

# **BEAD INITIAL PROPOSAL**

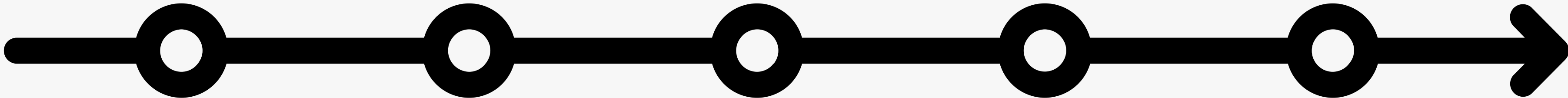
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**BROADBAND EQUITY, ACCESS AND DEPLOYMENT (BEAD) PROGRAM  
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BROADBAND TEAM  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2023**

# WHAT IS THE INITIAL PROPOSAL?

The Initial Proposal explains how Hawaii will ensure that every resident has access to a reliable, affordable, and high-speed broadband connection, drawing on all funding available to accomplish this goal, including but not limited to BEAD Program funds. The Initial Proposal is a “first draft” of the Final Proposal, which is due in late 2024.

# INITIAL PROPOSAL TIMELINE



7/29/23

10/31/23 - 11/30/23

12/27/23

Early 2024

Spring 2024

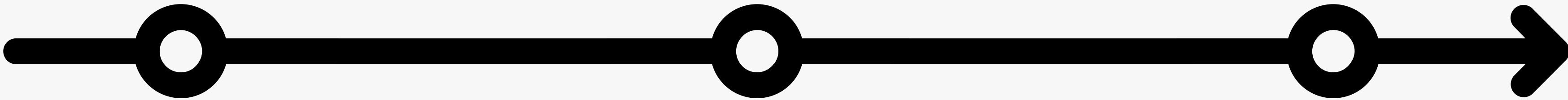
BEAD 5-Year Action  
Plan submitted

Initial Proposal  
Public Comment  
(30 days)

Initial Proposal  
due to NTIA

NTIA Acceptance of  
Initial proposal

Challenge Process



Summer 2024

Challenge Process  
concludes

UH & NTIA validation of  
Challenge results

Fall 2024

Final Proposal  
is due to NTIA

# VOLUME 1

1. Table of existing funding (previously published in 5YAP)
2. Location IDs of 11,671 unserved and 1,071 underserved locations originally identified by NTIA's NBAM (data can be found on UH Broadband website)
3. **Community Anchor Institutions (CAIs) definition**
4. Challenge process details (UH adopting NTIA's model challenge process)

# What is a Community Anchor Institution?

Statutory definition from BEAD NOFO page 11:

The term “community anchor institution” means an entity such as **a school, library, health clinic, health center, hospital or other medical provider, public safety entity, institution of higher education, public housing organization,** or community support organization that facilitates greater use of broadband service by vulnerable populations, including, but not limited to, low-income individuals, unemployed individuals, children, the incarcerated, and aged individuals. An Eligible Entity may propose to NTIA that additional types of institutions should qualify as CAIs within the entity’s territory. If so, the Eligible Entity shall explain why it has determined that the institution or type of institution should be treated as such and affirm that the institution or class of institutions facilitates greater use of broadband service by vulnerable populations, including low-income individuals, unemployed individuals, children, the incarcerated, and aged individuals.

# What is a Community Support Organization?

Statutory definition from BEAD NOFO page 11:

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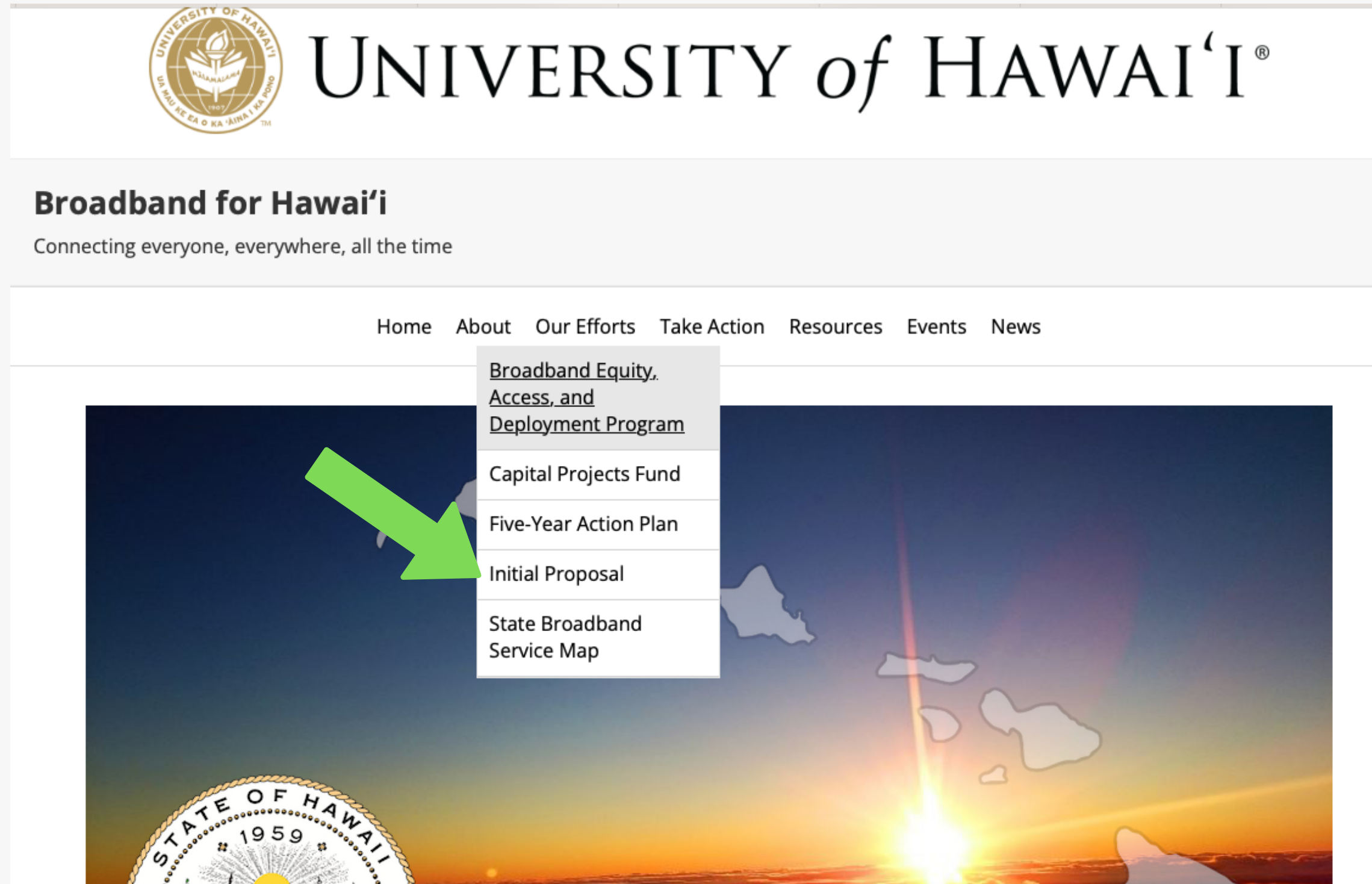
# Proposed Definition: Community Support Organization

Based on the statutory definition above, the following criteria were used to determine the inclusion or exclusion of community support organizations not specifically listed in 47 USC 1702(a)(2)(E):

1. Whether the community support organization has physical location(s) to facilitate greater use of broadband service by vulnerable populations, including, but not limited to, Native Hawaiians, low-income individuals, unemployed individuals, children, the incarcerated, and aged individuals.
2. Whether the physical location(s) of the community support organization is dedicated to the organization's usage for activities to facilitate greater use of broadband service by vulnerable populations (e.g. not a residential house) and as part of the organization's mission, involves activities that facilitate greater use of broadband service by vulnerable populations.
3. Whether the physical location(s) of the community support organization is public facing in nature, meaning the organization does not require paid or unpaid membership before using its services.

Where to find the CAI definition and current list of entities:

1. Go to UH Broadband Initiative <https://www.hawaii.edu/broadband/>, under “Our Efforts” select “Initial Proposal”





Where to find the CAI definition and current list of entities:

2. Click on arrow next to “Community Anchor Institutions” to view the section.



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3. DRAFT CAI Definition – Sept. 19, 2023 will open for viewing.

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### DRAFT CAI Definition – Sep 19, 2023

*1.3.1 Describe how the statutory definition of “community anchor institution” (e.g., schools, libraries, health clinics) was applied, how eligible CAIs were identified, and how network connectivity needs were assessed, including the types of CAIs that the Eligible Entity intends to serve.*

Based on the statutory definition of “community anchor institution” as defined in 47 USC 1702 (a)(2)(E), the UH broadband office applied the definition of “community anchor institution” to mean a school, library, health clinic, health center, hospital or other medical provider, public safety entity, institution of higher education, public housing organization (including any public housing agency, HUD-assisted housing organization, or Tribal housing organization), or community support organization that facilitates greater use of broadband service by vulnerable populations, including, but not limited to, Native Hawaiians, low-income individuals, unemployed individuals, children, the incarcerated, and aged individuals.



# **YOUR FEEDBACK IS NEEDED**

- please review 'Community Support Organization' definition
- provide your feedback, via email to [broadband@hawaii.edu](mailto:broadband@hawaii.edu)

Pau, thank you!