Broadband Funding Opportunities

A diverse menu of options

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NM Broadband Program

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Language! A Primer: Common Terms in Presentation

- **AOR** – Authorized Organization Representative
- **CAGE code** – Commercial and Government Entity code
- **DUNS number** – Data Universal Numbering System number
- **ETC** – Eligible Telecommunications Carrier
- **FCC** – Federal Communications Commission
- **Grants.gov** – Federal application portal for funding
- **NOFO** – Notice of Funding Opportunity
- **Opportunity Zone -** economically-distressed community where new investments may be eligible for preferential tax treatment under certain conditions
- **RFP** – Request for Proposal
- **SAM** – System for Award Management
- **USAC** – Universal Service Administrative Company
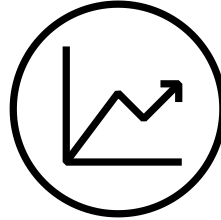
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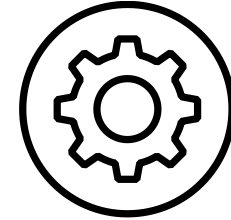*Universal Tips*

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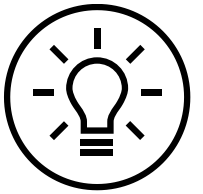
Identify Specific Needs

- Define Your Service Area
- Determine State of the Market
- Identify Existing Funding
- Find Funding Partners
- Gather Letters of Support
- Stay Close to the Community

Develop a Technical Analysis

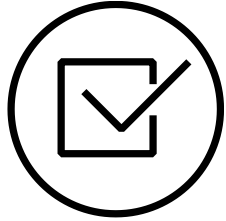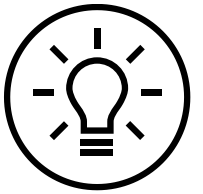- High-Level Design
- Cost Estimate
- Timeline

Develop a Business Strategy

- Investment-Ready
- Find a Financial Match
- Develop a Sustainable Business Model

Broadband Funding Opportunities
Universal Tips

TIPS

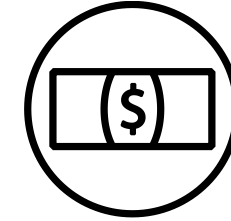## Get Started With the Basics

- Set Up/ Confirm SAM
- Create Account in **Grants.gov**
- Obtain DUNS Number
- Review Webinars

Find a Qualified Team

- Grant Implementation
- Engineering
- Regular Reporting

Be Creative With Your Cost Share

- Determine if Project has Received Funding in the Past
- See if State Funds Can Be Used as a Match
- Look Out for State Technical Support Programs

Funding Opportunities by Source

Department of Agriculture (USDA)

- Rural Broadband Program
- ReConnect
- Community Connect
- Distance Learning and Telemedicine
- Telecommunications Infrastructure Loans
- Rural Business Development Program

Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)

- Telehealth Network Grant Program

Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

- Emergency Broadband Benefit Program (EBB)
- E-Rate
- Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF)

Funding Opportunities by Source

National Telecommunications & Information Administration (NTIA)

- Promote Broadband Expansion Grant Program
- Secure and Trusted Communications Network Reimbursement Program
- Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program

Department of Transportation

- Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)
- Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA)

Tribal Programs

- U.S. HUD – Indian Community Development Block Grant Program (ICDBG)
- U.S. HUD – Indian Housing Block Grant Program (IHBG)
- USDI, BIA – National Tribal Broadband Grant (NTBG)
- U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security, FEMA – Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP)

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

- Homeland Security Grant Program
- Emergency Management Performance Grants
- Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP)

U.S. Department of Agriculture

USDA Rural Development

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U.S. Department of Agriculture
Rural Broadband Program

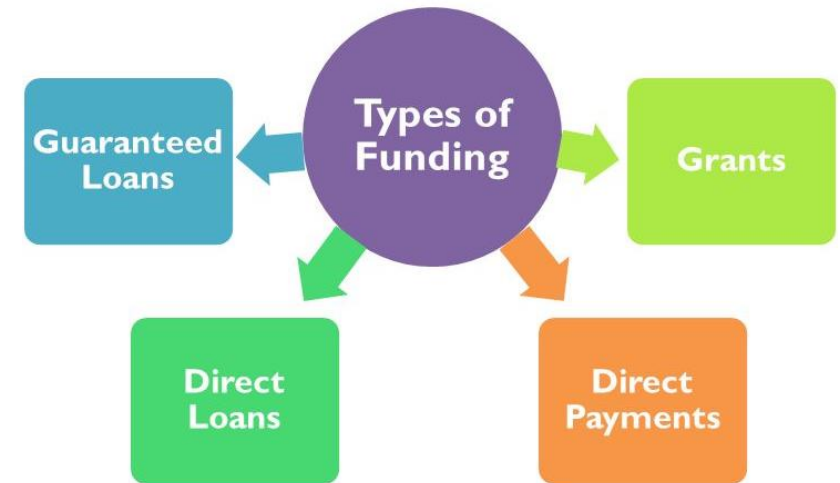| Program Purpose	Nature of Award	Eligible Entities	Eligible Areas	Eligible Costs	Deadlines
• Infrastructure buildout in rural areas	• Loan (Treasury-rate and 4%) • Loan guarantees • Grant/ loan • Range = $100K to $100M • Grants have (25%) cost-share requirement	• Corporations, LLCs, Cooperative or Mutual Organizations • Federally recognized tribes • State or local governments	• Rural areas where at least 15% of the households are underserved • No more than three incumbent providers • No overlap with Rural Utilities Service borrowers	• Construction, improvement, and acquisition of facilities and equipment for broadband • Must provide 25/3 Mbps • Technology neutral • Pre-application expenses retroactively • No limit on end use	• Funding cycle expected in the second half of 2021 • Funds dispersed as construction completed

U.S. Department of Agriculture

- Submit through RD Apply

- Requires Level II eAuthorization to apply (can take 1 month)

- USDA Field Representative can review before submission

- Three-year construction window

- Market surveys preferred for ambitious (>20% penetration) projects

Key Links

- **Fact Sheet:** https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/fact-sheet/508_RD_FS_RUS_FarmBillBroadbandLoans.pdf

- **Program page with additional background:** https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-broadband-access-loan-and-loan-guarantee

- **Application Guide:**
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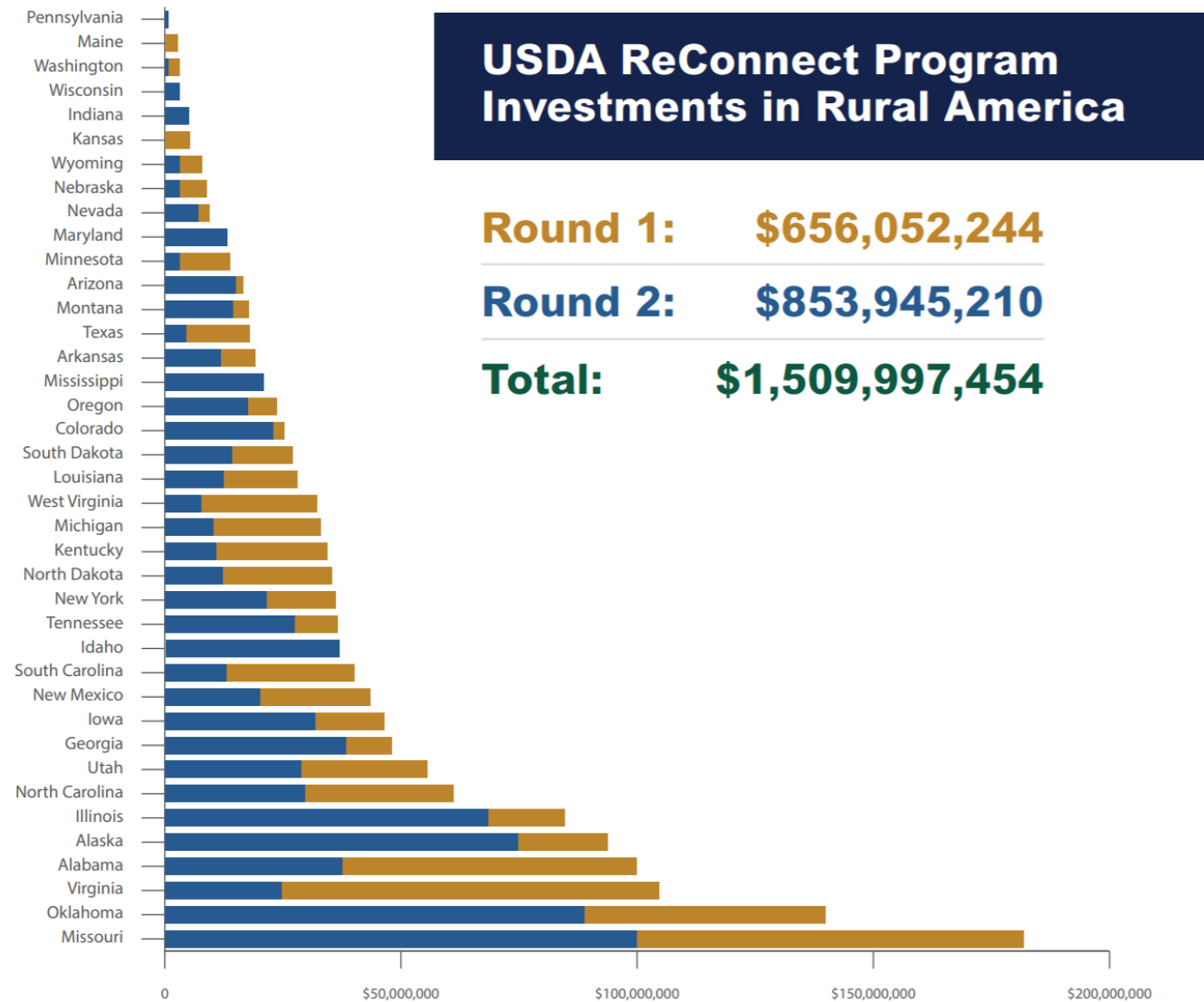

Rural Development Funding Streams
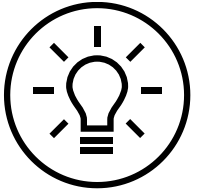
U.S. Department of Agriculture
ReConnect

Program Purpose	Nature of Award	Eligible Entities	Eligible Areas	Eligible Costs	Deadlines
• Infrastructure buildout in rural areas	• Grant (up to $25M) • 25% cost share for grants • Loan (up to $50M) • 50/50 grant/ loan (up to $25M/$25M) • $600M available for Round 3	• Public and private entities • Cooperatives • Mutual Associations • Nonprofits • State or local governments and subdivisions • Federally recognized tribes	• Nationwide (34 states since Oct. 2019) • Rural areas where $\geq$ 90% of population lacks access to 10/1 Mbps service • No previous broadband funding	• Construction or improvement of broadband (25/3 Mbps) • Acquisition of an existing system ($\leq$ 40% of requested award) • Pre-application expenses ($\leq$ 5% of requested award) • Operating costs *ineligible*	• R3 Expected in early 2022 • 60-day application window

U.S. Department of Agriculture

ReConnect

USDA ReConnect Program Investments in Rural America

Round 1:	$656,052,244
Round 2:	$853,945,210
Total:	$1,509,997,454

U.S. Department of Agriculture
ReConnect

- Submit through Rural Development (RD) Apply

- Requires Level II eAuthorization to apply (plan ahead!)

- Must demonstrate ability to <u>operate</u> a broadband network

- Must be able to complete build out within 5 years of funding

- State funding can be leveraged for the 25% cost share

- Application requires financial details *about whole organization* (not just project)

Key Links

- **Program overview:** https://www.usda.gov/reconnect/program-overview

- **Application guide**: https://www.rd.usda.gov/files/ReConnect_Program_Application_Guide.pdf

- **More information about eligibility and assistance at** www.usda.gov/reconnect

- **Subscribe to ReConnect updates at** GovDelivery subscriber page.

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Community Connect

Program Purpose	Nature of Award	Eligible Entities	Eligible Areas	Eligible Costs	Deadlines
• Infrastructure buildout in rural areas	• Grant • 15% cost share • $35M in FY21 • Awards range from $100k to $3M	• Public and private • Incorporated organizations • Cooperatives • LLCs organized on a not-for-profit basis • State or local governments and subdivisions • Federally recognized tribes • Individuals and partnerships are *not eligible*	• Contiguous area with a population < 20,000 that does not have any broadband service (10/1 Mbps) • No overlap with Rural Utilities Service borrowers • Priority given to areas with "economic necessity"	• Broadband infrastructure for residents <u>and</u> businesses • Construction of a community center (< 5%) • Establishing a community center with > 10 computer access points and free broadband for > 2 years	• Rules have been issued; awaiting NOFO • Anticipated in late 2021 • 45- to 60-day application window
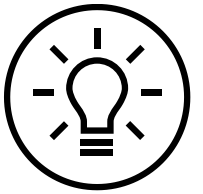
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Community Connect

- Submit through Rural Development (RD) Apply

- Requires Level II eAuthorization to apply (can take 1 month)

- Community engagement essential (40% of scoring)

- List Essential Community Facilities

- Very competitive (10% of applicants) and demanding (e.g., last-mile service)

- Small budget relative to other programs

Key Links

- **Basic background:** https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-connect-grants

- **2021 program presentation:** https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/CC_Presentation2021.pdf

More than

$160 Million Awarded
Since FY 2013

More than

**80 Grants Funded**
Since FY 2013

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Distance Learning and Telemedicine

Program Purpose	Nature of Award	Eligible Entities	Eligible Areas	Eligible Costs	Deadlines
• Equipment and operating costs for remote education and telehealth	Grants • ≥ 15% match • $60M in FY21 • Awards range from $50,000 to $1M Loans • $11.8M in FY21	• Public and private entities • Incorporated organizations • Private and not-for-profit corporations • State or local governments and consortia • Federally recognized tribes • Individuals are *not eligible*	• Rural areas with a population < 20,000	• Capital assets (but not broadband service) for distance learning and telemedicine resources • Operating costs for 2 years • Beneficiary must be off site	• Closed for applications for 2021 on 6/4

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Distance Learning and Telemedicine
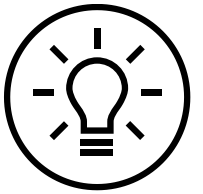
- Submit through Rural Development (RD) Apply

- Requires Level II eAuthorization to apply (can take 1 month)

- Also submit to listed State government contact

- Submit items in order shown in Application Guide

- Less competitive (70% awarded)

- Identify a single fiscal agent

- Submit worksheet showing hub and end-user

Key Links

- **Program page:** https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-infrastructure-loans-loan-guarantees

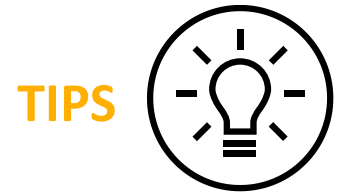- **Program fact sheet:** rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/factsheet/508_RD_FS_RUS_TelecommunicationsLoan.pdf

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Telecommunications Infrastructure Loans

Program Purpose	Nature of Award	Eligible Entities	Eligible Areas	Eligible Costs	Deadlines
• Telecommunications infrastructure buildout in rural areas	• Loans −Cost-of-money (3.15%/ 20 years) −Guaranteed (Treasury rate + 1/8%) −Hardship (5%) • $50,000 minimum award (maximum unclear, but > $100M) • $690M in FY20	• Telephone companies serving rural areas • Cooperative, nonprofit, limited divided or mutual associations • All borrowers must be incorporated or LLCS	• Rural Areas – i.e., areas outside boundaries of any city, village, or borough (incorporated or unincorporated) with a population > 5,000	• Improvements, expansions, construction, acquisitions and refinancing of telecommunication in rural areas	• Applications can be submitted year-round

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Telecommunications Infrastructure Loans

- Submit through Rural Development (RD) Apply

- Requires Level II eAuthorization to apply (can take 1 month)

- Contact local [General Field Representative](#)

- Confirm rural eligibility before starting application process

- Describe purpose and plans, including number of existing and potential subscribers (with 5-year projections)

- Must include system design by telecommunications engineer

- Extensive financial disclosures required

Key Links

- **Program page:** https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-infrastructure-loans-loan-guarantees

- **Program fact sheet**: rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/fact-sheet/508_RD_FS_RUS_TelecommunicationsLoan.pdf
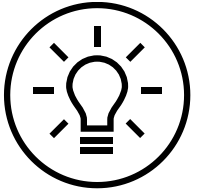
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Rural Business Development Program

Program Purpose	Nature of Award	Eligible Entities	Eligible Areas	Eligible Costs	Deadlines
• Technical assistance and training for small businesses (< 50 workers and < $1M in gross revenue)	• Grant • $37M in FY20 • Awards range from $10K – $500K • No cost share	• Rural, public entities • Towns, state agencies, nonprofits, and institutions of higher education • Federally recognized tribes and cooperatives • Individuals *not* *eligible*	• Service areas must be rural (< 50k people); however, applicants need not be located in such areas themselves	• Training and technical assistance • Construction, conversion, and renovation of buildings • Distance learning for job training • Feasibility studies and business plans • Leadership training • Business incubators • Strategic planning	• Managed by state USDA offices • Varies by state

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Rural Business Development Program

- Contact [state office](#) early in the process

  - Application requirements vary by state

- Applications submitted through USDA's state offices

Key Links

- **Program overview:** https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-business-development-grants

Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)

Department of Health & Human Services
## *Telehealth Network Grant Program*

Program Purpose	Nature of Award	Eligible Entities	Eligible Areas	Eligible Costs	Deadlines
• Telehealth networks for emergency services	• Grant • $8.7M in FY20 (no appropriations in FY21) • Typical award is $300k • No cost share	• Public or private nonprofits (including faith-based organizations) • Federally recognized tribes	• Urban or rural areas – with *service to rural patients* • Rural area defined as non-metropolitan county or rural census tract of a metropolitan county	• Telehealth networks to deliver 24-hour Emergency services to rural providers • Network must include at least one community-based healthcare provider	• Closed for applications at this time

Department of Health & Human Services
Telehealth Network Grant Program
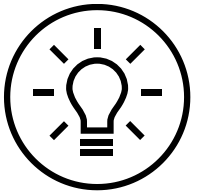
- Include proof of nonprofit or public status (can partner with for-profits)

- Submit a budget narrative

- Consult NOFO and follow latest Application Guide

Key Links

- **Program page:** https://www.hrsa.gov/grants/find-funding/hrsa-20-036

Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

Federal
Communications
Commission

Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

E-Rate ("Schools and Libraries Program")

Program Purpose	Nature of Award	Eligible Entities	Eligible Areas	Eligible Costs	Deadlines
• Connectivity needs for schools/ libraries	• Subsidy (20-90%) (through Universal Service Fund) • Annual cap of $4.15B	• Eligible schools (public and private) • School districts • Libraries • Consortium	• Nationwide	• Internet access • Internal connections • Service and equipment	• July 1 through June 30 (rolling)

Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

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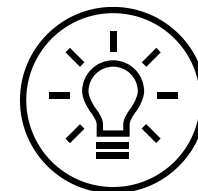
- NSLP participation is key to determining discount

- More secure than other funding

- Four-stage process (beginning with Form 470)

- Must register for Form 498 Filer ID ("SPIN")

Key Links

- **General background:** http://www.usac.org/sl/

- **Full program description**: https://www.usac.org/wp-content/uploads/e-rate/documents/Handouts/E-rate-Overview.pdf

- **Eligible service list (a comprehensive document with descriptions of all qualifying services):** https://www.usac.org/e-rate/applicant-process/before-you-begin/eligible-services-list/

- **Program training resources:** https://www.usac.org/e-rate/learn/

- **The funding level can be determined from the matrix available on the E-rate website at** http://www.usac.org/_res/documents/sl/pdf/samples/Discount-Matrix.pdf
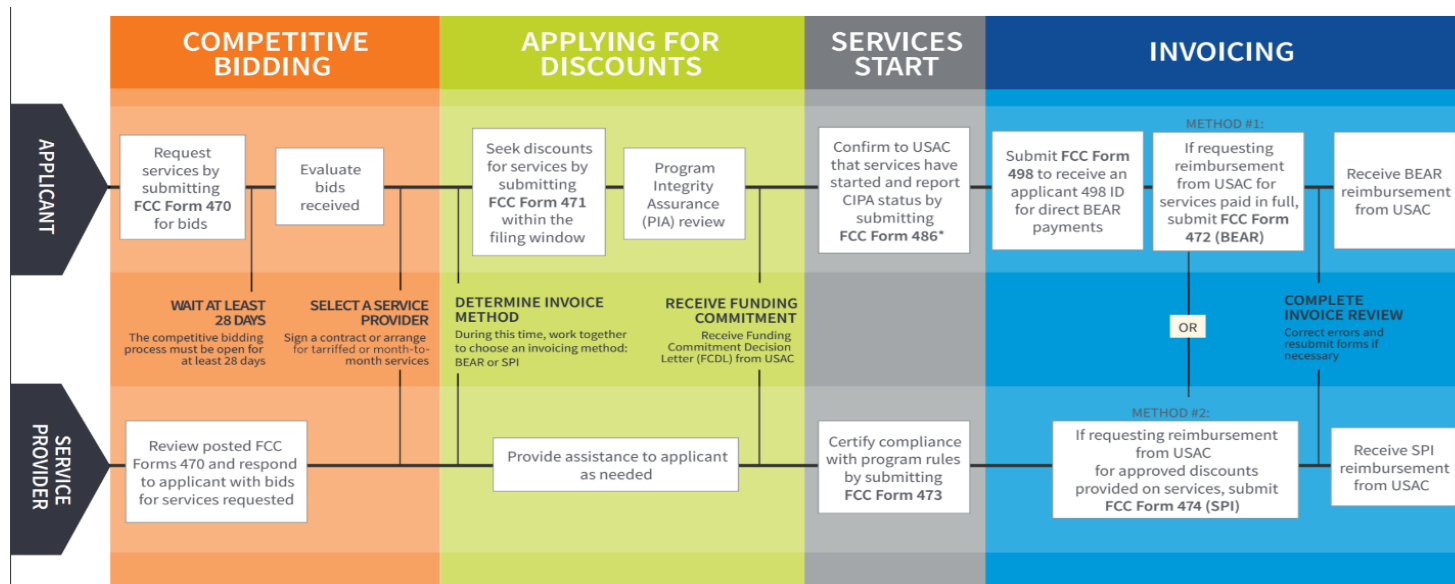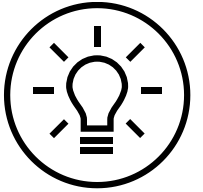
Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

Rural Healthcare Program – Telecommunications Program and Healthcare Connect Fund

Program Purpose	Nature of Award	Eligible Entities	Eligible Areas	Eligible Costs	Deadlines
• Broadband connections to healthcare providers • Reduce disparity in costs between rural and urban	• Subsidy (through Universal Service Fund) (65% for HCF) • $605M funding cap in FY20	• Public and nonprofit healthcare providers (HCPs) • Consortia of HCPs	• Rural	• Telecommunication services • HCF includes broadband connectivity	• July 1 through June 30 (rolling) • Submit during the "initial funding request" period

Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

Rural Healthcare Program

- Does not support comprehensive broadband deployment – Only consortia may apply for infrastructure build funding

- Six-step application process

- Burdensome process; start early!

- Eligibility established using FCC Form 460

Key Links

- **General background:** http://www.usac.org/rhc/

- **Program education materials:** https://www.usac.org/rural-health-care/learn/

- **Application process overview:** https://www.usac.org/wp-content/uploads/rural-health-care/documents/handouts/RHC-Program-Application-Process.pdf

Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

Emergency Connectivity Fund

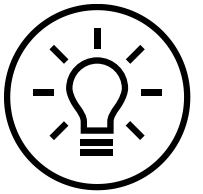| Program Purpose	Nature of Award	Eligible Entities	Eligible Areas	Eligible Costs	Deadlines
• **For the purchase of eligible equipment and services for use at locations other than a school or library to help address the homework gap during the pandemic**	• 100% Subsidy • $7.2B in FY21	• Schools • Libraries	• **Areas *outside* the school and library**	• **Equipment (hotspots, modems/ routers, laptops and tablets)** • **Telecommunications and information services for use by students, staff, and patrons**	• 2nd Window opening Sept. 28 and closes October 13 • Runs until June 30 *in the year that is one year after HHS determines that a public health emergency no longer exists*

Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB)

Program Purpose	Nature of Award	Eligible Entities	Eligible Areas	Eligible Costs	Deadlines
• **Support for broadband to help low-income households stay connected during the pandemic**	• Subsidies • $3.2B in FY21 • Likely retroactive to January 2021	• **Low-income households (Lifeline, NSLP, Pell Grant recipients, those with a substantial loss of income since Feb. 29, 2020)**	• Nationwide	• > $50/ household for broadband services (> $75 on tribal lands) • > $100 for laptop, computer, or tablet	• Launched May 12, 2021 • **Ends when funds exhausted or 6 months after the end of the "COVID-10 health emergency"**

Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB)

- Providers: Make sure you're listed on the FCC site in the relevant states

    - Recipients need to have a separate relationship with your company

- Benefits can be stacked for additional coverage (Lifeline + EBB is ok)

Key Links

- **FCC program page:** https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit

- **EBB FAQ:** https://www.fcc.gov/consumer-faq-emergency-broadband-benefit

- **Program providers by state:** https://www.fcc.gov/emergency-broadband-benefit-providers

National Telecommunications & Information Administration (NTIA)

National Telecommunications & Information Administration (NTIA)

Secure and Trusted Communications Network Reimbursement Program

Program Purpose	Nature of Award	Eligible Entities	Eligible Costs	Deadlines
• Removal and replacement ("rip and replace") of communications equipment	• Grant • $1.9B in FY21	• ISPs with fewer than 10M customers (previously 2M) • Prioritizing ETCs	• Hardware and software equipment (does not include specific replacements)	• Launched March 12, 2021 • Once finalized, 30-day filing window

National Telecommunications & Information Administration (NTIA)

Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program

Program Purpose	Nature of Award	Eligible Entities	Eligible Areas	Eligible Costs	Deadlines
• To include broadband on tribal lands and support communities impacted by COVID	• Grant • $988M in FY21	• Tribal governments • Tribal colleges and universities • Dept. of Hawaiian Homelands • Tribal organizations • Native corporations (as defined by Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act)	• Prioritize unserved areas	• Broadband infrastructure (including submarine cable) • Broadband adoption & Use programs (e.g., reduced cost service, preventing disconnects, distance learning, telehealth, digital inclusion)	• Closed on Sept 1

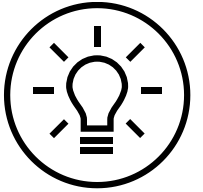# National Telecommunications & Information Administration (NTIA)

Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program

Program Purpose	Nature of Award	Eligible Entities	Eligible Areas	Eligible Costs	Deadlines
• Grants to support instruction and learning, including remote learning	• Grant • $285M in FY21	• HBCUs • Tribal colleges and universities • Minority serving institutions • Minority business enterprises and nonprofits in surrounding community	• Urban and suburban communities	• Broadband • Eligible equipment (hotspots, modems/ routers, laptops and tablets) • Hire and train IT personnel • *Not* infrastructure	• December 1st

National Telecommunications & Information Administration
Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program

- Institutions must prioritize low-income students

- Focus on high-poverty areas of anchor community
  - Fiber workforce development program
  - Equipment to outfit a tech lab or community center
  - Equipment to support wireless network and enable connections for remote learning

Key Links

- **NTIA Minority Broadband Initiative funding page:** https://www.ntia.doc.gov/category/minority-broadband-initiative

Department of Transportation
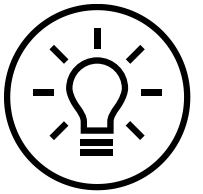
U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT)
Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA)

Program Purpose	Nature of Award	Eligible Entities	Eligible Areas	Eligible Costs	Deadlines
• Deploying broadband in unserved areas	• Grant • 40% cost share (can be met through other grants) • Non-recipients eligible for TIFIA loans (up to 49% of costs) • $889M in FY21 • 10% for small projects; 25% for rural projects • Median "large project" award is $60M (largest is $184M)	• States • Metropolitan planning organizations with > 200,000 population • Local governments • Political subdivisions • Public authorities with transportation functions • Federal land management agencies	• Opportunity zone • Empowerment zone • Promise zone • Tribal areas	• Highway freight and bridge projects, grade crossing/separation • Broadband only projects that support operational and/or ITS initiatives • Construction, rehabilitation, property acquisition, environmental mitigation, and development phase activities (e.g., planning, engineering)	• Applications were due March 19, 2021 • Awards by June 2021 • Construction must begin within 18 months of award

U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT)
Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA)

- Important to show project is shovel-ready

- Extends to broadband that supports "innovative technology"

  - Smart signaling, automated enforcement, dynamic messaging, pricing systems, autonomous vehicle facilitation, Vehicle-to-Everything, Vehicle-to-Infrastructure, Vehicle-to-Grid, cybersecurity, port entry support, broadband deployment in rural areas

- Cost-effectiveness is key

Key Links

- **Recorded Webinars with a very good overview of the program, plus questions:** https://www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/financing/infra-grants/infra-webinar-series

- **Application Instructions:** https://www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/financing/infra-grants/how-apply

- **U.S. Department of Transportation Notice of Funding Opportunity:** https://www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/sites/buildamerica.dot.gov/files/2021-02/FY%202021%20INFRA%20NOFO_0.pdf

- **Benefit Cost Analysis:** https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/2021-02/Benefit%20Cost%20Analysis%20Guidance%202021.pdf

- **Agency Contact:** Paul Baumer (202-366-1092) INFRAgrants@dot.gov
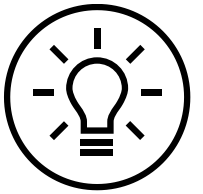
U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT)
Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)

Program Purpose	Nature of Award	Eligible Entities	Eligible Areas	Eligible Costs	Deadlines
• Transportation projects with significant local or regional impact	• Grant • $1B in FY21 • $5M – $25M (urban) • $1M – $25M (rural) • < $100M/ state • 20% cost share for urban projects • No cost share for rural or "Areas of Persistent Poverty"	• Public entities • Local and regional governments (and subdivisions) • Tribal governments	• Equally divided between rural and urban areas	• Repairing infrastructure • Safety improvements • Projects that connect communities to jobs, services and education • Projects that anchor economic growth • Planning	• Application deadline – July 12, 2021 • Awards made by Nov. 22, 2021 • Funding must be obligated by Sept. 2024 and expended by Sept. 2029

U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT)
Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)

- OK to receive other sources of Federal funding

- Stand-alone broadband is *not* eligible; transportation project can enable *concurrent construction* of broadband

Key Links

- **FAQs online at** https://www.transportation.gov/RAISEgrants/2021-raise-application-faqs

Tribal Programs

Tribal Programs

U.S. HUD – Indian Community Development Block Grant Program (ICDBG)
U.S. HUD – Indian Housing Block Grant Program (IHBG)

Program Purpose	Nature of Award	Eligible Entities	Eligible Areas	Eligible Costs	Deadlines

• ICDBG: To provide housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities to low-income tribal entities
 	
• IHBG: Provide affordable housing activities on Indian reservations
	• ICDBG: Direct Grant
	  – Single purpose – Competitive basis
	  – Imminent threat – 5% of each year's allocation, first-come-first-served
	• ($200M in 2019)
		• Any tribe, band, group or nation, or Alaska Native village (primarily low-income)	• Indian reservations and Indian Areas	CDBG
				• Housing
				• Community facilities (includes infrastructure)
				• Economic development (can be owned or operated by a third party)
				
				IHBG
				• Housing development
				• Housing services
				• Crime prevention and safety
					• Announced each Federal fiscal year
					
					• Recipients must submit an Indian Housing Plan (a fillable pdf) to receive funding and complete an Annual Performance Report

Tribal Programs

USDI, BIA – National Tribal Broadband Grant (NTBG)

| Program Purpose	Nature of Award	Eligible Entities	Eligible Areas	Eligible Costs	Deadlines
• To increase broadband access for tribal communities to spur economic develop, create opportunities for self-employment, enhance education, meet emergency needs	• Grant • Typically $40k – 50k • $1.2M in FY20 (no FY21 appropriations) • No cost share	• Federally recognized tribes	• Nationwide	• Feasibility studies for high-speed internet • Assessment of current services • Engineering assessment for expanded services • Estimates for the cost of building/ expanding a network • Identifying funding/ financing options • Consideration of "financial and practical risks" for building a network	• Currently closed

Tribal Programs

U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security, FEMA – Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP)

Program Purpose	Nature of Award	Eligible Entires	Eligible Areas	Eligible Costs	Deadlines
• To enable tribal nations to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from potential terrorist attacks and hazards	• Grant • $15M in FY21 • Expect 25 awards • No cost share	• Self-certified tribal eligibility • Directly eligible tribes (i.e., located on or within 100 miles of an international border) • Must operate law enforcement	• Indian reservations and Indian Areas	• Enhancing cybersecurity • Enhancing soft targets/ crowded places • Combating domestic extremism • Addressing emerging threats • Planning, organization, equipment, maintenance, and construction	• FY21 deadline – May 14, 2021 • Registration can take 4 weeks

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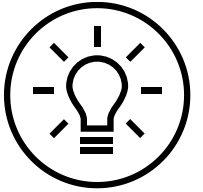
U.S. HUD – Indian Community Development Block Grant Program (ICDBG)
U.S. HUD – Indian Housing Block Grant Program (IHBG)
U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security, FEMA – Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP)
USDI, BIA – National Tribal Broadband Grant (NTBG)

- Must demonstrate how broadband will improve quality of life and benefit the community as it relates to each program

- Be prepared to share audited financial statements

- FEMA: Priority for projects that address FEMA's National Priorities: cybersecurity, soft targets and crowded places, and emerging threats

- NTBG:

  - Each application must only address one project
  - Requires a Tribal resolution authorizing the application

Key Links

- **Program page:** https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/tribal-homeland-security
- **Program FAQ:** https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-07/FY_2020_THSGP_FAQ.pdf
- **FEMA Preparedness Grants Manual:** https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-06/fema_preparedness-grants-manual.pdf
- **The FY 2021 THSGP NOFO:** www.fema.gov/grants as well as on www.grants.gov
- **For additional program-specific information**, contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or AskCSID@fema.dhs.gov
- **For support regarding financial grants management and budgetary technical assistance**, contact the FEMA Award Administration Help Desk, via e-mail at ASK-GMD@fema.dhs.gov

# Federal Emergency Management Agency

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Homeland Security Grant Program: **State Homeland Security Program (SHSP), Urban Areas Security Initiatives (UASI), Operation Stonegarden (OPSG)**

Program Purpose	Nature of Award	Eligible Entities	Eligible Areas	Eligible Costs	Deadlines
• Protect, respond to, and recover from terrorism/ catastrophic events (SHSP and UASI) • Improve border security (OPSG)	• Grant • $1.12B in FY21 across 3 programs • No cost share • Target range of award set for each state, territory and eligible urban area	• State Administrative Agency	• All states and territories (SHSP) • High-risk urban areas based on analysis of terrorism (UASI) • Along international borders (OPSG)	• Cybersecurity (SHSP and UASI) • Projects that enhance resilience of infrastructure (SHSP and UASI) • Projects that enhance law enforcement (OPSG)	• Next application window in Spring 2022 • Must complete within 3 years

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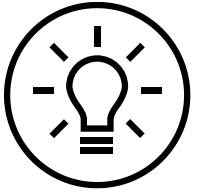
- SHSP and UASI have greatest promise for broadband, particularly rural connectivity

- Projects must align with Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP) and National Preparedness Report

- Must spend at least 25% of SHSP funds toward law-enforcement, terrorism-prevention-oriented planning, organization, training, exercise, and equipment; could include broadband

- Stonegarden awards must enhance information sharing among federal agencies and address emergent threats

Key Links

- **Summary of all HSGP programs:** https://www.fema.gov/homeland-security-grant-program

- **Frequently Asked Questions addressing all HSGP programs:** https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1587400512465-c969296a8971db7ef27513cfb5448393/FY_2020_HSGP_FAQ_4_20_508AB.pdf

- **HSGP fact sheet:** https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1581619107442-915cab1ee9d3eaece7aa50d6bc439c52/FY_2020_HSGP_Fact_Sheet_GPD_Approved_508AB.pdf

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Emergency Management Performance Grants

Program Purpose	Nature of Award	Eligible Entities	Eligible Areas	Eligible Costs	Deadlines
• Supporting emergency preparedness	• Grant • $355M in FY21 • Cost share (50%)	• State Administrative Agency/ Emergency Management Agency (on behalf of state, local, tribal emergency management agencies)	• Nationwide	• Planning • Equipment • Training • Construction	• Currently closed • Look for FY22 NOFO in Feb/March of 2022

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Emergency Management Performance Grants

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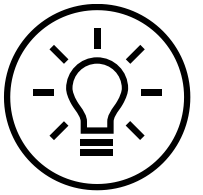
- Allocations are population-based, so may be limited in rural areas

- Each state receives a "base amount" (.75%) of total funding

- Applicants should build relationship with FEMA Regional Administrator to identify priorities and build a work plan

- Recipients must maintain a National Incident Management System (NIMS) profile

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