



Environmental & Historical Preservation and Climate Resiliency Preparation Checklist

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Federal EHP Preparation Checklist

As you plan broadband deployment activities and develop a Five-Year Action Plan, use the proposed activities below to further plan and account for the Environmental & Historical Preservation requirements associated with the BEAD Program.

1 REVIEW AVAILABLE RESOURCES & UNDERSTAND REQUIREMENTS

<p>Proposed Activities for Eligible Entities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Become familiar with the EHP requirements and additional guidance in the BEAD NOFO. <input type="checkbox"/> Gain an understanding of the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). <input type="checkbox"/> Review the NEPA, Historical Preservation, and Climate Resiliency Webinar and presentation materials.
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2 HIRE EHP-FOCUSED STAFF or CONTRACTORS

<p>Proposed Activities for Eligible Entities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Assess the readiness of your broadband team to analyze potential environmental impacts. <input type="checkbox"/> If necessary, hire additional staff or contractor support to ensure your broadband team has the appropriate capacity and expertise to manage EHP activities. <input type="checkbox"/> Designate certain individuals to be specifically responsible for EHP activities. Outline their responsibilities associated with managing EHP and NEPA review activities. <input type="checkbox"/> Invite collaborators or SMEs to support your team.
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3 OUTLINE AN APPROACH FOR EHP ACTIVITIES

<p>Proposed Activities for Eligible Entities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Outline steps and activities necessary to ensure that potential subgrantee applicants understand the requirements to comply with NEPA. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinate with other State offices that have experience administering federal grants to identify best practices and approaches for managing the NEPA review process. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider contractors who you may engage to support with potential environmental assessments. <input type="checkbox"/> Share best practices for developing a project description that provides enough detail about the potential impacts to the environment to make a preliminary determination about the level of NEPA review required.
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