



Board Packet Executive Summary

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NW Fiberworx Pre-Construction Amendment

VCBB staff met with Northwest Fiberworx to review the request for the VCBB to provide the CUD with their share of remaining pre-construction funds. These funds will provide NW Fiberworx with the resources they need in order to get to construction. As part of their due diligence, the CUD has experienced delays in getting to construction that will be explained to the Board at the meeting as part of the request. The staff recommends the Board approve the pre-construction grant request of \$1,371,663.75.

Staff presentation on the IIJA BEAD and Digital Equity program

The VCBB is in the process of building the 5-year plan and an Initial Proposal for pulling down the funds from the IIJA program. Staff has been working closely with the NTIA to overcome some of the challenges that the program has in place for models that focus on public ownership, accountability, and oversight. It is essential that the Board fully understands the program and the requirements and how this program interacts with ACT 71. The VCBB has approximately nine months to submit plans. These plans are a pre-requisite for the funding. We are planning to commit the bulk of this Board meeting to providing the information and address concerns from the Board as we embark on the planning process. Staff will provide ongoing updates with the Weekly Updates as well as Board meetings on the progress of the planning effort. The Board will be given an opportunity to review the plans prior to final submission. Included in this packet will be materials explaining the program. Staff will present a summary of the program to the Board at the meeting.

The Board is urged to review the following extensive set of background materials before the meeting

Broadband Equity Access Deployment (BEAD)

[BEAD NOFO](#)**

[BEAD Frequently Asked Questions](#)**

[Pew: BEAD What States Need to Know](#)

[BEAD Program Description – Annotated Guide \(Broadband Money\)](#)

[BEAD NOFO Deep Dive](#)

[BEAD Subgrantee Selection Primer](#)**

[BEAD NOFO – Financial Issues](#)**
[Five-Year Action Plan Guidance](#)

[Digital Equity Act \(DEA\)](#)

[Digital Equity Planning Grant Program Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)**

[Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) for Digital Equity Act Programs](#)**

[BEAD-DE Alignment Guide](#) **

[Digital Equity Guide for States](#)

[Digital Equity Act – Request for Comments](#)