



SUPPORT COLUMBIA COUNTY'S BROADBAND FUTURE

Strengthen Our BEAD Grant Application - Send Your Letter of Support Today!

COLUMBIA COUNTY is one of 52 prequalified applicants for Oregon's Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program. This is a rare and important opportunity to bring funding for fast, affordable, and reliable internet access across Columbia County.

WHAT IS THE BEAD PROGRAM?

The BEAD Program is a federal initiative funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Oregon will invest \$689 million to improve broadband in unserved (no internet or speeds under 25/3 Mbps) and underserved (speeds under 100/20 Mbps) areas.

The Oregon Broadband Office (OBO) is leading the program in our state.

YOUR SUPPORT COUNTS

Letters of support make up 10% of the total application score. The more letters we receive, the stronger our submission. Your support helps bring reliable internet to the Columbia County communities that need it most.

IT'S EASY

Columbia County has created and attached a sample letter of support that you can customize on your own letterhead.

Using this template ensures your message meets BEAD requirements—and saves you time.

PLEASE STEP UP!

Help us close the digital divide and connect more people in Columbia County to high-speed internet.



CRITICAL DATE

May 12, 2025

Send your letter by May 12 to make sure it counts.

**CONTACT THE PROJECT LEAD AT HOLLY.MILLER@COLUMBIACOUNTYOR.GOV
WITH QUESTIONS OR TO SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETED LETTER.**