved Locations

Fixed Broadband (Fiber, Cable, Copper, Fixed Wireless)

Eligible for BEAD
Less than 100/20 mbps











Attracting Providers



Invite

 Providers to Partner with Community

Offer

 Matching Funds or In-Kind Matches

Help

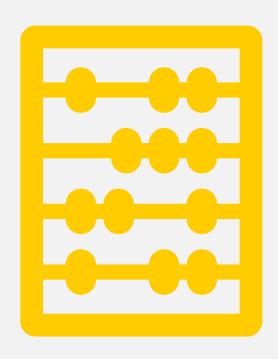
Drive Broadband Adoption

Simplify

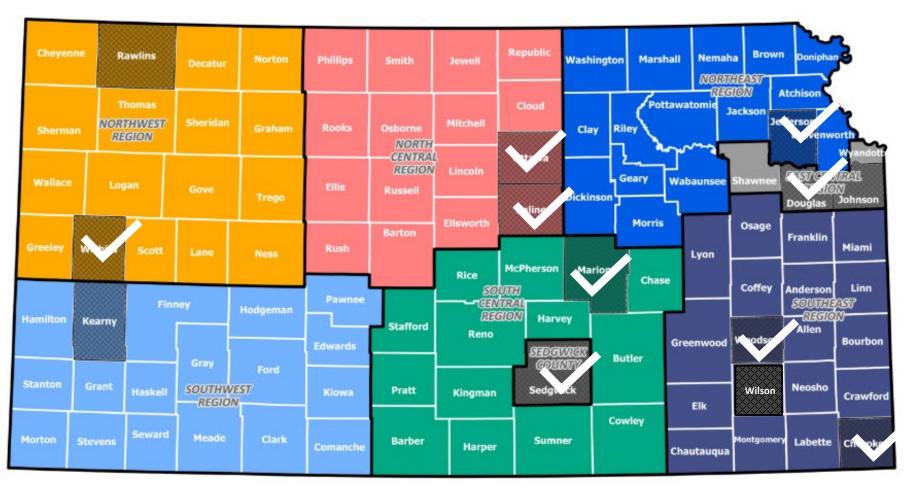
Permitting and Rights-of-Way,
 Where Possible

BEAD SCORING MATRIX (100 points total)

| Description | Max Points Possible |
|--|------------------------|
| Minimal Bead Outlay: Cost per passing and project match. | 50 |
| Affordability: Service plans meet or exceed requirements; scoring weighted for distance away from requirements. | 15 |
| Fair Labor Practices: Compliance with federal labor laws via historical demonstration or forward-looking commitments. | 10 |
| Technical: Weighted factors for expense versus scalability and resilience | 9 |
| Speed to Deployment: Implementation years. | 9 |
| Local and Tribal Coordination: Local consult and letters of support. | 7 |



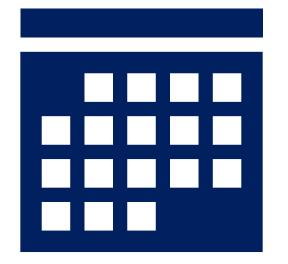




| Date | County | Community |
|--------|----------------|-----------|
| May 1 | Kearney County | Deerfield |
| May 2 | Rawlins County | Atwood |
| May 14 | Johnson County | De Soto |
| May 16 | Wilson County | Fredonia |



KOBD Resources



Broadband Breakdown Series

- Micro Learning Video Sessions
- Available Any Time on KOBD's Website
- Making Regional Workshop Content Accessible

BEAD Broadband Playbook

- Compiled Resources to Help Communities Make the Most of BEAD
- To be Posted to KOBD's Website
- Printable Version will be Available

Kansas Broadband Ready Communities

- Optional Program
- Preparation for Grant Funding Opportunities

KOBD Community Office Hours

- Scheduled with Video Series
- Watch the Session, Come with Questions
- Time for Specialized Attention for Communities
- Recorded and Posted to KOBD's Website



Funding Opportunities-Round 2



Advancing Digital Opportunities to Promote Technology (ADOPT)

- Public Wi-fi CAl's*
 - Max award \$1 million
 - 10% Match
- Device Distribution
 - Max award \$500k
- Summer/Fall 2024
- \$4.4 million potentially available

CAI: Community Anchor Institution, i.e. Hospital, School, Library, Local Government Building



Digital Opportunities Connecting Kansans (DOCK)

- Digital Skills Training
- Focusing on the growth of digital skills, education, and knowledge
- Max award \$250k
- 5 % Match
- Summer/Fall 2024
- \$1.1 million potentially available



Questions?

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