

Alaska Broadband Grant Program Draft NOFO

Frequently Asked Questions – October 4, 2024

1. **The Appendix I Broadband Serviceable Locations(BSL) list includes locations that have been awarded grants already for fiber buildouts. Will this list be updated to remove those locations? If not, how are locations with commitments vetted before BEAD awards?**
 - a. As the system is currently configured, locations that show as Unserved or Underserved in the final approved BSL list would receive funding even if there was a build to them in the interim.
 - b. All Broadband Offices and the NTIA are working on an effective solution to remove BSLs that become served in the interim between the approval of the BSL list and the approval of the Final Proposals.

2. **What happens when new grant awards are made for ReConnect and TBCP that will service BSLs in Appendix I? Are these BSLs removed and no longer eligible for BEAD? How will these changes be communicated to applicants?**
 - a. Based on input from the USDA, NTIA, and FCC, the FCC will publish an updated Enforceable Commitment workbook that the ABO will use to remove BSLs from the BEAD program that have a federal enforceable commitment. The ABO anticipates that there will be two sets of updates: one with the announcements of the USDA Reconnect awards in the fourth quarter of 2024, and a second with the announcements of the Tribal Connectivity Round 2 awards near the end of the first quarter of 2025.
 - b. The ABO will re-publish Appendix I with notifications going out via the ABO ListServe.

3. **Can BSLs that exist but are not in Appendix I be added for funding? and what would be the process?**
 - a. They cannot be added after the final BSL list is approved by the NTIA.
 - b. There is currently no process to add new BSLs to the list once it has been approved by the NTIA.

4. **How can BSLs that don't actually exist but are in Appendix I be removed to ensure not funding invalid locations or penalize applicants for skipping invalid location?**
 - a. The ABO will be going through all Unserved and Underserved BSLs and requesting the NTIA allow the ABO to remove obvious non-BSLs from the NTIA maps. The ABO will simultaneously make the same request of the FCC's Broadband Map. In the example below, the two water reservoirs and the errant red dot in the forested area will be on the list to remove (this image is just East of Campbell Airstrip Rd and South of Tudor Rd. in Anchorage).



- 5. How can we get confirmation that the BSL's will be removed from the unserved list?**
- a. Any changes to Appendix I will be published on the ABO website and accompanied with a notification via the ABO ListServe.