

CCAO Summer Symposium

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Ohio's Broadband Vision

Bring reliable, affordable, high-speed internet to every Ohioan, in their home and in their community.

Promote the creation of world- class broadband networks throughout the state, via the use of best-in-class technologies.

Enable participation in the modern economy.

Empower Ohioans through training and digital skills.

Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant Round 1 Updates

Milestones

+ Each Grantee must complete at least four milestones during their grant cycle

+ Milestone No. 1

- All Grantees have achieved their first milestone.

+ Milestone No. 2

- Four Grantees have achieved their second milestone.
- Note: All projects are currently still set to be completed on time.

Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant Round 2 Updates

Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant Program

- +House Bill 2 was signed into law by Governor DeWine on May 17, 2021.
- +Helps internet service providers (ISPs) fill the funding gap for the construction of broadband projects in unserved and underserved areas.
- +Established the Broadband Expansion Program Authority within the Ohio Department of Development.
- +The budget bill, House Bill 33, made additional changes to the way the program is implemented, including streamlining parts of the application and scoring guidance.

Broadband Pole Replacement and Undergrounding Program

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+ Section 191.02 of HB 33, established the Ohio Broadband Pole Replacement and Undergrounding Program within the Department of Development to advance the provision of qualifying broadband service access to residences and businesses in an unserved area by reimbursing certain costs of pole replacements, mid-span pole installations, and undergrounding.

+ Start Date

- Applications will be available after the next Broadband Expansion Authority meeting.

+ Who Can Apply

- Providers may apply for reimbursement under the program if the provider has paid for any of the following costs in association with the deployment of broadband infrastructure:
 - Pole replacement costs
 - Mid-span pole replacement costs
 - Undergrounding costs

Community Accelerator Program

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- + Designed to help communities across Ohio leverage historic broadband infrastructure funding.
- + Free 10-week program offers structured engagement for communities to **identify broadband goals, gather data, understand funding options, and target capital dollars to support implementation.**
- + First Cohort June 2022
- + Second Cohort August 2023

Upcoming Funding Opportunities

Federal Grant Programs

- + **American Rescue Plan Act**

Coronavirus Capital Projects
Fund (Dept. of Treasury)

- + **Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act**

Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment
Program (NTIA)

- + **Digital Equity (NTIA)**

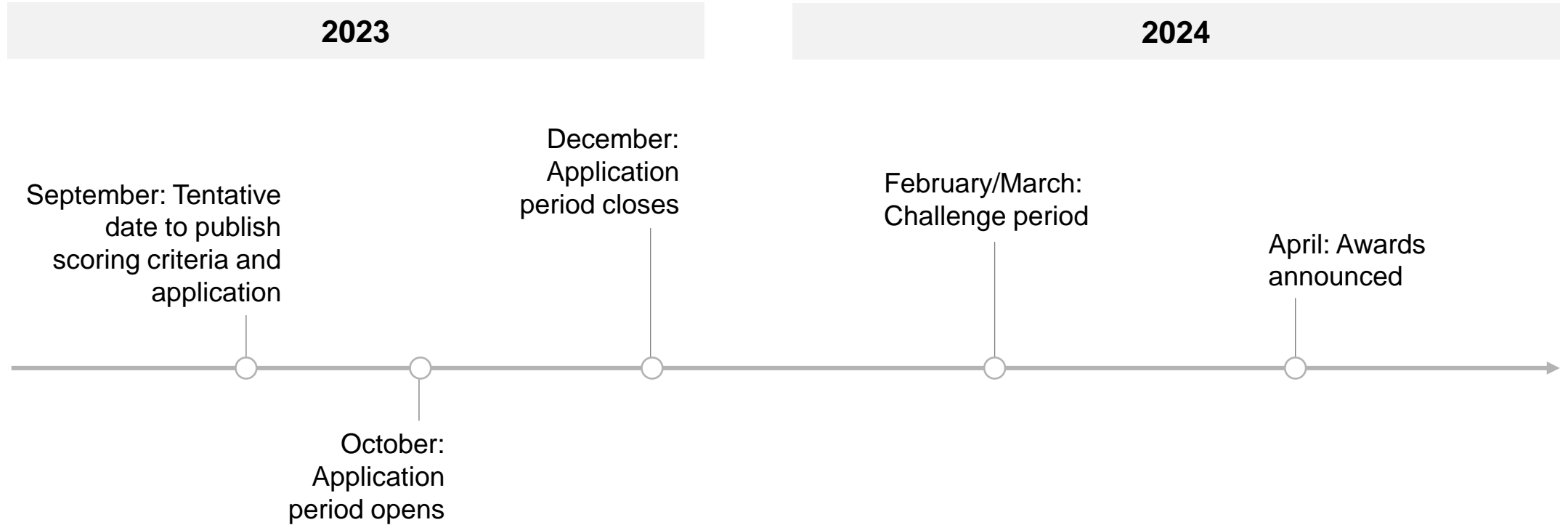
US Treasury Capital Projects Fund

+ \$268.5 million allocation for Ohio.

+ Projects

- Appalachian Community Innovation Campuses (Ohio Facilities Construction Commission) - \$90 million
- ORBEG Round 2- \$78.5 million
- Multi County Fiber Build SW Ohio- \$60 million
- Affordability Grants- \$20 million
- Line Extension Program- \$10 million
- Student Connectivity Grants Round 2- \$7 million
- Western Ohio Independent Fiber Consortia Pilot Project- \$3 million

CPF ORBEG Funding Timelines



ORBEG

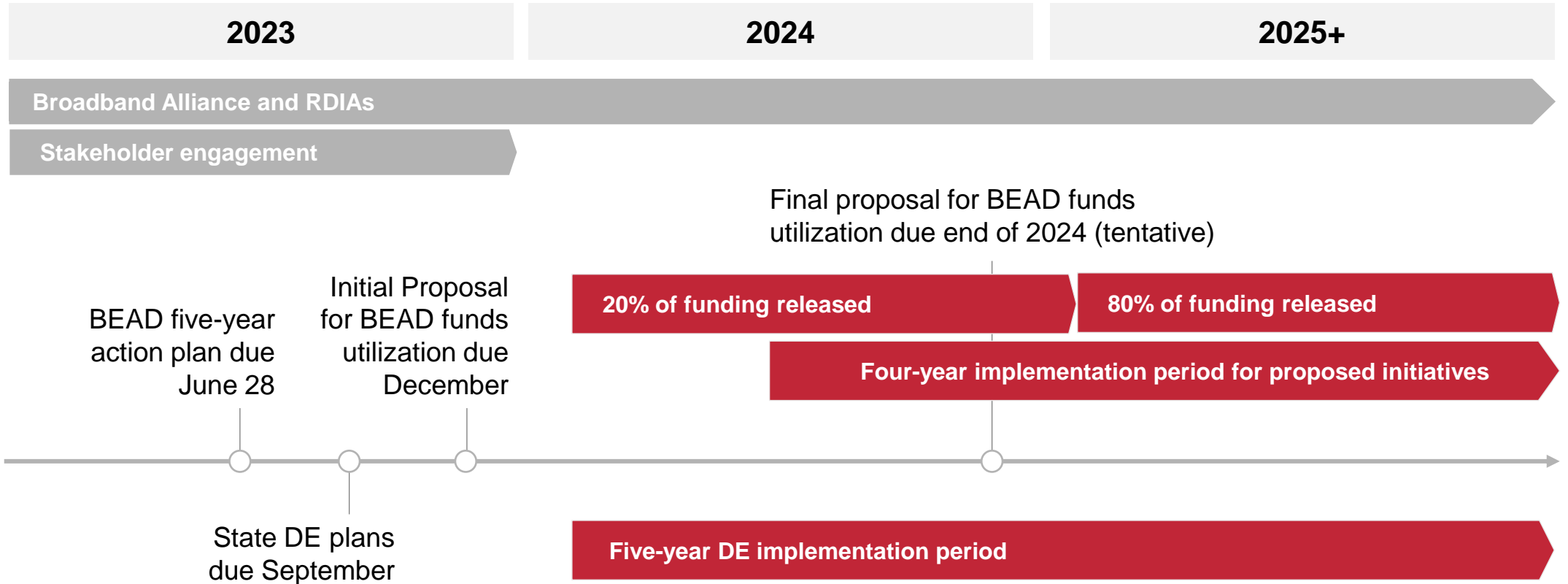
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Digital Equity Act

+ **October 2022**

- + Received \$1.4 million to do a state digital equity plan.
- + March to June 2023
 - + Held regional planning sessions with communities
 - + 100,000 surveys
- + Created Regional Digital Inclusion Alliances
 - + Northwest Ohio- Toledo Lucas County Public Library
 - + Northeast Ohio- Cleveland Foundation
 - + Central Ohio- Smart Columbus
 - + Southeast Ohio- Buckeye Hills Regional Council
 - + Southwest Ohio- The United Way of Greater Cincinnati
- + August 2023
 - + Awarded over \$600K in pilot grant funding
- + September 2023
 - + Submit the State's Digital Opportunity Plan to NTIA

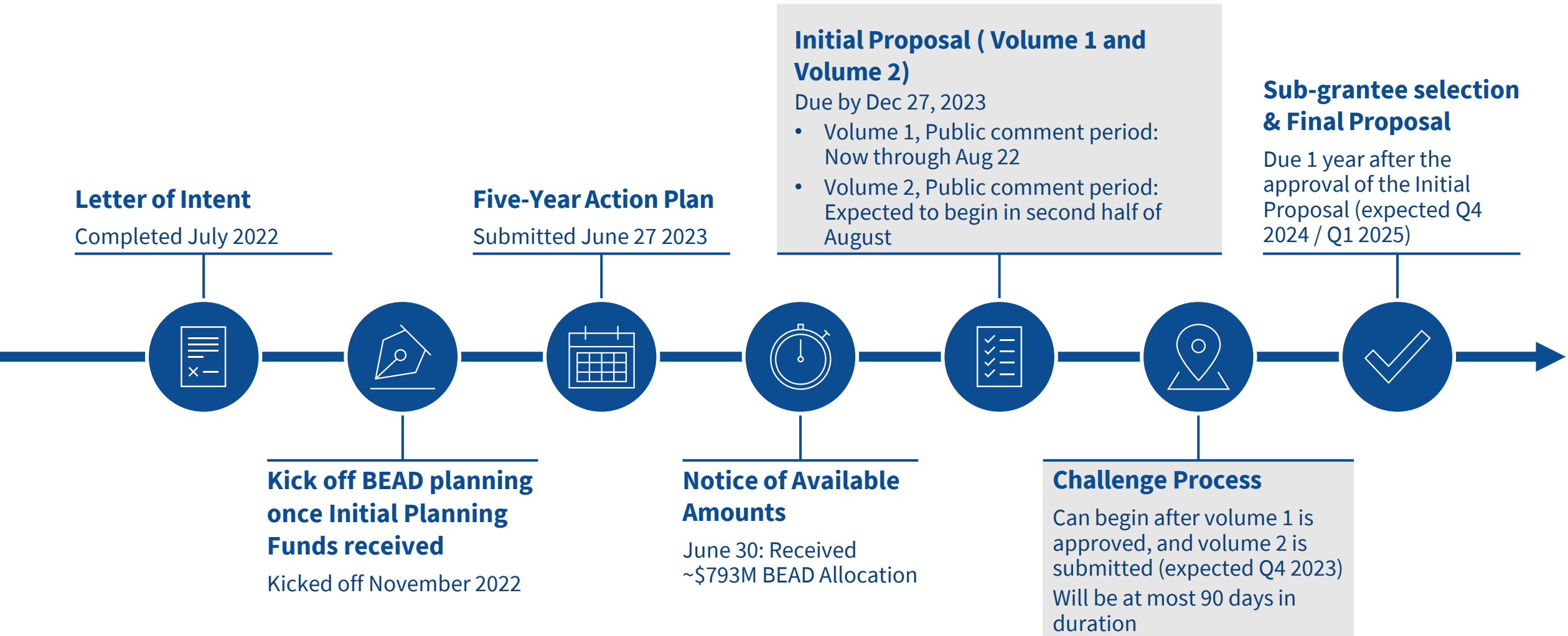
BEAD and DE Funding Timelines



BEAD

DE

What's next in the BEAD Process



Preliminary view of the Ohio BEAD Challenge Process

Process overview

Stakeholder engagement

Active engagement of stakeholders to publicize the timing, documentation and process details of BEAD Challenge process via public channels, and technical assistance webinars

Publication of Eligible locations

Publish the full universe of locations potentially eligible for BEAD in an online portal
Stakeholders who can access the portal:

- Local government
- Providers
- Non-profits

Challenge

Challenges submitted in an online portal
Challenges must be visible to the service provider whose service availability is being contested

Rebuttal

Only the challenged service provider may rebut the challenge of a location or area with evidence
If rebutted, the location(s) are disputed

Final Determination

The state makes the final determination of the classification of each disputed location, either declaring the challenge sustained or rejected

all submitted challenges and rebuttals to be publicly posted before final determinations are made, including

Process details to be determined, based on NTIA guidance, review and decision

- Timing of the challenge process (NTIA decision)
- Evidentiary requirements (NTIA decision)
- Tool/solution to be used for submitting challenges (Guidance to be released by NTIA)

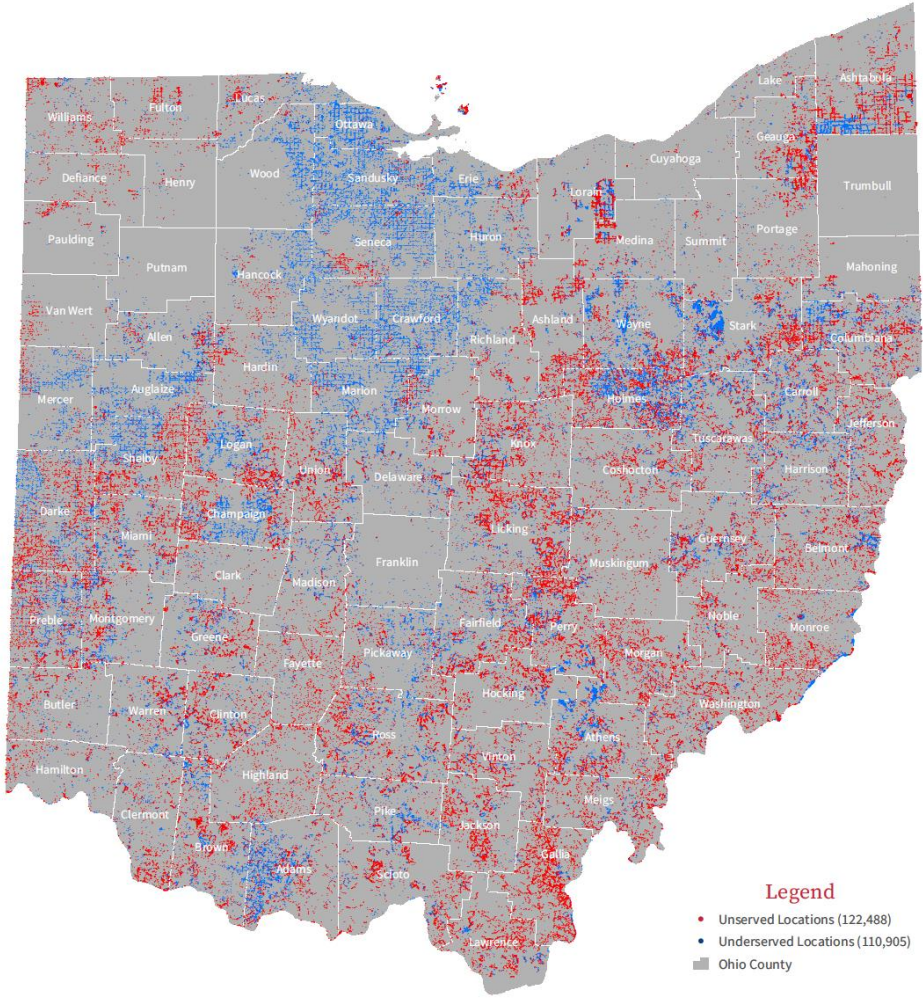
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Source: NTIA Challenge Process Guidance, <https://www.internetforall.gov/>.
Ohio DRAFT Initial Proposal, Volume 1: <https://broadband.ohio.gov/> --> "Make your voice heard: Funding Opportunities"



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Unfunded Locations
 Unserved and Underserved Categories



This map shows the locations in Ohio lacking adequate broadband service that have not been touched by the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF), Connect America Fund II (CAF II), or the Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant (ORBEG) programs. Any location with broadband service slower than 25/3 (mbps download/upload speeds) is unserved. A location with broadband service of at least 25/3 but lower than 100/20 is underserved.

Funded Locations*	99,585
CAF II	3,228
ORBEG	50,406
RDOF	46,951
Unfunded Locations	233,393
Unserved	122,488
Underserved	110,905

*Not shown on map

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