

BEAD FAQs 11/18/2024

QUESTION: Several states have published a list of ISPs that have completed and qualified to apply for BEAD funding during the application phase. I was wondering: Can you publish the list of ISPs that have “passed” the pre-qualification phase. If so, when would this be published. If the entity was a consortium, will you publish a list of the members?

ANSWER: Thanks to the providers who have asked this question and provided strong reasoning why this is a positive step for KOBD to implement. Thus, KOBD will post a list of applicants who have successfully completed their registration. That list can be found on the KOBD BEAD website here under the dropdown “BEAD Registered Applicants.”

QUESTION: Is Kansas saying that an applicant does not have to serve every BSL that falls into “additional” PFAs? So, for example, if I’m applying for four contiguous PFAs 5, 6, 7, and 8 in a single application, and I denote PFA 5 as my primary PFA and the remaining three as additional PFAs, is KOBD saying I must serve 100% of the unserved and underserved locations only in PFA 5, and I can choose to serve whichever percentage of unserved and underserved BSLs I feel like serving in PFAs 6, 7, and 8?

ANSWER: This is correct. You must serve all un/underserved BSLs within at least one PFA in every application if the PFAs are contiguous. Applicants should also note KOBDs definition of a contiguous PFA., which is that is possible to reasonably traverse from one location in a PFA to another location in another PFA without passing a location in a separate PFA not being considered in the application. [Volume 2.2.4.1 page 20](#)

QUESTION: Per Volume 2, section 2.4.1 paragraph 5, it states that “Preregistration is not required to participate in the BEAD program, nor does it imply approval of any preregistered respondent information gathered.” This seems to imply that we would be able to apply to the grant program without preregistration, but from what I understand we cannot proceed with the application until after submitting the preregistration.

ANSWER: While participation in “preregistration” is not technically required to participate in the BEAD program, the information KOBD requested during the preregistration process is required to be considered eligible for an award by the BEAD NOFO. In other words, the “preregistration” was a process created by KOBD to allow those entities interested in participating in the BEAD program to submit materials and documents early to make the technical/scoring phase more manageable.

QUESTION: I had a BEAD Pre-Registration question regarding the public funding section (40-41). In the section, it asks for unserved and underserved location numbers in the committed project area for publicly funded projects. Our client has a Capital Projects Fund project that is currently ongoing, however, they do not have the unserved and underserved location numbers and are unable to obtain those numbers. Because the portal does not allow letters or other symbols to be inputted, what do you suggest the client puts there?

ANSWER: The applicant should include the number of proposed BSLs for their awarded CPF application in their response to the field labeled “commitments made in exchange for funds: (describe milestones, deliverables, timeline and metrics of success.” The fields for identifying un/underserved locations are required so should be answered with a zero.

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QUESTION: FAQ regarding "approved." There still seems to be wiggle room as you say "status could only be changed manually by KOBD."

ANSWER: Once an application is approved, changes will not be made at the registration stage. However, if there is a drastic change in the applicant's fiscal situation, or if additional information is requested by NTIA or NIST during final proposal review, the registration may require additional curing.