

BROADBAND EQUITY, ACCESS, AND DEPLOYMENT (BEAD) FACT SHEET

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS (CNMI)

About the CNMI BEAD Program

The CNMI, through its Broadband Policy and Development Office (BPD), aims to provide every household with affordable, high-speed internet, targeting universal broadband availability by 2030. Currently, 100% of CNMI's Broadband Serviceable Locations (BSLs) are classified as unserved or underserved, making this a transformative, whole-of-territory effort. The focus is on deploying a comprehensive, hardened, end-to-end network to achieve these goals.

CNMI Broadband Coverage Goals

Metric	Value
BEAD Funded Broadband Coverage	100%
Minimum Speeds Guaranteed	100/20 Mbps (Download/Upload)
Maximum Speeds Possible	5000/5000 Mbps (Download/Upload)
Locations Currently Without Broadband	9,568
Locations to Gain Broadband in 4 Years	9,568
Total Broadband Infrastructure Investment	\$31,365,227.18
Average BEAD Funding Required Per Passing	\$3,278.14
Total Subgrantee Match Commitment	41% (\$21,931,951.14 total)
PFA Match Contributions As High As	Exceeding 64%

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Highlights and Achievements

- 100% coverage with guaranteed minimum speeds of 100/20 Mbps across the CNMI.
- **The "Benefit of the Bargain" round resulted in subgrant applications over \$50 million lower than prior estimates, optimizing cost-efficiency** for a resilient underground end-to-end fiber-to-the-home network.
- Significant private and public match commitments demonstrate strong local investment and partnership.

Projected Impact

- **All 9,568 currently unserved locations** will have access to broadband within the next 4 years.
- Enhanced connectivity will improve education, healthcare, business opportunities, and overall quality of life across the islands.



Timeline

Period	Activities
Now- Late 2025	Finalizing subgrant awards and contracts; detailed planning and engineering
2026 - 2029	Construction and deployment of broadband infrastructure across the CNMI
2030	Completion and performance verification of broadband network

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