

BEAD key dates calendar

National milestones, restructuring deadlines, and the Texas / California / Florida award stories — each date pinned to a source.

Last checked: 20 September 2026. Coverage: national milestones plus Texas, California and Florida — the three largest allocations. This is not a 56-state calendar: per-state challenge windows and application deadlines that states have not published are deliberately excluded. Entries marked as *reported* rest on a single trade-press or scheduled source and are not presented as settled fact.

Date	Event	Source	Notes
15 Nov 2021	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act signed into law, creating the US\$42.45bn BEAD programme (Public Law 117-58).	NTIA BroadbandUSA	—
13 May 2022	NTIA releases the BEAD Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) — the programme formally begins.	NTIA BEAD FAQs v8.0	—
18 Jul 2022	Deadline for states to file BEAD letters of intent with NTIA (Initial Planning Fund requests due 15 Aug 2022).	Faegre Drinker	—
26 Jun 2023	NTIA announces BEAD state allocations: US\$42.45bn across 50 states, DC and 5 territories — Texas US\$3.31bn, California about US\$1.86bn, Florida US\$1.16bn.	NTIA press release	—
6 Jun 2025	NTIA issues the BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice (RPN): fibre preference scrapped, technology-neutral "Benefit of the Bargain" round, 90-day final-proposal clock.	CPUC briefing slides	Later replaced the April 2025 waiver
12 Jun 2025	Texas opens its BEAD application window (running to 1 Aug 2025); about 4,500 applications received.	Brander Group	—
1 Aug 2025	Texas BEAD portal application deadline.	Brander Group	—
4 Sep 2025	RPN 90-day deadline: states' final proposals due to NTIA.	NTIA BEAD FAQs v15.0	—
27 Oct 2025	Texas Broadband Development Office submits draft final plan to NTIA; provisional awards reported (~US\$1.271bn; mix roughly 51% fibre, 27% LEO satellite, 22% fixed wireless).	Citizen Portal (TX House briefing)	Provisional — as reported
25 Nov 2025	Texas reports federal approval of its US\$1.27bn BEAD plan covering 240,000+ locations.	Industry Insider Texas	Pre-dates the RPN resubmission cycle; superseded
19 Dec 2025	California submits its BEAD final proposal to NTIA (US\$1.58bn, 338,564 locations).	Benton Institute	Original submission, later revised
30 Jun 2026	FloridaCommerce publishes BEAD post-award FAQs for provisional awardees (provisional awards total about US\$291.1m of the US\$1.16bn allocation, per trade press).	FloridaCommerce / Telecompetitor	Provisional — exact state announcement day not separately pinned
17 Jul 2026	NTIA approves California's BEAD final proposal: US\$1.42bn for 270,571 locations (52.9% fibre, 27% LEO satellite, 20.1% fixed wireless).	Benton Institute	California among the last states approved

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Aug 2026	NTIA alerts states to revise satellite awards after updated data cut BEAD-eligible location counts nationwide.	StateScoop	As reported; month inferred from article timing
25 Aug 2026	NTIA announces all 56 state/territory BEAD final proposals approved (Illinois last); award agreements being signed.	Telecompetitor	—
31 Aug 2026	NTIA issues California's US\$1.42bn BEAD award, reportedly with disputed conditions limiting the state's affordability and net-neutrality enforcement.	Techdirt (citing Stanford Law's Barbara van Schewick)	As reported; single trade-press source — verify before acting on it
17 Sep 2026	CPUC voting meeting to consider a resolution on California's revised final proposal.	Fierce Network	Scheduled as of the article date; outcome unconfirmed
Future	California: once the CPUC acts on the revised final proposal, the state has six months to enter subgrant agreements with providers.	Fierce Network	CPUC-attributed deadline mechanism
Future	Texas: BEAD subgrantees pledged to complete deployments within 48 months of award.	Industry Insider Texas	Four-year build-out obligation
Future	FloridaCommerce target: finalise BEAD subgrant agreements by July 2026.	FloridaCommerce	Stated goal in the 30 Jun 2026 FAQs; status unconfirmed

How to use this calendar

Past dates are milestones — the record of how BEAD got here. The three *Future* rows are the only forward obligations we could verify; states republish and restate deadlines, so treat anything not on this page as unconfirmed until its issuing office publishes it. We refresh this calendar when a new verifiable milestone or deadline is published; the newest version always lives at flipnews.co.uk/resources/bead-key-dates/.

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