

## Illinois Office of Broadband

### Public Notice

June 11, 2025

Per the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program: BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice:

Because unlicensed fixed wireless providers (ULFW) providers are now permitted to compete for BEAD subgrants on a level playing field with all other applications, Eligible Entities must account for Broadband Serviceable Locations (BSLs) with access to existing ULFW networks to prevent overbuilding.

As the Policy Notice instructs, the Illinois Office of Broadband has reviewed the FCC's National Broadband Map to determine whether an ULFW provider (technology code 70) currently offers service to any BEAD-eligible BSLs in its jurisdiction. This list of Location IDs is available on the BEAD sub-grantee selection [webpage](#) under Additional Resources.

As such, this public posting (available on June 11, 2025), initiates the seven-day period for ULFW providers to respond that the ULFW provider intends to submit evidence that BEAD funding is not required for the locations it serves.

For providers who express interest in submitting evidence, the IOB shall allow the provider seven calendar days to submit documentation supporting the claim that the existing ULFW services meet the same technical and service standards required for a ULFW application for a BEAD subgrant (see Appendix A of [this Notice](#)) and the provider is reasonably capable of delivering the service for at least four years after the date of Final Proposal submission. The IOB will provide specific guidelines and requirements for the submission. All submissions are subject to evaluation by technical evaluators.

If the IOB determines that an ULFW service provider demonstrates that it meets the requirements specified by the Policy Notice, the served locations will be ineligible for BEAD Program funding. If the provider does not respond or fails to meet the requirements specified, the locations in question will remain BEAD eligible.

**To express interest in submitting evidence, ULFW providers must [complete this form](#) by June 17, 2025 at 11:59 pm CT.** The IOB will then follow up with instructions for submitting documentation of sufficient service to the locations in question.