

Understanding BEAD Project Areas

OSB has identified fixed **Project Areas** eligible for BEAD funding. Applicants may only submit proposals for these designated areas.

What Are Project Areas?

- Groups of **eligible locations** (unserved, underserved, or CAIs) organized into logical, buildable units.
- Project areas may be one continuous polygon or a multipart polygon containing two or more separate polygons.

What's Included in the Zip File?

- **'BEAD_Unserved_Underserved.CSV'** contains a list for all eligible residents and businesses across Maryland. Each location has an associated 'location_id', a 'status' as unserved or underserved, and an assigned BEAD 'Project_ID' indicating which BEAD project area the location is within.
- **'BEAD_Unserved_CAI.CSV'** contains a list of all eligible CAI across Maryland. Each CAI is assigned a 'Project_ID' tying the CAI to a BEAD project area. If a location is marked as 'Stand Alone' in the 'Project_ID' column then it is considered as its own project. A CAI is assigned the 'Stand Alone' ID when it is within a county that has 100% coverage across the county for all residence and business.
- **'BEAD_Project_Areas.KMZ'** contains the BEAD Project areas. Each Project area is assigned a unique ID. A BEAD project area may be a multipart polygon containing a non-continuous project area.

Where to Find the Files

All project area files will be posted on the OSB website:
<https://dhcd.maryland.gov/Broadband/Pages/StatePlans.aspx>.