

Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee

Tuesday, October 7, 2025
3:30 PM - 5:30 PM
Reed Hall (102 HOB)

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Meeting Agenda

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I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Welcome and Opening Remarks

IV. Discussion of Broadband Service Expansion to Rural, Unserved, and Underserved Areas in Florida

V. Closing Remarks

VI. Adjournment

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Office of Broadband Overview

Division of Community Development

House Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee Meeting

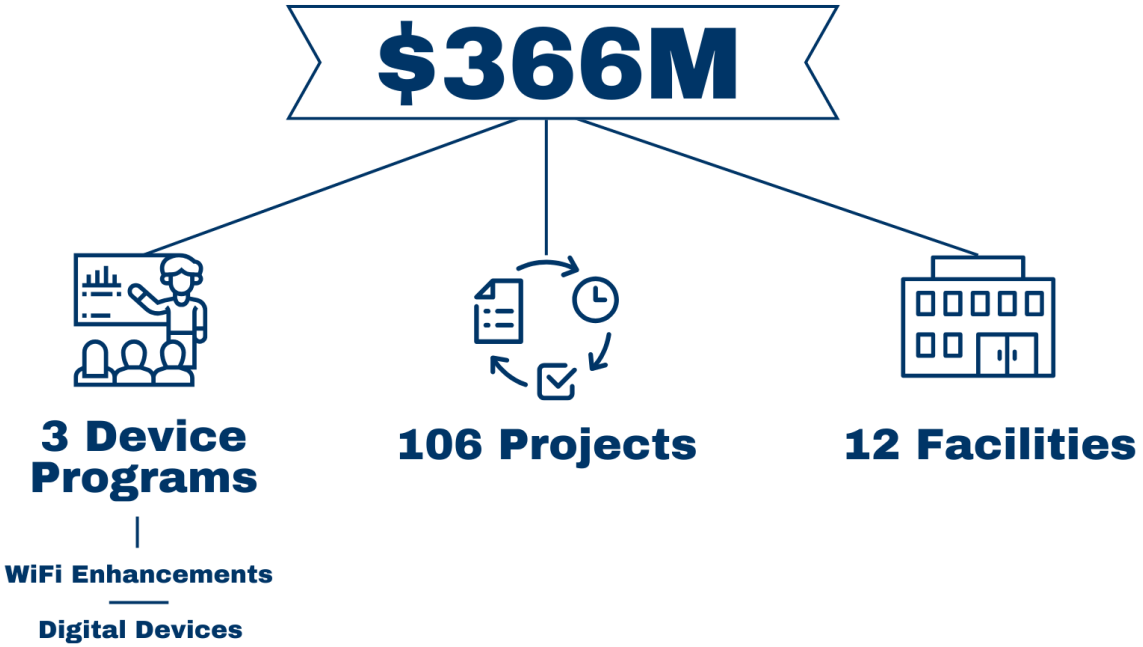
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Broadband Programs Overview

- Broadband Opportunity Grant Program - $363.9 million awarded for 137 grants in 59 counties since 2022
- Capital Projects Fund
  - Broadband Infrastructure Program - $249 million awarded for 74 grants in 47 counties
  - Multi-Purpose Community Facilities Program - $87 million awarded for 29 grants in 17 counties
  - Digital Connectivity Technology Program - $11 million for 15 grants in 25 counties
- ConnectedFlorida BEAD Program
  - $1.1 billion total to serve more than 102,000 remaining unserved and underserved locations
- Utility Relocation Reimbursement Grant Program
  - $50 million annually to reimburse providers for relocation costs

Broadband's Impact on Florida's Rural Communities

- ❑ FloridaCommerce prioritizes rural investment
- ❑ New opportunities for businesses and employees
- ❑ New workforce needs for infrastructure
- ❑ Expanded educational opportunities
- ❑ BEAD will fully connect Florida's rural communities



Broadband Opportunity Program

Progress Report

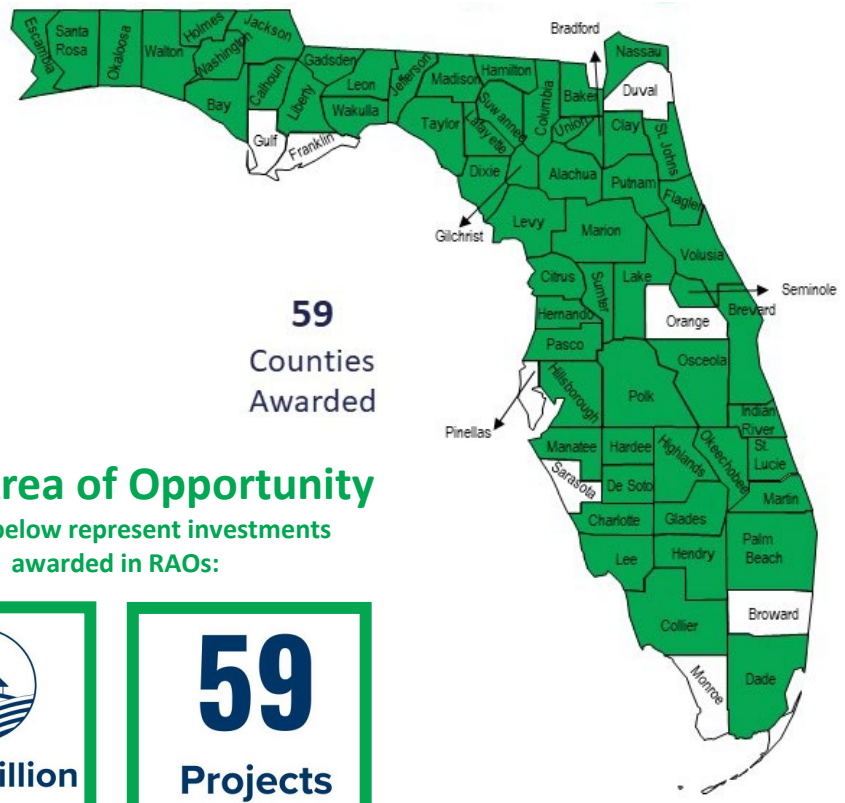
- ❑$79 million in funding disbursed
- ❑38,032 locations served
- ❑8,734 miles of fiber

$363.9M
in Award Funding

66,804
Passings

18,227
Miles of Fiber

137
Awarded Projects



59
Counties
Awarded

Rural Area of Opportunity

Figures below represent investments awarded in RAOs:

$168 Million

59
Projects

Broadband Infrastructure Program

Progress Report

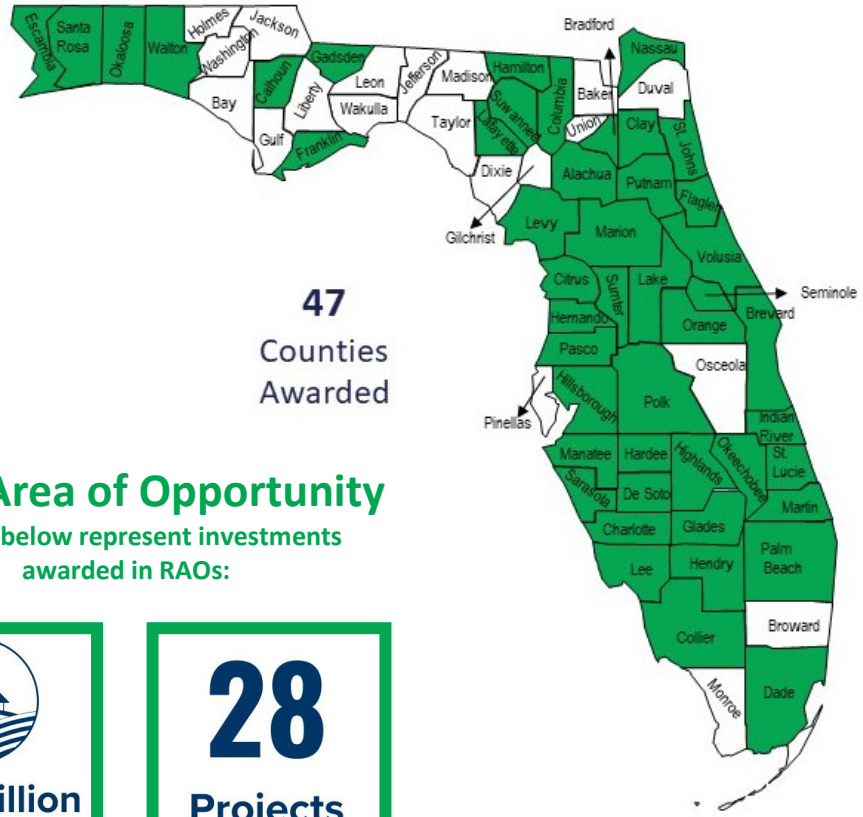
- ❑$28 million in funding disbursed
- ❑1,211 locations served
- ❑1,351 miles of fiber

$248.5M
in Award Funding

37,313
Passings

8,796
Miles of Fiber

74
Awarded Projects



47
Counties
Awarded

Rural Area of Opportunity

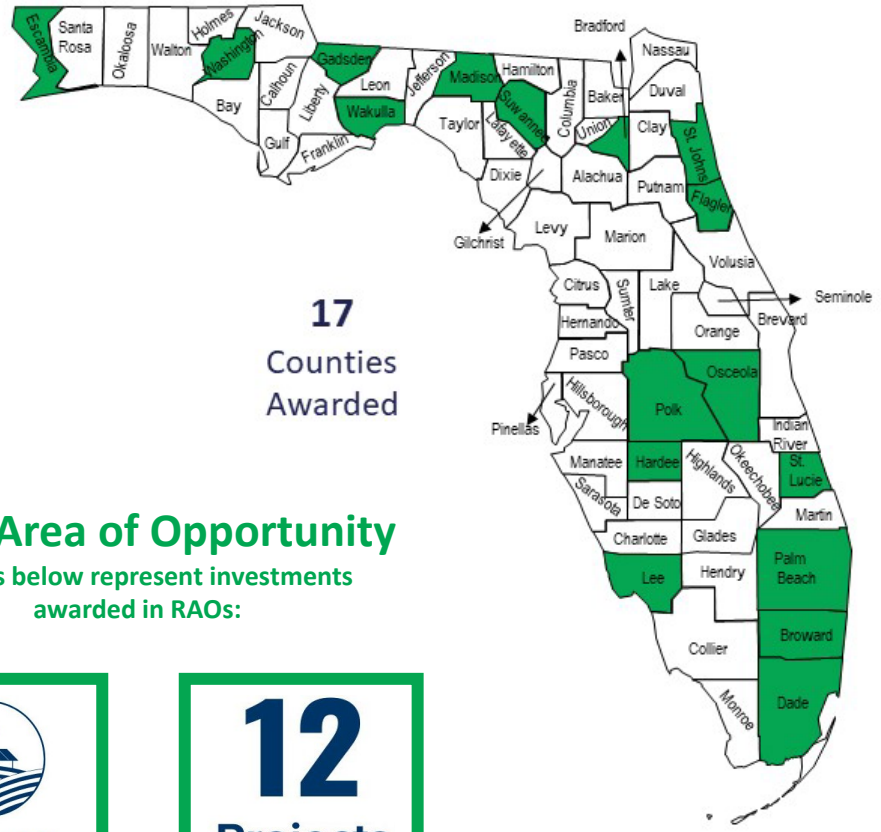
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$82 Million

28
Projects

Multi-Purpose Community Facilities Program

- The Multi-Purpose Community Facilities Program provides funds for construction or improvements to buildings designed to give local communities access to broadband internet.



17
Counties
Awarded

29
Awarded Projects

$86.9M
in Award Funding

Rural Area of Opportunity

Figures below represent investments awarded in RAOs:

$37.7 Million

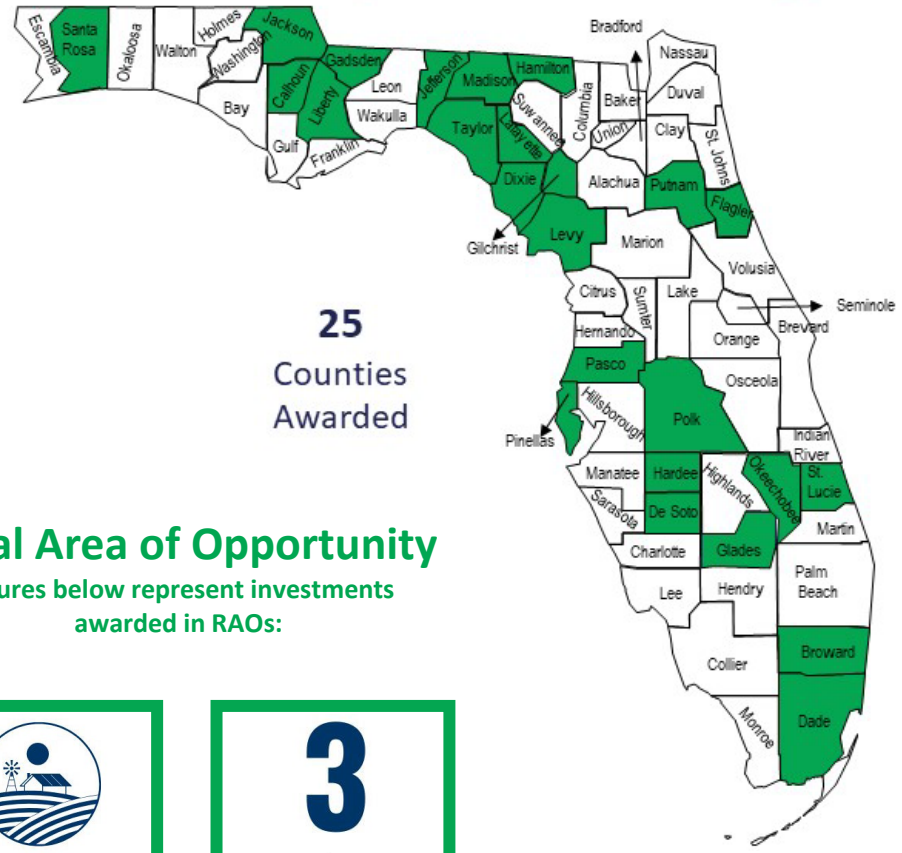
12
Projects

Digital Connectivity Technology Program

- The Digital Connectivity Technology Program provides funds to subrecipients to enhance digital connectivity by providing essential devices, equipment and training.

$11.5M
in Award Funding

15
Awarded Projects



25
Counties Awarded

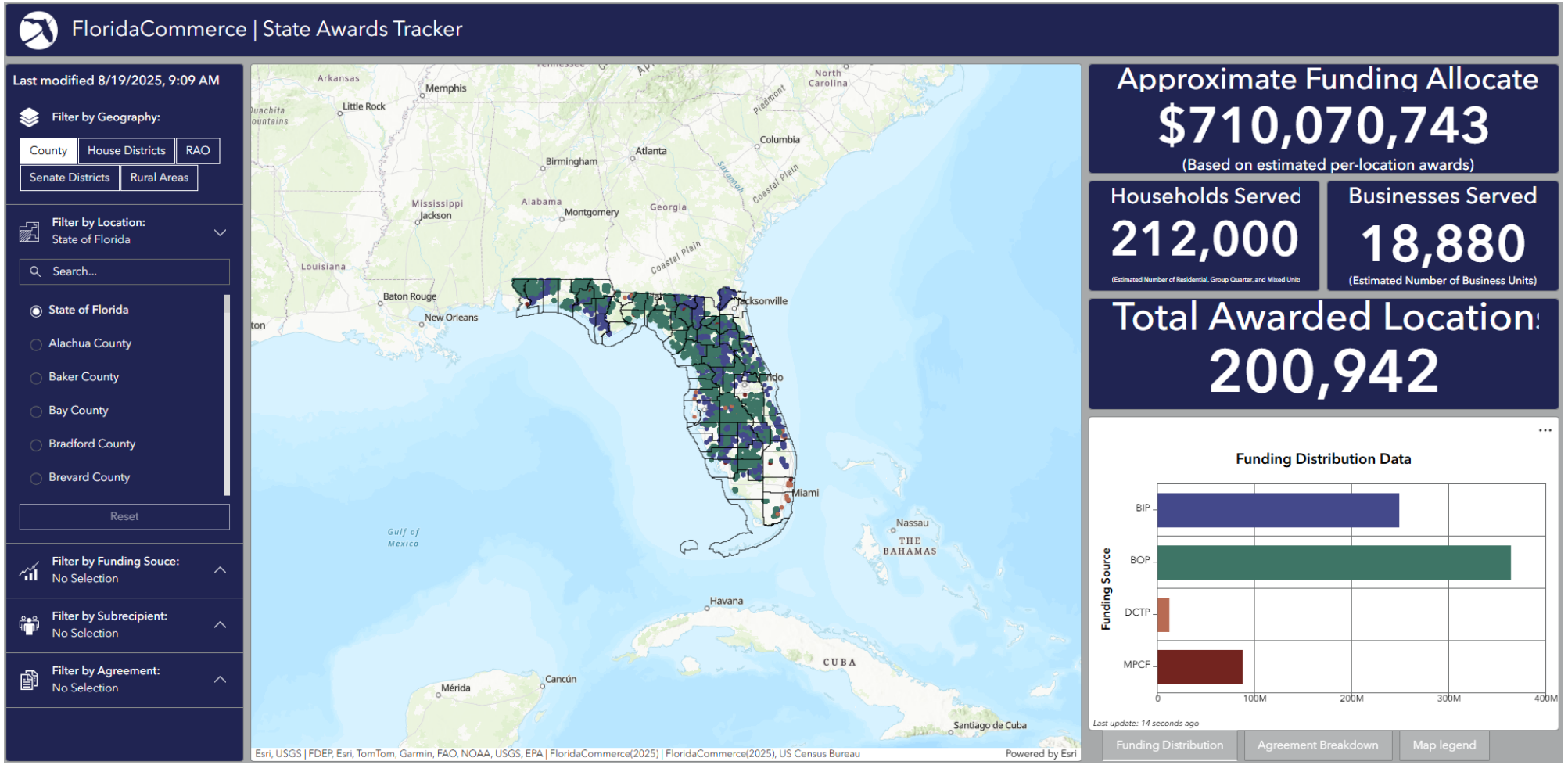
Rural Area of Opportunity

Figures below represent investments awarded in RAOs:

$6.2 Million

3
Projects

Interactive State Awards Tracker



To view the tracker, visit:
https://flbroadband.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/f4363f5e63e5459b8ec72347bafd2ba3

BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice

- Federal guidelines made major changes to BEAD Program, effective June 6, 2025.
- Emphasized technology neutrality and minimum cost to program in subgrantee selection.
- Paused workforce and non-deployment BEAD spending, to be reviewed after infrastructure wrap-up.
- Required states to run a “Benefit of the Bargain” round of subgrantee selection within 90 days.

BEAD Application Breakdown

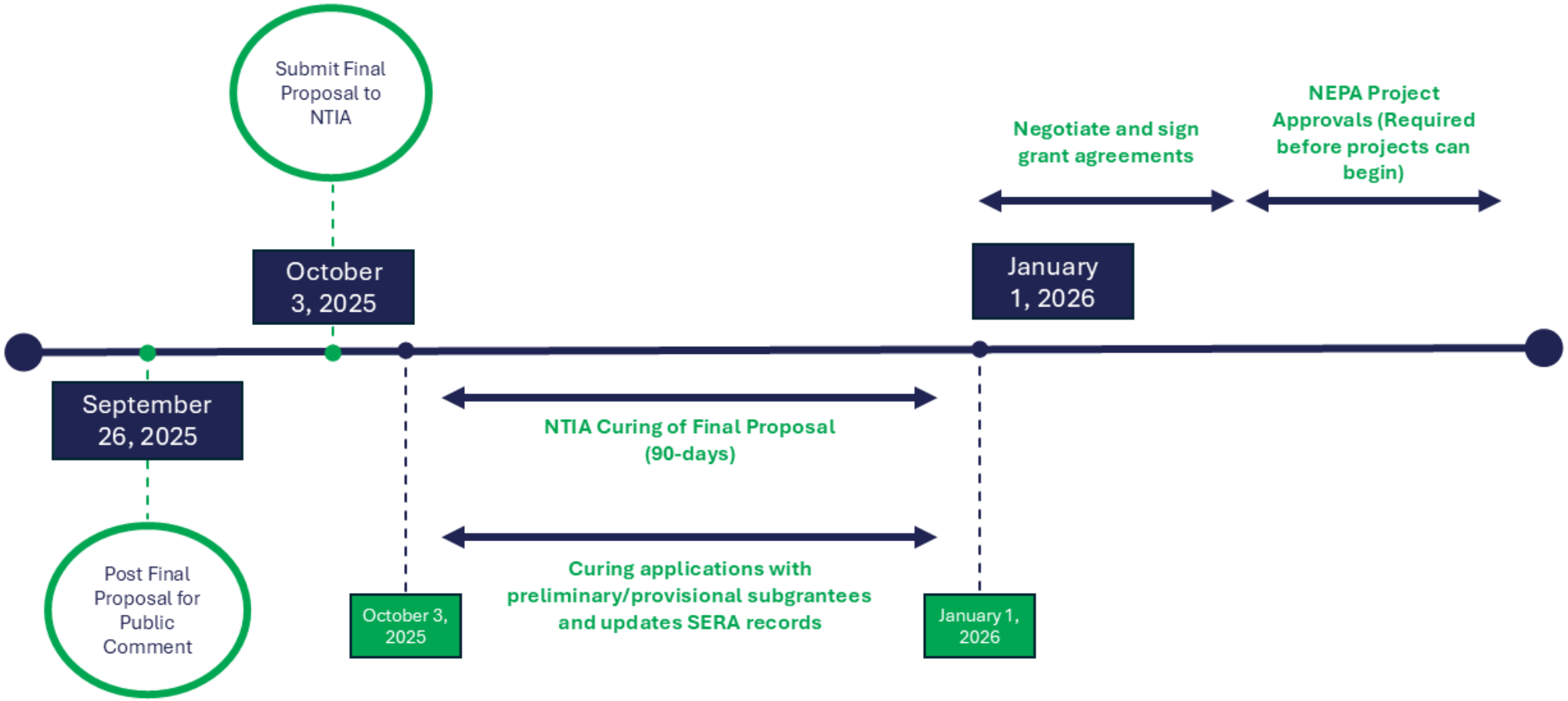


- Approximately 102,000 eligible locations
- 28 total applicants
- 1,065 total applications received
- $1,093,282,023 total funding requested

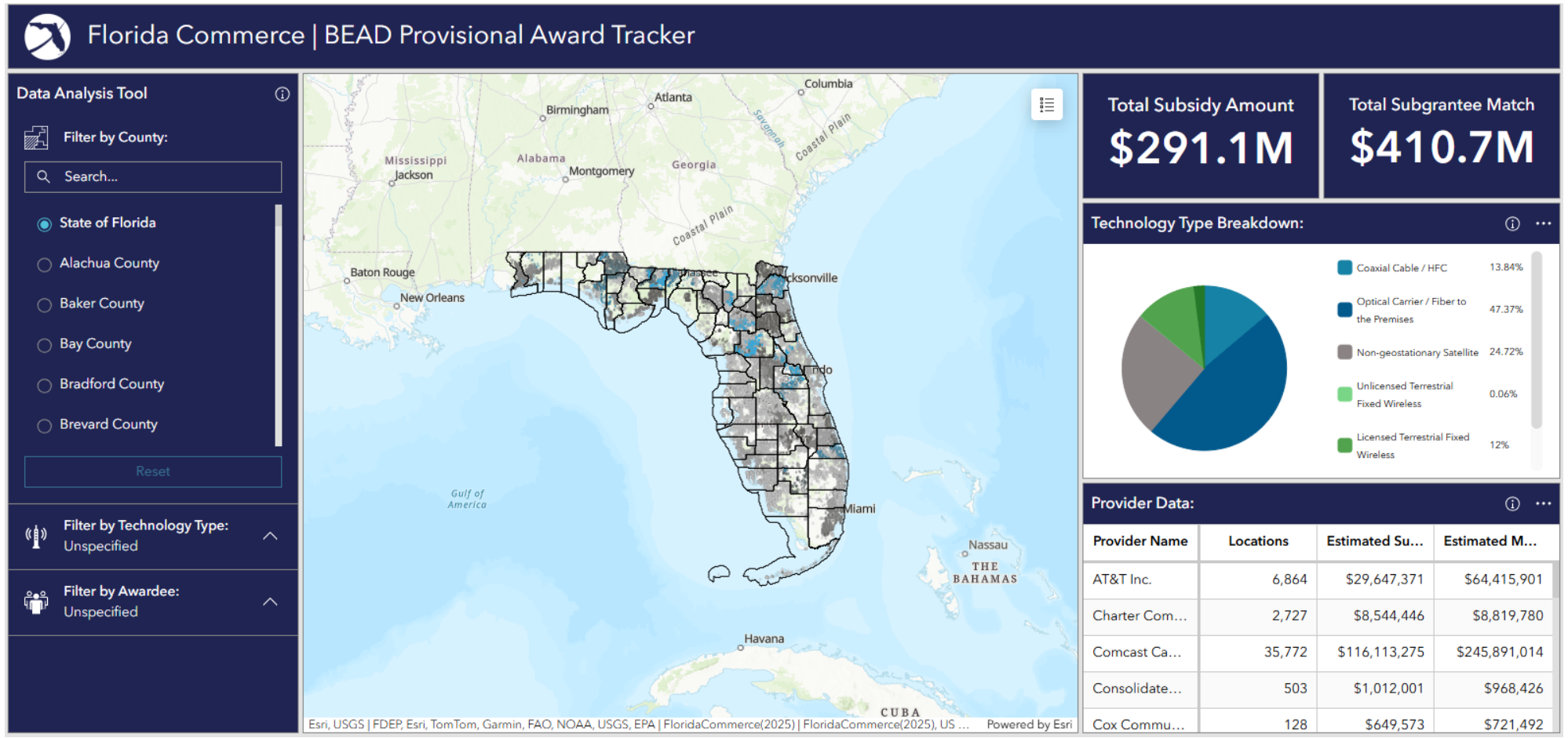
BEAD Subgrantee Selection and Awards

- Average Cost per Location: $2,837.65
  - Post-award negotiations helped lower costs and serve remaining areas
- $291,117,627 total deployment cost
  - Cost savings of over 75% of total allocation
- $410,719,614 match provided
  - 59% of program funding provided by service providers
- All project areas received at least one bid, each location received 3.5 bids on average.
- Healthy mix of technologies awarded including fiber, fixed wireless, satellite and hybrid technology applications.
- Submitted to National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) October 3, awaiting final approval (90-day timeline).

BEAD Next Steps



Interactive BEAD Provisional Awards Tracker



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https://florida-office-of-broadband-flbroadband.hub.arcgis.com/pages/bead-program

Utility Relocation Grant Program

- Chapter No. 2025-122, 337.4031 Florida Statutes
  - Designed to reimburse communications services providers (CSPs) for infrastructure relocation requests made by local governments.
    - CSPs subject to F.S. Chapter 202 eligibility.
  - Funded by Local Communication Services Tax, $50 million annually distributed to FloridaCommerce in monthly installments.
  - Grant program payments are subject to legislative appropriation.
- FloridaCommerce Next Steps:
  - Launched program October 1.
  - Implemented emergency rulemaking to initiate program.
    - Traditional rulemaking to follow.
  - Finalizing online submission portal, currently accepting applications via email in meantime.

Thank You.

If you have questions or comments about this presentation, please contact us or visit www.FloridaJobs.org/Broadband

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