



Montana Broadband

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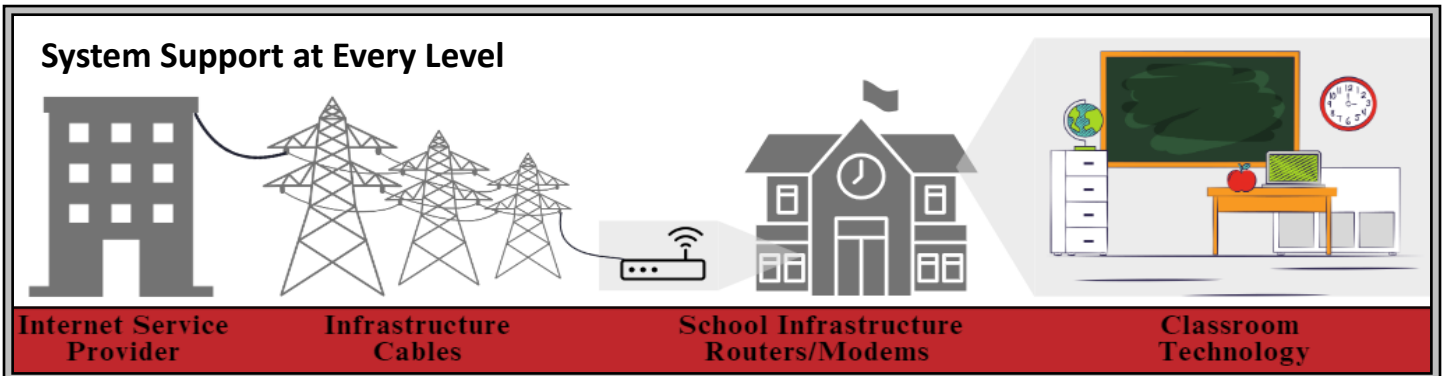
The Montana Communication Advisory Commission and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act have been meeting monthly to implement the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD). The last several meetings have focused on creating the Initial Proposal Volumes I & II with public comment.

Initial Proposal Volume I was approved after public comment.

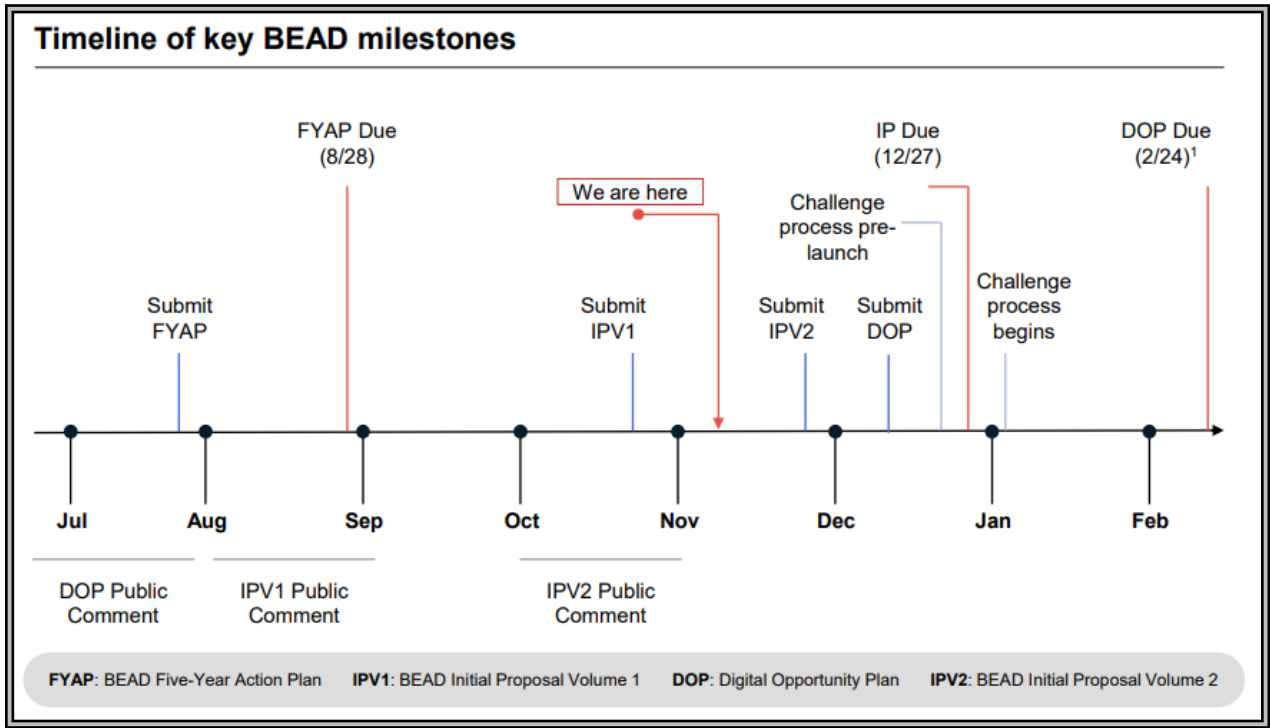
Initial Proposal Volume II (draft) is currently undergoing updates and is open for public comment.

Please see the Initial Proposal Volumes I & II linked below.

Initial Proposal Volume I	Initial Proposal Volume II (draft)
Digital Opportunity Plan Goals	Montana Office of Public Instruction Goals
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure all Montana residents have access to affordable internet in their homes, schools, libraries, and businesses, irrespective of their income level. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide Montana schools with a dedicated system of support for Broadband implementation through already-established relationships.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce the digital divide among all Montana residents by increasing broadband adoption by covered populations and increasing access to online resources for all residents. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage and aid in the education and implementation of braiding funds with the goal of establishing sustainable funding sources for our Montana schools.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build digital skills to enhance broadband use through programs and partnerships with community stakeholders. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educate Montana schools on Broadband implementation including how to utilize resources and established processes.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce the digital divide among Montana Residents by ensuring widespread access to capable devices. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide easy access to Montana Broadband resources, information, and tools.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure all Montana residents have access to high-speed internet that meets online privacy and cybersecurity standards. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aid the Communication Advisory Commission and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act in their implementation of Broadband Equity, Access, and Development (BEAD).



Montana Broadband Funding		
Funding Title	Estimated Funding Amounts	Resources
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)	\$310 million	https://connectmt.mt.gov/ARPA
Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)	\$629 million	https://connectmt.mt.gov/IIJA
National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)	\$5.6 million	https://www.ntia.gov/press-release
Affordable Connectivity Plan	\$30 to \$75 to eligible families	https://www.fcc.gov/acp
National Tribal Broadband	\$143 million total (between 4 tribes)	https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov



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