Community Anchor Institutions

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What is a Community Anchor Institution (CAI)

Statutory definition from BEAD NOFO page 11:

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Community Anchor Institution Types

CAI Examples

Clearly Defined

School

- DOE K-12 school
- Early Learning school

Public Safety

- Police
- Fire
- Emergency Medical Services
- Jails, Prisons, Youth Correctional

Not-Clearly Defined

Community Support Organization

- Honolulu Community Action Program
- Institute for Human Services
- ALU LIKE

Key NOFO criteria: Must facilitate the greater use of broadband service by vulnerable populations

BEAD Eligible CAI

1. Fits within the CAI definition
2. Lacks **access*** to 1 Gbps symmetrical speeds (download/upload)

*If the CAI has the infrastructure available to subscribe to 1 Gbps symmetrical speeds, the CAI is not BEAD eligible regardless of what speeds they currently subscribe to. For example, if the CAI can subscribe to 1 Gbps, but can only afford 100 Mbps speeds, the CAI is <u>not</u> BEAD eligible.

What is UH doing

BEAD Initial Proposal Requirement 6

6. Describe how the Eligible Entity applied the statutory definition of the term "community anchor institution," identified all eligible CAIs in its jurisdiction, identified all eligible CAIs in applicable Tribal Lands, and assessed the needs of eligible CAIs, including what types of CAIs it intends to serve; which institutions, if any, it considered but declined to classify as CAIs; and, if the Eligible Entity proposes service to one or more CAIs in a category not explicitly cited as a type of CAI in Section 60102(a)(2)(E) of the Infrastructure Act, the basis on which the Eligible Entity determined that such category of CAI facilitates greater use of broadband service by vulnerable populations.

What is UH doing

First step is to **identify** the applicable Community Anchor Institutions

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What is UH doing

Second step is to **assess** the needs of eligible Community Anchor Institutions

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Next Steps for UH

1. Identify all applicable CAIs
   a. Utilize publicly available data (e.g. Hawaii GIS Program, government websites, other websites)
   b. Reach out to appropriate entities (e.g. Department of Education for schools)
2. Draft criteria for community support organizations to be included in the CAI list
3. Assess internet connectivity needs of CAIs
   a. Do they lack access to 1Gbps symmetrical speeds?
4. Publish the list of eligible CAIs
5. Solicit public comment on CAI list and community support organization inclusion criteria

Next Steps for YOU

1. Help identify all applicable CAIs (more on how, to be announced)

2. Comment on eligible CAI list and criteria when Initial Proposal public comment period is open

   a. Nov 1 - Nov 30 is official public comment period, but drafts may be posted earlier

Next Steps Timeline 2023

Sep

* Identify all applicable CAIs

* Draft criteria for community support organizations to be included in the CAI list

* Assess internet connectivity needs of CAIs

Oct

* Publish the list of eligible CAIs

* Initial Proposal public comment period start

Nov - Dec

* Solicit public comment on CAI list and community support organization inclusion criteria

Summary

1. CAIs have clearly and not-clearly defined criteria from the NOFO to be included.

2. UH is compiling an as comprehensive as possible list of CAIs and assess their internet connectivity speeds.

3. UH is reaching out to stakeholders for input on the CAI list and identify CAIs that lack 1Gbps access.

4. The public will have a chance to comment on the criteria and list of eligible CAIs published by Nov 2023.

Questions?

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