



**Illinois Office of Broadband Guidance on “no-BEAD funding locations” per NTIA Final Proposal  
Guidance Version 1.2**

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The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) has issued Final Proposal Guidance Version 1.2 indicating how states may treat certain locations through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program sub-grantee selection process that do not need to be served through BEAD. These are deemed “no-BEAD funding locations.”

For external visibility, the following list includes reasons that a location may be deemed a no-BEAD funding location and outlines how the state will integrate these considerations into its sub-grantee selection process, Final Proposal, and eventual grant agreements with sub-grantees.

Reason Code	Illinois Office of Broadband Integration Approach
<p>1: Location should not have a broadband connection</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Location has been demolished and is not expected to be rebuilt</li> <li>- Location is a support structure (e.g., a garage, parking structure, barn, silo, storage shed) to a nearby building</li> <li>- Location is not a building but a land or natural formation, such as a large rock or collection of hay bales</li> </ul>	<p>The Office of Broadband will launch an opportunity at the start of Wave 2 for providers to <b>complete a form specifying locations that fall into this category</b> with required evidence. Guidance on evidence will be published along with the form. Note that some of these locations may already be addressed in Reason Code 3, below.</p>
<p>2: Location does not need mass-market broadband service due to the nature of use</p>	
<p>3: Location has been removed from the latest version of the FCC Fabric</p>	<p>The Office of Broadband will identify Broadband Serviceable Locations (BSLs) that <b>no longer exist in the FCC Fabric V6</b> and mark these locations accordingly when the updated Project Area Selection tool (BEAD map) is published at the start of Wave 2. This will be available in the Project Area Selection Tool.</p>
<p>4: Location is already served by an enforceable commitment</p>	<p>The Illinois Office of Broadband accepted submissions between January 10 – February 6, 2025 for locations already served through enforceable commitments.</p> <p>Based on the outcomes of these submissions, the Office of Broadband will identify BSLs that are <b>served through enforceable commitments</b> and mark these locations accordingly when the updated Project Area Selection tool (BEAD map) is published at the start of Wave 2.</p>



	<p>There may be additional opportunities to submit information around Reason Code 4.</p>
<p>5: Location is already served by nonsubsidized service (privately funded network)</p>	<p>The Illinois Office of Broadband accepted submissions between January 10 – February 6, 2025 for locations already served by nonsubsidized service (privately funded network).</p> <p>Based on the outcomes of these submissions, the Office of Broadband will identify BSLs that are <b>served through nonsubsidized service (privately funded network)</b> and mark these locations accordingly when the updated Project Area Selection tool (BEAD map) is published at the start of Wave 2.</p> <p>There may be additional opportunities to submit information around Reason Code 5.</p>

The state is responsible for ensuring that all BEAD-eligible locations are served by broadband through the BEAD Program. Should the state receive and verify evidence through the process detailed above that a BEAD-eligible location does not need BEAD funding, the state will indicate these locations in the Project Area Selection Tool. Provider applicants should exclude service to those locations in their applications and budgets, as the state will have documentation and evidence substantiating that these BEAD-eligible locations do not need BEAD funding.

For further examples, please see the [BEAD Program Final Proposal Guidance for Eligible Entities Version 1.2](#), starting on page 42.