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## **Greene County and RBI conducting interviews for broadband development grant support**

*SPRINGFIELD, Mo.* – The application deadline for businesses seeking Missouri Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) grant funding is Feb. 20, 2025. The funds are granted through the Missouri Department of Economic Development and aim to close the gap in local high-speed internet connectivity, primarily in rural areas. Greene County, alongside the Regional Broad Initiative (RBI), is interviewing to determine which company or companies will receive a letter of support to strengthen their BEAD application.

In order to receive the letter of support from the RBI, companies need to submit their broadband qualifications by email to [pio@greenecountymo.gov](mailto:pio@greenecountymo.gov). The RBI represents communities in Greene and Christian counties for the development of high-speed broadband infrastructure. The RBI will host a round of virtual interviews on Monday, Feb. 10 from 1-4pm to determine which company or companies will receive a letter of support based on their ability to expand broadband access throughout Greene and Christian counties.

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*Greene County is the State of Missouri's fourth most populous county, serving approximately 295,000 people. Its mission is to provide all citizens of Greene County, including those in its cities, a safe and thriving community through excellent customer service, unparalleled dedication, and the efficient use of taxpayer dollars. The Greene County Commission is the executive body of Greene County operating under guidelines established in the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri. Within that authority the Commission enacts ordinances, resolutions and policies, supervises the activities of county departments, fixes salaries, adopts the annual budget, provides for construction and other services, and conducts hearings on planning and zoning matters.*

**For additional information contact the Greene County Public Information Office at 417-844-4311 or [pio@greenecountymo.gov](mailto:pio@greenecountymo.gov).**