

Disclaimer



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Final Proposal CSV Requirements

The BEAD Final Proposal requires Eligible Entities to submit as many as six CSVs for a complete and robust submission. Eligible Entities should use the templates provided by NTIA to complete this requirement. Those CSV files and their descriptions include:

Subgrantees
(fp_subgrantees.csv)
Required

This CSV collects information about the provisionally selected **subgrantees** for BEAD grants.

Deployment Projects
(fp_deployment_projects.csv)
Required

This CSV collects information about the **deployment projects** to be implemented by the provisionally selected subgrantees.

Locations
(fp_locations.csv)
Required

This CSV collects information on the **BSLs** that will be served by provisional BEAD projects.

No BEAD Locations
(fp_no_BEAD_locations.csv)
Conditional

When applicable, the Eligible Entity must submit this CSV with data on all BEAD-eligible **BSLs that will not be included in a BEAD project.**

CAIs
(fp_cai.csv)
Conditional

If an Eligible Entity plans on serving CAIs, it must submit this CSV with **data on all CAIs to be funded by BEAD.**

Non-Deployment Projects
(fp_non_deployment_projects.csv)
Conditional

If the Eligible Entity plans on conducting non-deployment projects and has completed non-deployment project subgrantee selection or will pursue non-deployment projects itself, it must submit this CSV with **data on all non-deployment projects to be funded by BEAD.**


To complete these CSVs successfully, it is imperative that Eligible Entities ensure that the data is consistent between each CSV, creating a cohesive story.


Non-Service Codes | Reason Codes



Every BSL in the “No BEAD Locations” CSV file must have a reason code that explains why the location will not be served by a BEAD project and substantial evidence to support the reason code.

The list of reason codes that Eligible Entities may select in the No BEAD Locations file includes:

1 **No Broadband Connection** 
Location should not have a broadband connection (for example: barn, hay bale, or rock)

2 **No Demand for Mass-Market Broadband Service** 
Location does not need mass-market broadband service due to the nature of internet use

3 **Removal from FCC's Fabric**
Location has been removed from the latest version of the Fabric by the FCC

4 **Enforceable Commitment**
Location will be served through an enforceable commitment

5 **Served by Non-Subsidized Service**
Location is already served by non-subsidized service

6 **Other Reasons**
Location is not

7 **Other Reasons**
Eligible Entity is financially incapable of serving an underserved location

Key:

 Reason codes with sub-codes

 EEs must file an FCC Location Challenge prior to FP submission



Non-Service Codes | *Sub-Codes*



The Non-BSL code, Location Type, and Enforceable Commitment are required if the Eligible Entity is using reason code 1, reason code 2, or reason code 4, respectively.

- 1 Non-BSL Code**
For reason code 1: location should not have a broadband connection
- **D:** Location has been demolished and is not expected to be rebuilt
 - **B:** Location is no longer habitable
 - **U:** Location is a support structure (e.g., a garage, parking structure, barn, silo, storage shed, etc.) to a nearby building
 - **M:** Location is intended to be mobile and has not been permanently installed in its current location (e.g., it is an RV or boat)
 - **R:** Location is a natural formation such as a rock or something assembled but not serviceable such as a collection of hay bales
 - **Z:** Location is not serviceable for another reason

- 2 Location Type**
For reason code 2: no demand for mass market broadband service
- **C:** CAI location
 - **E:** Enterprise location
 - **P:** Government property

- 4 Enforceable Commitment**
For reason code 4: location is covered by an enforceable commitment
- State enforceable commitment
 - Federal enforceable commitment (select from list)



Non-Service Codes | *Evidence Objectives & Guidance*



Eligible Entities must maintain evidence to substantiate the reason codes used in the “No BEAD Locations” CSV files. This evidence must be timely, stored in common formats, and follow the requirements outlined in the FP Guidance 1.1.

WHY IS EVIDENCE NEEDED?

- ✓ **Evidence Objective** | EEs must maintain appropriate evidence for each eligible location that will not be served with BEAD funds to prove that the location does not need BEAD funds.
- ✓ **Standard of Evidence** | EEs must demonstrate through the maintained evidence that the location does not need to be served with BEAD funds. The evidence must be clear and precise as to how that reason code is substantiated.
- ✓ **Possible Denial of Reason** | If the EE cannot produce evidence that maintains these standards, its identification of not serving such locations through a BEAD project will be denied.

Note: NTIA will not be collecting evidence. EEs will, however, be required to maintain the evidence in the case that NTIA audits SGS results.

WHAT TYPES OF EVIDENCE CAN EEs USE?

The list below provides recommended sources of evidence that Eligible Entities can collect to support the non-service code selection:



Photographic Evidence



Evidence of Subscription (Service Record)



Attestation by Unit of Local or Tribal Government



Network Diagram



Attestation by Private Property Owner



Network Speed Test

