

Question: On one Project Funding Area (PFA), we have found that there are 79 served locations of the 270 total locations, meaning it is 29% served. Is this area still eligible for BEAD?

ANSWER: PFAs are only made up of eligible (unserved/underserved) locations. There may be non-eligible (served) locations nearby, but they are technically not considered part of the PFA but may be included in your application. The NTIA 80/20 rule only applies to non-eligible locations you are proposing to serve alongside those eligible within the PFA. If you were planning to apply for locations in a PFA and passed locations that were already served, and your organization wanted to offer service to them the number of locations you offered service could not be more than 20 percent of the total locations you were proposing to serve. For example, if there are 80 [eligible] locations in the PFA that you will be serving, plus an additional 20 that are already served, that meets the 80%/20% rule. You could not serve 21 non eligible locations in your application without violating that rule.

Question: How do we handle the BAG 4 award. Do you suggest applying for BAG 4 all over again even though we signed the contract before the bead portal opened up? Should we not apply and rely on an assumption that they will be duplicated in December? As part of the big picture, we are leveraging our BAG 4 funding area to be the middle mile to support our BEAD application for the remaining locations.

ANSWER: As BAG 4.0 contracts and all federal, state, and local grant programs are contracted after the Eligible Location list was published, these contracted locations will be removed from eligibility for any BEAD application. The BEAD applicant will be contacted to revise or withdraw their application for these granted locations.

Question: A recent webinar suggested that applicants must remove BAG 4.0 locations "if the locations are under contract." Is BAG 4_BSL_csv on KOBD's website the full list of locations that are "under contract," or are these only the "awarded" locations? If the latter, will applicants receive a clean list of BAG locations "under contract" to remove? Would KOBD recommend that applicants dedupe anything out of Final Approved Kansas Locations prior to application submission, or produce an application serving every BSL in the state's "Final" BSL spreadsheet currently on the State website, with the State notifying applicants of the BAG-contracted duplicates BSLs post-submission? This was an issue for us when we submitted our KS BAG application. After submission we learned that many of the addresses had already been awarded to a competitor via a prior grant. We really wish to avoid this repeating itself.

ANSWER: The BAG 4_BSL_csv are tentative awards subject to contractual negotiations and provided for information only. KOBD will notify BEAD applicants of BAG contracted locations and the BEAD applicant will have 14 days to revise or withdraw their application.

QUESTION: We would like to ensure that we understand all of the rules pertaining to PFA's, in particular the rules in regard to clustering PFAs and contiguous PFA's. Forgive me as I remember seeing this information, but I don't see it in the approved V2 doc.

ANSWER: The 403 Project Funding Areas (PFAs) group unserved and underserved eligible locations by geographic proximity to attempt to minimize BEAD outlay. Man-made and natural barriers were taken into consideration during PFA design. BEAD requires one complete PFA per application at a minimum. Applicants may add contiguous areas including additional complete PFAs. The application cannot "skip" a contiguous unserved/unserved location/PFA to reach a

distant non-contiguous unserved/unserved location/PFA. The distant non-contiguous unserved/underserved location/PFA would need to be included in a separate application.

Question: There is another list on KOBD's website called **INVALID_CHALLENGED**, which contain "not a BSL" challenge locations, which we assume are BSLs that will end up being ineligible for funding. Like Question 1, should applicants remove locations in this list from Final Approved Kansas Locations prior to application submission, or produce an application serving every BSL in the state's "Final" BSL spreadsheet currently on the State website, with the State notifying applicants of any "not a BSL" issues post-submission?

ANSWER: Non-BSLs will not be BEAD funded. The **INVALID_CHALLENGED** is provided for informational purposes only. Applicants are required to identify non-BSLs in the PFA(s) in an application funded at \$0. Applicants cannot remove location(s) from the Final Approved Kansas Locations list. KOBD may examine two applications for the same PFA(s) whereby the non-BSLs identified in each are different and ask for revisions as to minimize bead outline and not fund non-BSLs.