

# Town Hall

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*SEPTEMBER 2025*



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# ***Agenda***



- BEAD Program Updates
- Provisional BSL Subgrants
- Provisional CAI Subgrants
- NBEAD Funding Summary
- Next Steps



# BEAD Program Updates

- NTIA Revised Policy Notice
  - June 6, 2025
  - Changes to BSL inventory
    - ULFW (~7,500)
    - Federal EC Defaults
    - Non-service codes
    - FCC BDC Fabric v6 (~7,000)
  - Benefit of the Bargain (BoB) Round required

# Scoring & the BoB round

Tech neutral

Lowest cost wins

Low fiber participation



# NTIA FAQ v12

## **2.11 How does the modified definition of “Priority Broadband Project” affect applicants and Eligible Entities?**

For applicants, the RPN broadly allows any applicant to request the Eligible Entity to treat its application as a Priority Broadband Project.

The RPN also affords Eligible Entities a significant role in discerning whether a given project falls within those guardrails, including the ability to make Priority Broadband Project determinations based on the specific project area. NTIA may reverse a Priority Broadband Project determination if it is "unreasonable."

# NTIA FAQ v12

- Virginia Tech LLC analysis

- Canopy
- Slope
- Grade

*“We are sorry your state is so flat and treeless”*

- JEO conducted further assessment

- Added density as a metric



## **Tier 1**

Not conducive to  
LEO & LFW

## **Tier 2**

Not conducive to  
LEO

## **Tier 3**

Not conducive to  
LFW

## **Tier 4**

Conducive to all  
technologies



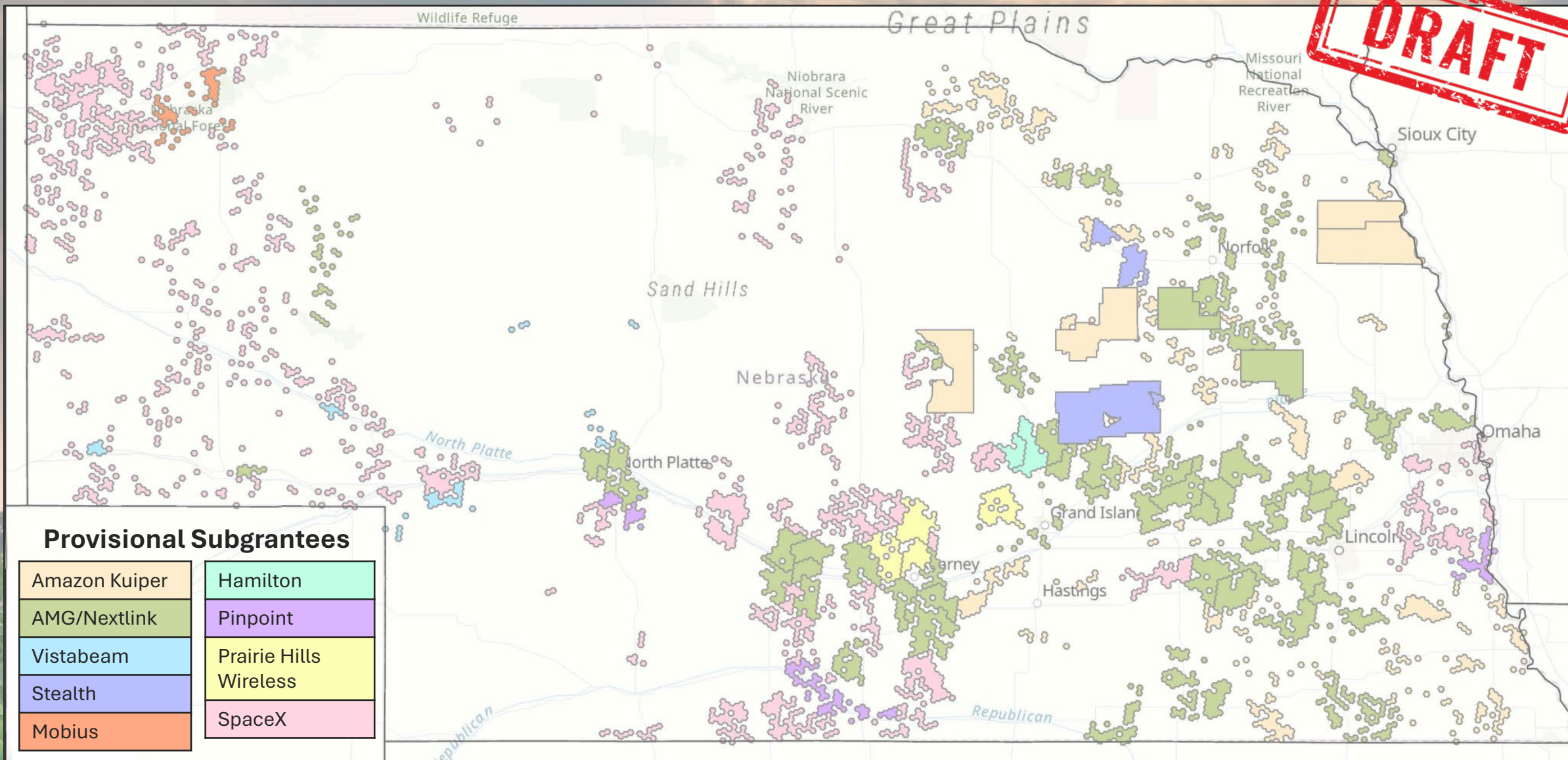
# Provisional Subgrants





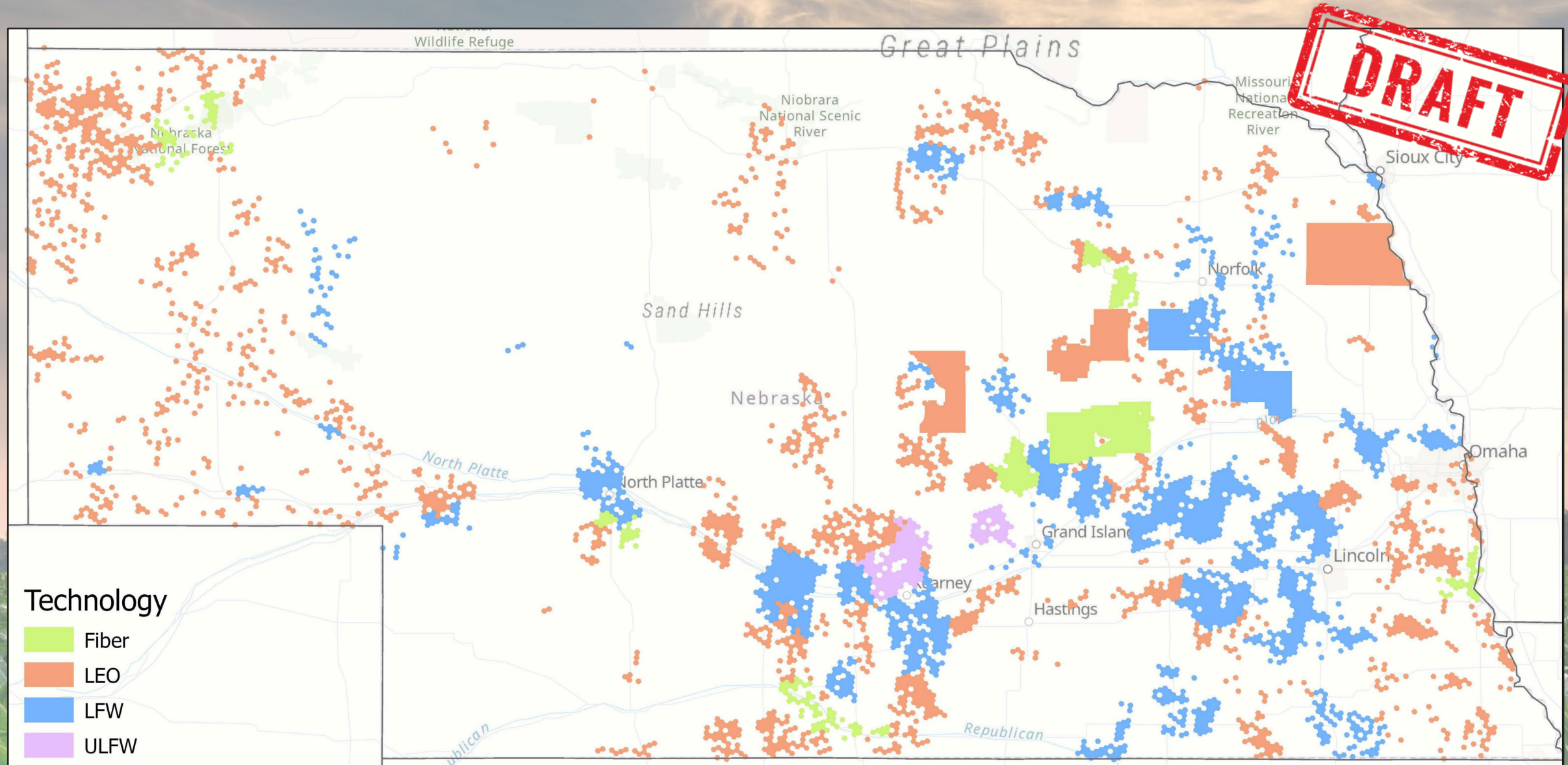
# Provisional Subgrants by ISP

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# Provisional Subgrants by Technology

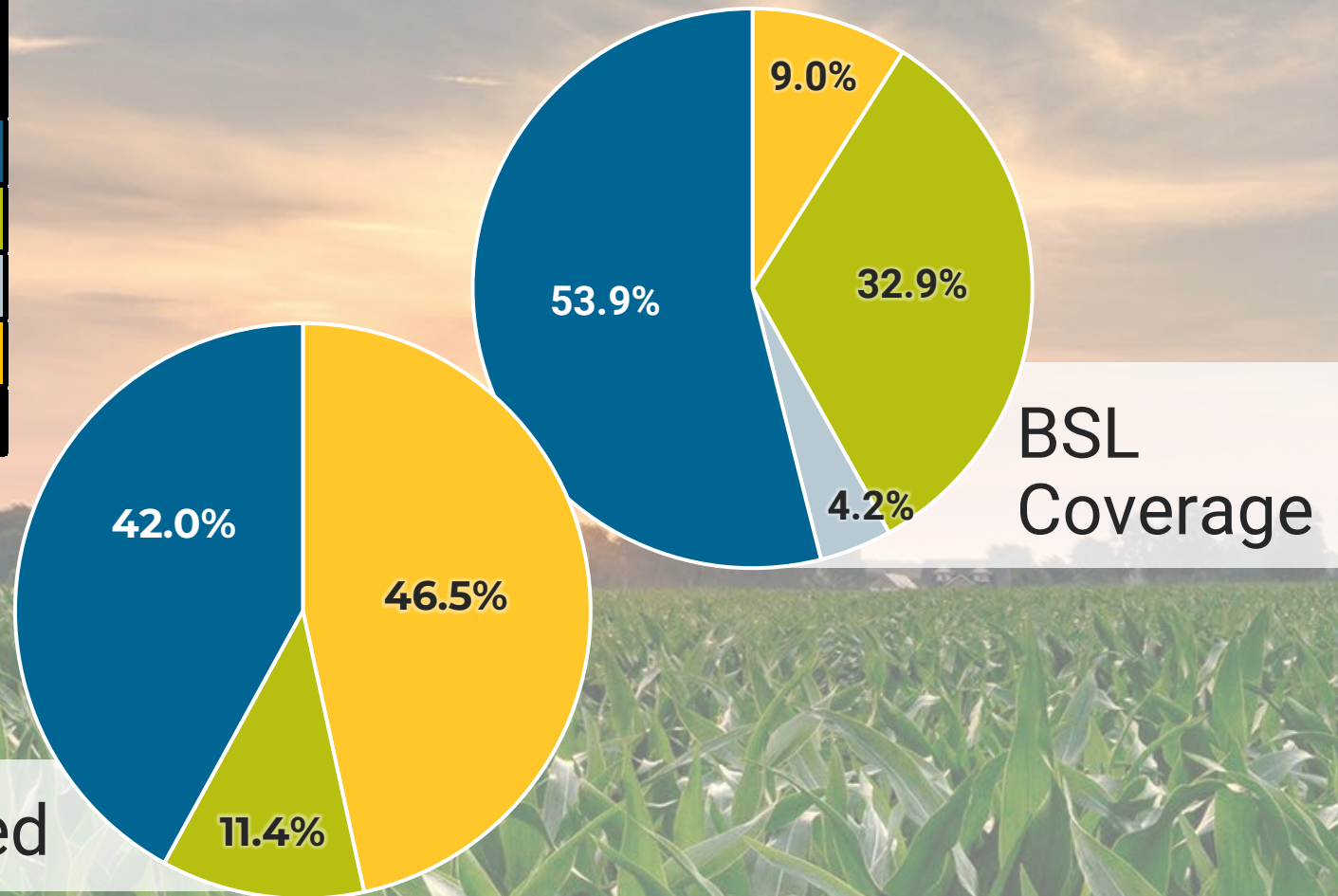




# Technology Breakdown

Technology	BSLs	Funding
LFW	7,569	\$ 17,353,394.65
LEO	4,612	\$ 4,720,392.48
ULFW	585	\$ 15.00
Fiber	1,266	\$ 19,246,151.12
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,032</b>	<b>\$41,355,485.25</b>

Funding Allocated

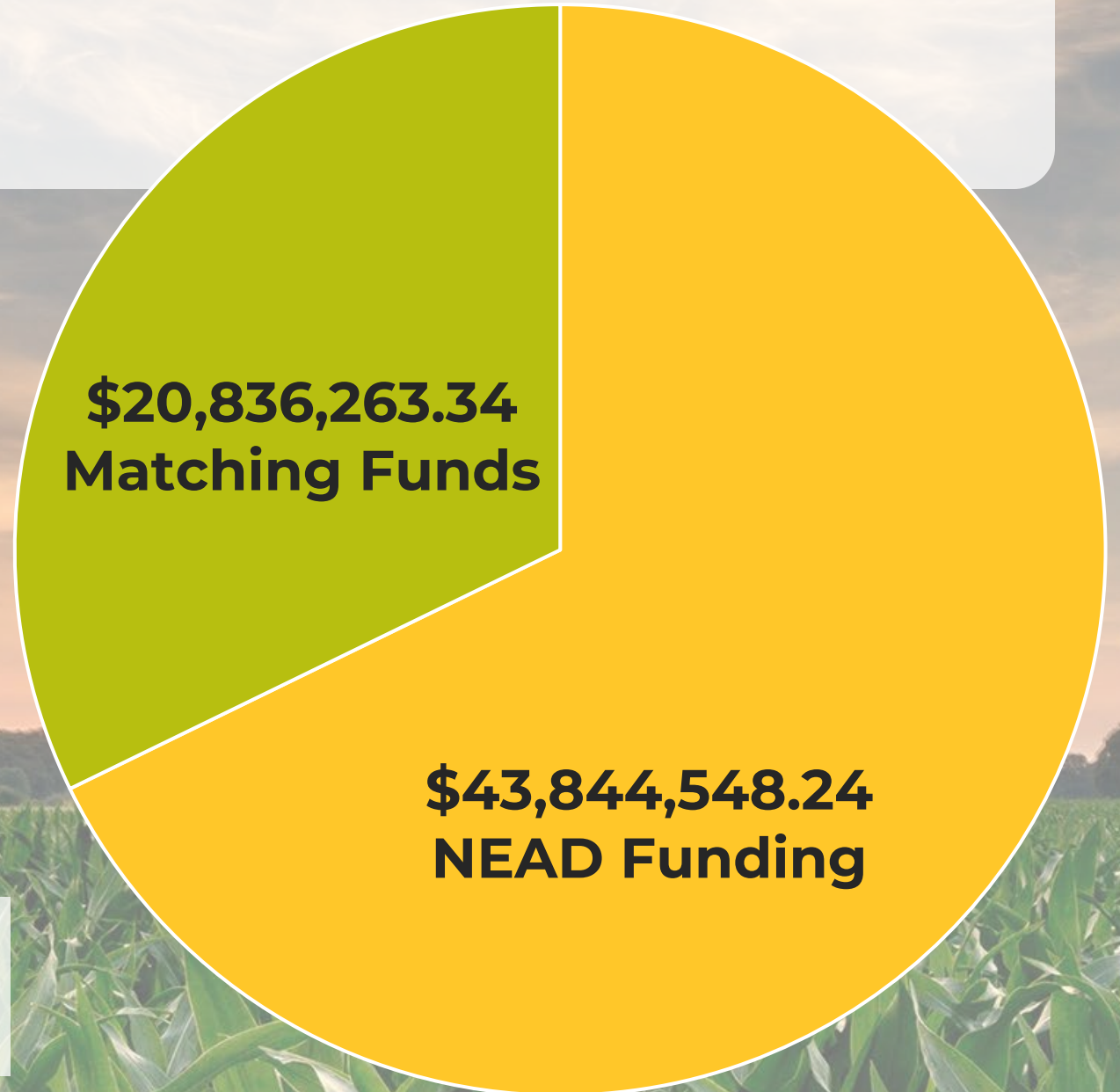


# Community Anchor Institutions (CAIs)

- 1G/1G requirement/Fiber only
  - Brings fiber to the community for future expansion
- CAI inventory changes
  - Private investment
  - Code Cs
- High-cost threshold applied
- **54 CAIs funded**
  - 44 are in rural communities
  - 24 of those are designated Fire & Safety



# NBEAD Summary



Total Investment  
**\$64,680,811.58**

# Next Steps

- Public comments close September 10, 2025
- Comments incorporated as necessary into Final Proposal
- Final Proposal Submitted to NTIA
- NTIA send back for curing
- Any outstanding stipulations must be satisfied
- Upon approval, subgrants will be executed
- Deployment phase begins



**<https://broadband.nebraska.gov/nbead/subgrants/>**



# THANK YOU!



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