

RE: Virginia Union University's Letter of Intent: BEAD Program

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Dear Dr. Holmes:

Virginia Union University (VUU), as a not-for-profit community anchor institution (CAI), is formally expressing its intent to apply for the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program. VUU seeks to establish a Public-Private Partnership (PPP), with letters of support from the City of Richmond and Xfinity (ISP), to enhance, expand, and improve broadband infrastructure. This effort aligns with Governor Glenn Youngkin's vision of universal broadband access, affordability, and adoption. Through this partnership, VUU is committed to advancing Virginia's mission of becoming a global leader in digital inclusion, with a particular focus on reaching unserved and underserved communities across the state.

From the DHCD's Office of Broadband published listing of 18,816 CAIs, identified in Virginia's BEAD Initial Proposal Volume 1, VUU shall focus on the CAI locations listed in Table #1 on supplemental page (2) of this document. The locations disclosed includes unserved sites below the gigabit symmetrical speed threshold physically on VUU's main campus.

To gain further insight into the BEAD program, application requirements, scoring criteria, narrative requirements, applicant certification documentation, and ZCTA submission portal preparation, VUU and its ISP partner will have representatives attend DHCD's two-day Application Development Workshop on December 3rd-4th, either on-site or virtually. Thank you for accepting VUU's Letter of Intent.

Respectfully,



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Kofi Jack, Chief Information Officer
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Table: 1 Targeted BEAD Community Anchor Institutions

UNDERSERVED locations on VUU campus							
Source: https://data.virginia.gov/dataset/virginia-bead-community-anchor-institutions							
ENTITY NAME	STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE	BROADBAND NEED
L DOUGLAS WILDER LIBRARY	1500 N LOMBARDY ST	RICHMOND	VA	23220	-77.450979	37.561489	Unserviced at Gigabit Symmetrical
VERNON J HARRIS EAST END COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER	1500 N LOMBARDY ST	RICHMOND	VA	23220	-77.4518129	37.559948	Unserviced at Gigabit Symmetrical
VIRGINIA UNION UNIVERSITY	1500 NORTH LOMBARDY STREET	RICHMOND	VA	23220	-77.45125573	37.561911	Unserviced at Gigabit Symmetrical
VIRGINIA UNION UNIVERSITY POLICE	1500 NORTH LOMBARDY STREET	RICHMOND	VA	23220	-77.45125573	37.561911	Unserviced at Gigabit Symmetrical

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