

LANGLADE COUNTY BROADBAND COMMISSION REPORT, December 2025

Wisconsin BEAD Program – PSC Final Proposal Update (as of December 10, 2025)

Historic Announcement: BEAD BOB Funding Awarded on December 3, 2025

Langlade County will receive BEAD BOB award of \$13,899,487 to reach 3,140 eligible locations. The builds are heavily weighted toward fiber:

- **Bertram Communications – 2,515 locations** using primarily fiber | **\$13,186,569**
 - Locations Requested: **3,438**
- **Nsight (Cellcom) – 140 locations** using a mix of fixed wireless and fiber | **\$67,076**
- **Cirrinity – 485 locations** using a mix of fiber and fixed wireless | **\$645,842**

Bertram cost per location=\$5,243.17 this award shows fiber only

Nsight (cellcom) = \$479.11 per location mainly fixed wireless

Cirrinity -\$1,331.63 per location mainly fixed wireless

- **This is the single largest broadband award in Langlade County’s history and positions the region for long-term economic and community vitality.**

BEAD Implementation Timeline (PSC Update)

Presented by the Wisconsin Public Service Commission:

- **NTIA Approval of BEAD Final Proposal: December 3, 2025**
- **Tribal Consent Process:** Within 6 months of approval
- **Grant Agreement Execution: Dec. 2025 – Feb. 2026**
- **Environmental Review: Dec. 2025 – Feb. 2026**
- **Nondeployment Funding:** Pending NTIA guidance
- **Construction Period:** Approx. 4 years
 - **Estimated Completion: 2030**

Broadband Impact Since 2015 –

Cirrinity Public–Private Partnership

- **Total Investment: \$7.25 million**
- **Funding Breakdown:**
 - **\$2.6 million** contributed by Cirrinity
 - **\$759,771** invested by local towns and the County
 - **\$3.9 million** awarded through Wisconsin PSC broadband grants
- **Key Outcomes:**
 - **1,806 households and businesses** connected or directly impacted
 - **167+ miles of Fiber-to-the-Home (FTTH)** installed

Local ISP Project Updates

Cirrinity

- Tower project invoiced; awaiting equipment installation and power-up
- Ribbon cutting planned upon completion
- Town of Neva Fiber Project:
 - **58% take rate**, expected to reach **60–70%**
- Community Anchor clarification:
 - Townships that provided a match during any grant program for implementation of fiber received free internet service.

Charter/Spectrum

- Active RDOF deployment to **1,737 Langlade County locations**
- Full construction update scheduled for **February 2026**

Insight/Cellcom

- Currently working with Insight Team on additional fixed wireless and cellular opportunities Phase 1-3 more to come.

Strategic Priorities Going Forward

The Broadband Commission will continue advancing connectivity through:

- Expanded **cellular coverage** in priority areas
- Improved **fixed wireless** service in hard-to-reach terrain
- **Fiber deployment** through BEAD, PSC grants, and RDOF
- Ongoing collaboration with ISPs to ensure comprehensive rural coverage

**Langlade County Broadband Commission Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2025**

Attendance: Steve Maier; County Board Supervisor; Eric Boman, Town of Upham; Angie Close, LCEDC; Mike Cragoe Town of Upham ; Mark Leonard PSC, Al Murray, LC Forestry Administrator: John Berres, Insight

Absent: Niel Schueller, Town of Summit

Meeting called to order at 12:00 pm

- 1) Meeting minutes approved from October 21 2025, Murray motion, Maier Seconded. All Ayes.**

- 2) BEAD Update:** Mark from the PSC presented an update and the preliminary timeline BEAD BOB Awards;

- NTIA Curing and Approval of Final Proposal is hopeful by December 4th as 18 states were approved
- Tribal Consent within 6 months
- Grant agreements (December 2025-Feb 2026)
- Environmental Review Process (December 2025-Feb 2026)
- Nondeployment Funds- Waiting on NTIA Guidance
- Construction (approx. 4 years) 2030

- 3) ISP Provider Update on current Projects**

- Cirrinity; Tower was invoiced and just waiting to get equipment installed and powered up. A ribbon cutting will be held at a later date. Neva project is completed with a 58% take rate and will project a 60-70% take rate as others are now reaching out. Clarification on Community Anchors was given by Cirrinity via email; If there was a grant that was awarded for the township and the township provided match funding over \$10k, Cirrinity was providing service free of charge.
- Chris from Charter will give a construction update on the Eastern RDOLF Project in February, 2026.
- Governor Broadband Taskforce is holding a webinar on what changed and what's next. Close is signed up and invited taskforce to view.

- 4) Convene into closed session in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes Section 19.85(1)(e), Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Scoring of Internet Service Providers proposals that contain confidential or proprietary information.**

Motion to move into closed session by Maier, seconded by Curler. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion Approved.

- 5) Reconvene into open session**

Motion to reconvene into open session by Murray, second by Curler, All Ayes. Motion Carried

- 6) Consideration of action discussed during closed session: Information only. No action taken.**

- 7) The Commission will continue collaborating with Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to identify and pursue opportunities for improved cellular coverage and fixed wireless service in targeted areas.
- 8) **Next Meeting Date, tentative December 16, 2025**
- 9) **Meeting Adjourned at 1:01 PM**

Angie Close, Chair



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December 3, 2025

Re: BEAD Final Proposal and Grant Awards Approved

5-BD-2025

The Commission has received approval from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) for Wisconsin's Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) Program Final Proposal and resulting awards. This is the primary approval that determines the locations and technologies the selected awardees will deploy to 175,464 locations.

Approved BEAD awards include those that were awarded through the Benefit of the Bargain (BOB) grant round and subsequent negotiations for remaining eligible locations that were not awarded in the BOB grant round. The approved Final Proposal also includes revisions required by NTIA under new guidance released related to excessive cost per location, Tribal consent, and other provisions.

Table 1: Summary of BEAD Awards

Total locations awarded BEAD funds	175,464
Total BEAD funds awarded	\$696,592,288
Average BEAD funding awarded per location	\$3,970
Total count of awarded entities	29
Total awarded projects	126

Table 2: Summary of Technology by Location and BEAD Funding

Project Technology	# of Locations	% of Locations	Total BEAD Funding
Fiber	133,347	76.0%	\$637,272,614
Fixed Wireless	17,204	9.8%	\$19,914,267
Low Earth Orbit Satellite	24,721	14.1%	\$37,182,860
Mixed	192	0.1%	\$2,222,547
	175,464	100%	\$696,592,288

The Commission has published WI BEAD Awards Summary by Entity and County data ([PSC REF#: 569148](#)), the WI BEAD Approved Final Proposal ([PSC REF#: 569146](#)), and WI BEAD Approved Final Proposal Data ([PSC REF#: 569147](#)) which includes the full data submission approved by NTIA, including funded locations and community anchor institutions (CAIs) awarded, funding by project and entity, and locations that no longer required BEAD funding.

Commission staff will work with awarded entities to finalize grant agreements, which will provide a four-year performance period to complete the projects. Additional administrative review steps will need to be completed by the federal government before grant agreements can be issued. Construction is expected to begin in 2026 for most projects.

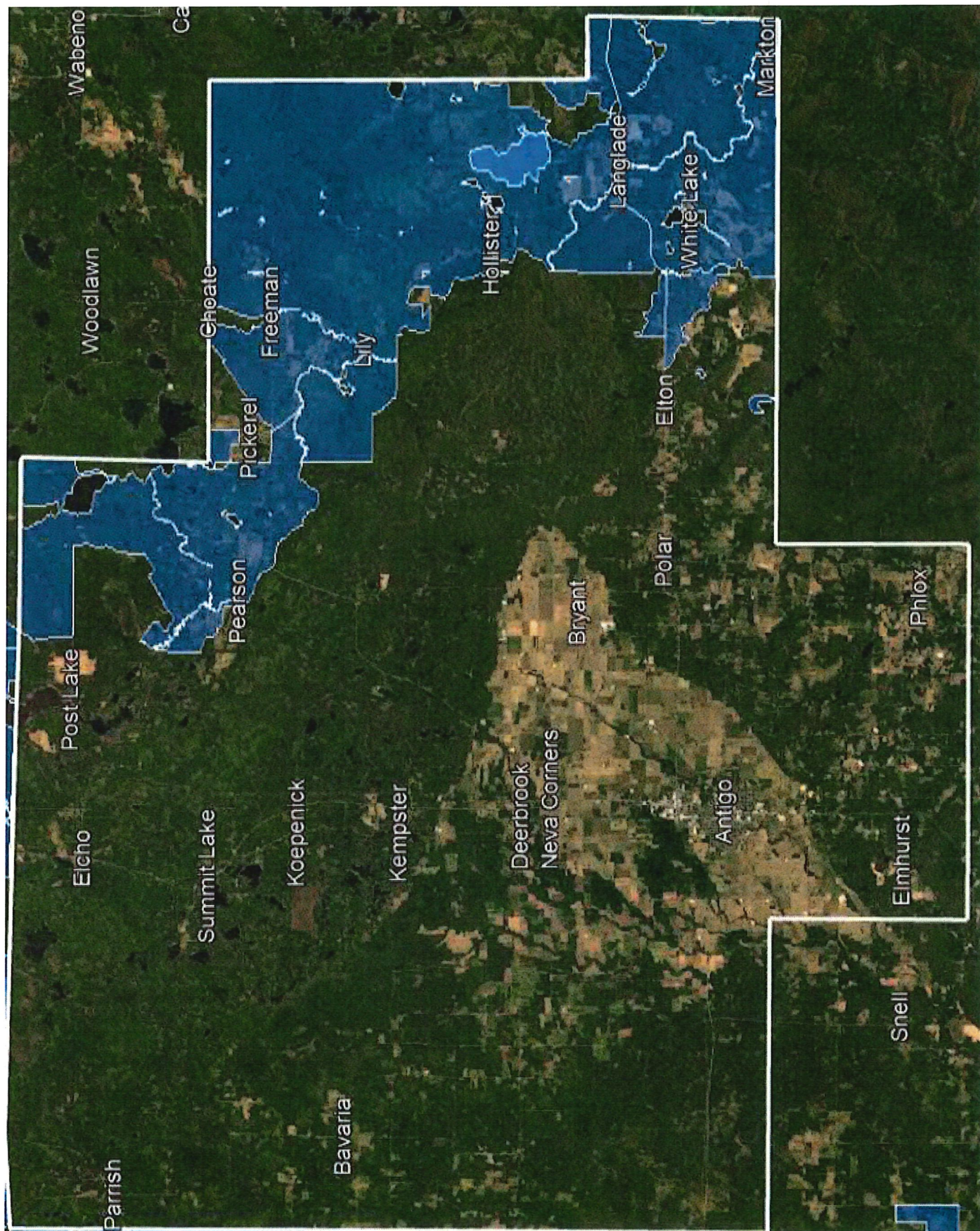
For further details on the BEAD program please visit the Commissions [BEAD Grant Program webpage](#). See [docket 5-BD-2025](#) for all BEAD documentation and communication. For questions regarding the BEAD program, email PSCBEADGrants@wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe Fontaine', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Joe Fontaine
Administrator
Division of Digital Access, Consumer and Environmental Affairs

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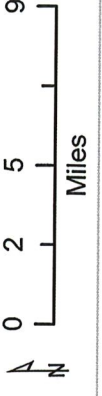
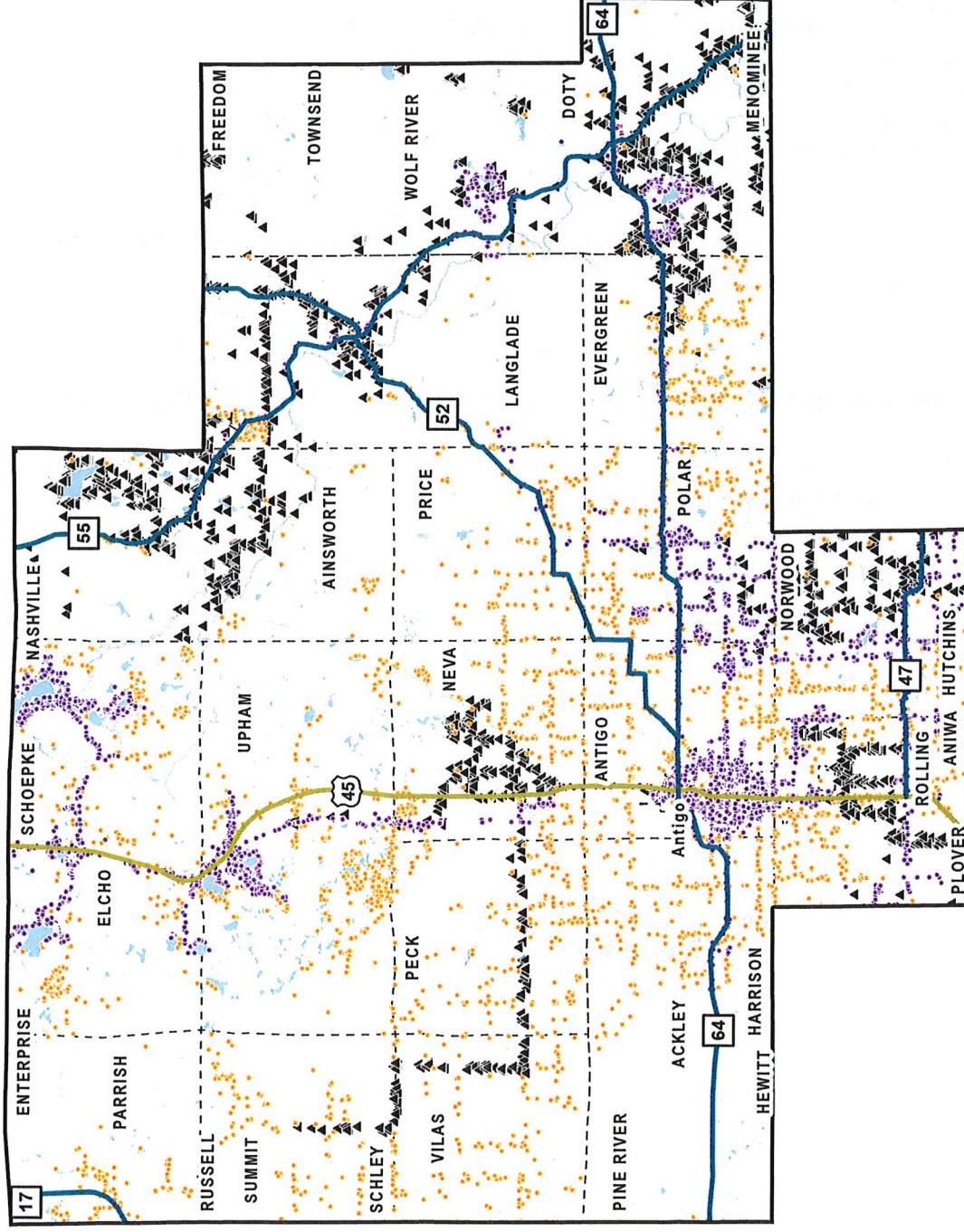
Langlade County

Total BSLs: 13,378

Eligible: 3,438

Ineligible
(Served): 7,401

Ineligible
(In Progress): 2,539



In-Progress Enforceable Grant Commitments - Langedade County

Program	Awardee	Location Count
Federal Communications Commission - Rural Digital Opportunity Fund	Charter Fiberlink CCO, LLC - WI - Gigabit	1,737
Local Grant - American Rescue Plan Act	Brightspeed	1
State Grant - American Rescue Plan Act	Wittenberg Cable TV Company Inc	40
State Grant - Broadband Expansion	Cirrinity	455
State Grant - Broadband Expansion	Tri-County Communications	2
State Grant - Broadband Expansion	Wittenberg Cable TV Company Inc	126
State Grant - Capital Projects Fund	Wittenberg Cable TV Company Inc	193
Total		2,554

Note: In-Progress Enforceable Grant Commitment Total may exceed In-Progress Location Total due to overlapping commitments.

See data in interactive online map: <https://maps.psc.wi.gov/apps/BEADEligibilityMap/>

More information:

- [BEAD Grant Program Information](#)
- [PSC Engagement and Endorsement FAQ](#)
- [UW-Extension Engagement and Endorsement Resources](#)

Contact: PSCBEADGrants@wisconsin.gov.