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Portal Questions

1. When will Subgrantees be granted access to the portal to allow time for familiarization?

ASBO will roll out the portal in sections. The first section, provider onboarding, is set to launch in late January or early February. If you're interested in being an early access tester, please let us know through the Helpdesk.

Risk Assessment Questions

2. Will a risk assessment questionnaire for Subgrantees be released soon?

No, Subgrantees are not responsible for completing the risk assessment. ASBO has already performed this assessment as part of the Final Proposal process.

Milestone & Process Questions

3. Once Subgrantees achieve field milestones, what is the expected turnaround time for completing the audit or verification of those milestones?

Milestones 1 & 2 are at the project level, so those will be straightforward. For location-level milestones, ASBO will need supporting evidence to confirm service. Due to Arkansas' review and approval requirements, there will be a standard timeline based on various factors. More information will be released next year. Much of the information needed for these verifications will come from Subgrantees' monthly portal reporting, so keeping project data updated will greatly support the process.

4. Does the 10-day installation window refer to calendar days or business days?

Business days. Refer to Section 3.3 of the BEAD RPN and the BEAD Obligations for Subgrantees Deploying Network Projects for more information.

- [BEAD RPN: NTIA BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice](#)
- [BEAD Obligations for Subgrantees Deploying Network Projects: BEAD_Obligations_for_Subgrantees_Deploying_Network_Projects.pdf](#)

5. When will Subgrantees be able to access the templates provided by ASBO?
Budget and match templates will be released in early January for provisional Subgrantees to use when preparing for subgrant agreements. Upon release, Subgrantees will be able to access templates from the ARConnect BEAD webpage.

Additional Resources

- AR BEAD FP Monitoring Plan Exhibit: ARConnect
- Uniform Guidance (2 CFR 200): eCFR :: 2 CFR Part 200 -- Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards