



# BEAD STATE/TERRITORY IMPLEMENTATION TRACKER

## Illinois Report

### Important Upcoming Dates and Deadlines

Important and updated dates and deadlines to be announced.

### In the News

**December 20, 2022:** Biden-Harris Administration [Awards](#) More Than \$6.5 Million to Illinois in ‘Internet for All’ Planning Grants.

**October 28, 2022:** Duckworth, Durbin [Announce](#) \$36 Million in Federal Funding to Bring High-Speed Internet Access to Communities Across Rural Illinois.

**September 13, 2022:** State of Illinois [Announces](#) Recipients of \$3.5 Million ‘Research in Illinois to Spur Economic Development’ (RISE) Program.

**June 12, 2022:** The Illinois Office of Broadband recently released the Round Notice of Funding Opportunity for its Connect Illinois Broadband Grant Program. [PDF Application Packet](#).

**May 31, 2022:** Governor Pritzker [Announces](#) Over \$50 Million in Grants for Essential Infrastructure Projects.

**May 19, 2022:** [Second Cohort](#) of Accelerate Illinois Broadband Infrastructure Program Selected.

**May 11, 2022:** The Office of Broadband is expected to provide updates to the Illinois Broadband Advisory Council. [An agenda and video conference details](#) will be posted.

**May 10, 2022:** Last Action – [Bill Status of SB3683](#) Creates the Illinois Broadband Deployment, Equity, Access, and Affordability Act of 2022. Provides that access to affordable, reliable, high-speed broadband service is essential to full participation in modern life in the State and throughout the United States.

**April 19, 2022:** Broadband READY – Connect Illinois [announcement](#) regarding grants to be provided to qualified regional entities.

**April 12, 2022:** [Update on progress](#) made by the Illinois Connected Communities (ICC) progress.

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**April 1, 2022:** [Governor Pritzker Proclaims](#) April as Innovation and Technology Month in Illinois.

**February 24, 2022:** [Governor Pritzker Announces Inaugural Cohort of Accelerate Illinois Broadband Infrastructure Program](#), a 14-week intensive training program to help leaders from participating communities to develop broadband plans responsive to their unique local needs.

**February 16, 2022:** The Office of Broadband is expected to provide updates to the Illinois Broadband Advisory Council. [An agenda and video conference details](#) will be posted.

**February 9, 2022:** [House Bill 5682 - Regards Funds Appropriated to the Office of Broadband](#) for federal broadband awards provided by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021.

**February 7, 2022:** [Senate Bill 4118 - Regards Funds Appropriated to the Office of Broadband](#) for federal broadband awards provided by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021.

**January 26, 2022:** [Governor Pritzker and the IDCEO Office of Broadband announces \\$47 million in funding](#) for 22 projects in every region of the state through the second round of Connect Illinois, the state's broadband expansion plan. To promote broadband access, the Illinois Office of Broadband is making \$350 million in funding available through a third round of grants, which will be accepted and awarded on a rolling basis through 2024, or until funds are depleted.

**December 1, 2021:** [Governor Pritzker announces Accelerate Illinois Initiative](#) which establishes 14-weeks of planning session with localities to leverage federal and state broadband infrastructure dollars. [Localities applied to participate](#) in the broadband planning by submitting a Notice of Collaboration Opportunity by December 31, 2021. Participating localities will be announced on the Connect Illinois website.

## **Plan**

The BEAD program in Illinois will be administered by the [Illinois Office of Broadband](#) supervised by the [Broadband Advisory Council](#).

## **Resources**

[Illinois Office of Broadband](#)

[Broadband Advisory Council](#)

[February 16, 2022 Illinois Broadband Advisory Council Meeting Agenda](#)

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