# Broadband Funding Guide

## Department:  Appalachian Regional Commission

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| | **Today's Date** | January 21, 2020 |
| 1 | **Federal Agency/Bureau** | Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) |
| 2 | **Agency Overview** | ARC is a regional economic development agency that represents a partnership of federal, state, and local governments. Established by an act of Congress in 1965, ARC is composed of the governors of the 13 Appalachian states and a federal co-chair who is appointed by the president. Local participation is provided through multi-county local development districts. |
| 3 | **Program Name** | Area Development |
| 4 | **Program Website** | https://www.arc.gov |
| 5 | **Program Overview** | Each year ARC provides funding for several hundred investments in the Appalachian Region, in areas such as business development, education and job training, infrastructure (including broadband), community development, and transportation. These projects create thousands of new jobs, improve local water and sewer systems, increase school readiness, assist local communities with strategic planning, and provide technical and managerial assistance to emerging businesses. |
| 6 | **Program Purpose** | ☒ Planning (e.g., feasibility) <br> ☒ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction) <br> ☒ Broadband Adoption <br> ☒ Digital Skills Training <br> ☒ Public Computer Access <br><br> ☐ Smart Cities <br> ☐ Evaluation <br> ☐ Research <br> ☐ Broadband Financing <br> ☐ Other: _____ |
| 7 | **Eligible Recipients** | ☒ Libraries <br> ☒ K-12 Schools <br> ☒ Higher Education Institutions <br> ☒ Hospitals <br> ☐ Public Safety Entities <br> ☒ State and Local Governments <br> ☒ Tribal Entities <br><br> ☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers <br> ☒ Non-Profit Organizations <br> ☐ Small Businesses <br> ☐ Rural Recipients <br> ☒ Electric Utilities/Co-ops <br> ☐ Financial Institutions <br> ☐ Other: _____ |
| 8 | **Agency Contact** | 1666 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20009-1068 <br> Telephone: (202) 884-7700 <br> Email: info@arc.gov. <br><br> For questions on specific topic areas, please refer to the contacts listed on the ARC Offices and Staff page. |

| 9 | **FY2020 Funding Type** | Grant |
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| 10 | **FY2020 Funding Amount** | $40,945,000 |
| 11 | **Additional Information** | As per ARC's federal-state partnership model, funding via ARC's Area Development is first generated at the state level in each of the Region's 13 states. Potential applicants are encouraged to contact their ARC State Program Managers (contact info available at www.arc.gov) |

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| 3 | **Program Name** | Distressed Counties |
| 4 | **Program Website** | https://www.arc.gov/funding/ARCDistressedCountiesGrants.asp |
| 5 | **Program Overview** | ARC targets special resources to the most economically distressed counties in the region, using a measure of economic distress based on three economic indicators: three-year average unemployment rates, per capita market income, and poverty rates. ARC normally limits its maximum project funding contribution to 50 percent of costs, but it can increase its funding share to as much as 80 percent in distressed counties. |
| 6 | **Program Purpose** | ☒ Planning (e.g., feasibility) <br> ☒ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction) <br> ☒ Broadband Adoption <br> ☒ Digital Skills Training <br> ☒ Public Computer Access <br><br> ☐ Smart Cities <br> ☐ Evaluation <br> ☐ Research <br> ☐ Broadband Financing <br> ☐ Other: _____ |
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| 9 | **FY2020 Funding Type** | Grant |
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| 10 | **FY2020 Funding Amount** | $17,548,000 |
| 11 | **Additional Information** | |

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| **3** | **Program Name** | Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER) |
| **4** | **Program Website** | www.arc.gov/power |
| **5** | **Program Overview** | POWER is a congressionally funded initiative that targets federal resources to help communities and regions that have been affected by job losses in coal mining, coal power plant operations, and coal-related supply chain industries due to the changing economics of America's energy production. Within the POWER Initiative, $15 million is specifically available for broadband related projects. |
| **6** | **Program Purpose** | ☒ Planning (e.g., feasibility) <br> ☒ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction) <br> ☒ Broadband Adoption <br> ☒ Digital Skills Training <br> ☒ Public Computer Access <br><br> ☐ Smart Cities <br> ☐ Evaluation <br> ☐ Research <br> ☐ Broadband Financing <br> ☐ Other: _____ |
| **7** | **Eligible Recipients** | ☒ Libraries <br> ☒ K-12 Schools <br> ☒ Higher Education Institutions <br> ☒ Hospitals <br> ☐ Public Safety Entities <br> ☒ State and Local Governments <br> ☒ Tribal Entities <br><br> ☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers <br> ☒ Non-Profit Organizations <br> ☐ Small Businesses <br> ☐ Rural Recipients <br> ☒ Electric Utilities/Co-ops <br> ☐ Financial Institutions <br> ☐ Other: _____ |
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| 9 | **FY2020 Funding Type** | Grant |
| 10 | **FY2020 Funding Amount** | $45 million |
| 11 | **Additional Information** | It is expected that POWER for federal fiscal year 2020 (FY20) will have approximately $45 million available pending congressional appropriations. Up to one-third of appropriated funding will be available to fund broadband deployment projects. For more information visit POWER 2020 Request for Proposals (RFP). |

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| **3** | **Program Name** | Central Appalachia & North Central/North Appalachia Broadband |
| **4** | **Program Website** | https://www.arc.gov |
| **5** | **Program Overview** | The development of broadband communications networks is one of the best ways to equip communities with the basic "building blocks" essential for economic and community development. ARC is dedicated to continuing broadband deployment in distressed counties in Central Appalachia as well as funds for a program of broadband deployment in distressed counties in North Central and Northern Appalachia. |
| **6** | **Program Purpose** | ☒ Planning (e.g., feasibility)  ☐ Smart Cities<br>☒ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction)  ☐ Evaluation<br>☒ Broadband Adoption  ☐ Research<br>☒ Digital Skills Training  ☐ Broadband Financing<br>☒ Public Computer Access  ☐ Other: _____ |
| **7** | **Eligible Recipients** | ☒ Libraries  ☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers<br>☒ K-12 Schools  ☒ Non-Profit Organizations<br>☒ Higher Education Institutions  ☐ Small Businesses<br>☒ Hospitals  ☐ Rural Recipients<br>☐ Public Safety Entities  ☒ Electric Utilities/Co-ops<br>☒ State and Local Governments  ☐ Financial Institutions<br>☒ Tribal Entities  ☐ Other: _____ |
| **8** | **Agency Contact** | 1666 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20009-1068<br>Telephone: (202) 884-7700<br>Email: info@arc.gov.<br>For questions on specific topic areas, please refer to the contacts listed on the ARC Offices and Staff page. |

| 9 | **FY2020 Funding Type** | Grant |
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| 10 | **FY2020 Funding Amount** | • $10 million allocated towards broadband deployment in distressed counties in Central Appalachia.<br>• $5 million allocated towards broadband deployment in distressed counties in North Central and Northern Appalachia. |
| 11 | **Additional Information** | ARC's structure was designed to ensure an active federal-state partnership. There are 14 Commission members: the governors of the 13 Appalachian states and a federal co-chair. Each year the 13 governors elect one of their number to serve as states' co-chair of the Commission.<br><br>Each governor appoints an alternate, who oversees the state's ARC program and serves as the state-level contact for those seeking ARC assistance. The states' interests at ARC/Washington are handled by the states' Washington representative, who is hired by the states. |

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| 1 | **Federal Agency/Bureau** | Employment and Training Administration |
| 2 | **Agency Overview** | The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) administers federal government job training and worker dislocation programs, federal grants to states for public employment service programs, and unemployment insurance benefits. These services are primarily provided through state and local workforce development systems. |
| 3 | **Program Name** | Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) |
| 4 | **Program Website** | https://www.doleta.gov/wioa/ |
| 5 | **Program Overview** | Each year, Congress appropriates dollars under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) for adult, dislocated worker, youth, and basic labor exchange programs. The nation's business-led Workforce Development Boards help set the strategic direction for the programs and services in their respective labor markets.<br><br>There are approximately 2,400 American Job Centers (One-Stop Centers) that provide a full range of assistance to job seekers. The centers offer training referrals, career counseling, job listings, and similar employment-related services. Patrons can take advantage of the Center's "resource rooms" which provide computers, printers, and Internet connectivity to obtain a perspective on availability of jobs and the availability of training opportunities in various sectors of the economy.<br><br>The current approved WIOA State Strategic Plans can be found at https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/rsa/wioa/state-plans/index.html<br><br>States are submitting their Strategic Plans for 2020 – 2023 during March 2020.  After review and approval by the Departments of Labor, Education, Agriculture, Housing and Urban Development, and Health and Human Services, these Plans should be available for public access in July – August 2020.<br><br>The WIOA statute describes allowable activities for programs under its various titles (including those for adult education and vocational rehabilitation). "Digital literacy" is among the list of programs, activities, or services that comprise workforce preparation. The legislation, in turn, references the Museum and Library Services Act of 2010, which defines digital literacy as "the skills associated with using technology to enable users to find, evaluate, organize, create, and communicate information. Many Centers offer courses that are designed to support digital literacy. Out-of-school youth, in particular, can benefit from these training offerings. |

| 6 | **Program Purpose** | ☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility)<br>☐ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction)<br>☐ Broadband Adoption<br>☒ Digital Skills Training<br>☐ Public Computer Access | ☐ Smart Cities<br>☐ Evaluation<br>☐ Research<br>☐ Broadband Financing<br>☐ Other: _____ |
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| 7 | **Eligible Recipients** | ☐ Libraries<br>☐ K-12 Schools<br>☒ Higher Education Institutions<br>☐ Hospitals<br>☐ Public Safety Entities<br>☒ State and Local Governments<br>☐ Tribal Entities | ☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers<br>☐ Non-Profit Organizations<br>☐ Small Businesses<br>☐ Rural Recipients<br>☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops<br>☐ Financial Institutions<br>☐ Other: _____ |
| 8 | **Agency Contact** | Kevin Thompson<br>thompson.kevin@dol.gov | |
| 9 | **FY2020 Funding Type and Amount** | Employment and Training Administration 2020 Budget Webpage | |
| 10 | **Additional Information** | Digital Literacy Website<br><br>Digital Blindspot: How Digital Literacy Can Create a More Resilient American Workforce<br><br>Foundational Digital Skills for Career Progress<br><br>The New Foundational Skills of the Digital Economy<br><br>SkillsCommons Curricula Related to Digital Literacy<br><br>Workforce Development Board Contact Database | |

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| **3** | **Program Name** | Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) Program |
| **4** | **Program Website** | https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/tradeact/community-colleges/ |
| **5** | **Program Overview** | The U.S. Department of Labor's Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) grant program represented a major investment to increase the ability of community colleges to address the challenges of today's workforce. Grants were designed to help workers eligible for training under the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) for Workers program, as well as a broad range of other adults.<br><br>Every state received funding for each of four years through 256 grants totaling $1.9 billion. TAACCCT grants, which continue through September 2018, are impacting 60% of the nation's publicly-funded community colleges and building industry-aligned programs in manufacturing, health care, information technology, energy, transportation, and other industries.<br><br>Through TAACCCT, community colleges developed or redesigned nearly 2,600 programs of study to help adults learn skills that lead to family-sustaining jobs. Each college or consortium of colleges developed programs of study aligned with local and regional business needs, which were identified through partnerships formed or strengthened with grant funds. To help adult students obtain industry-recognized credentials more quickly, colleges used TAACCCT funding to innovate with strategies such as career pathways, credit for prior learning, competency-based models, online training, and strong student support systems.<br><br>The curriculum and other learning materials developed by TAACCCT grantees are being made widely available to all types of training providers on SkillsCommons.org, as described a Training and Employment Notice.<br><br>Curricula searches can be conducted using terms such as "information technology," "STEM" and "broadband." |
| **6** | **Program Purpose** | ☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility)   ☐ Smart Cities<br>☐ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction)   ☐ Evaluation<br>☐ Broadband Adoption   ☐ Research<br>☒ Digital Skills Training   ☐ Broadband Financing<br>☐ Public Computer Access   ☐ Other: _____ |

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| 8 | **Agency Contact** | Kevin Thompson<br>Thompson.kevin@dol.gov | |
| 9 | **FY2020 Funding Type and Amount** | No funding in FY 2020. | |
| 10 | **Additional Information** | WorkforceGPS is an online technical assistance website created to help build the capacity of America's public workforce investment system. Sponsored by the Employment and Training Administration of the U.S. Department of Labor, WorkforceGPS was developed specifically for workforce professionals, educators, and business leaders.<br><br>www.workforcegps.org<br><br>Keyword searches (such as "broadband") can be conducted to obtain curated content.. | |

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| 3 | **Program Name** | Workforce Development in Telecommunication Sector: Apprenticeship Investments in Support of Broadband and 5G |
| 4 | **Program Website** | https://www.tirap.org/<br>https://www.dol.gov/newsroom/releases/eta/eta20200218 |
| 5 | **Program Overview** | The Telecommunications Industry Registered Apprenticeship Program ("TIRAP") is a joint venture of telecommunications companies, industry associations and the U.S. Department of Labor that develops credentialed apprenticeship programs available to qualified employers for career development of the telecommunications workforce.<br><br>The TIRAP's mission is to partner with stakeholders to promote safety, enhance quality, and enable education and advancement opportunities in the telecommunications workforce that will meet network infrastructure build out needs.<br><br>In February 2020, the Wireless Infrastructure Association (WIA), the National Sponsor of TIRAP, was awarded a $5,997,096 grant under the Department of Labor's "Apprenticeship: Closing the Skills Gap" program.<br><br>In partnership with the Power & Communication Contractors Association (PCCA), the grant will be used to train a 5G workforce. Five institutions of higher education have already committed as technical partner schools. The nearly $6 million grant is supplemented by over $9 million in matching support from industry, including cash and in-kind contributions from WIA, PCCA, Ditch Witch, FS3, and participating employers, for a total commitment to apprenticeship of $15 million in a public-private partnership.<br><br>The grant will provide the necessary funding to design curricula and deliver training to develop qualified applicants for placement in middle- to high-skilled jobs nationwide that will accelerate 5G deployment for America's 5G Apprenticeship Initiative. |

America's 5G Apprenticeship Initiative will engage a consortium of public and private partners with 33 small and mid-sized employers committing to create over 5,500 new apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeships in this rapidly evolving sector. These industry-driven, competency-based apprenticeships will target veterans; transitioning service members; military spouses; women; people of color; unemployed, underemployed, and incumbent workers; and other underrepresented populations.

Five committed technical partner schools include: State Technical College of Missouri, Terra State Community College (Ohio), Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College, Monroe County Community College (Mich.), and Somerset Community College (Ky.).

| 6 | **Program Purpose** | ☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility)<br>☐ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction)<br>☐ Broadband Adoption<br>☐ Digital Skills Training<br>☐ Public Computer Access | ☐ Smart Cities<br>☐ Evaluation<br>☐ Research<br>☐ Broadband Financing<br>☐ Other Skllls Development for 5G/Broadband Expansion<br>_____ |
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| 7 | **Eligible Recipients** | ☐ Libraries<br>☐ K-12 Schools<br>☐ Higher Education Institutions<br>☐ Hospitals<br>☐ Public Safety Entities<br>☐ State and Local Governments<br>☐ Tribal Entities | ☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers<br>☐ Non-Profit Organizations<br>☐ Small Businesses<br>☐ Rural Recipients<br>☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops<br>☐ Financial Institutions<br>☐ Other: _____ |
| 8 | **Agency Contact** | Kevin Thompson<br>Thompson.kevin@dol.gov | |
| 9 | **FY2020 Funding Type and Amount** | $5,997,096 awarded through a competitive process. | |

| 10 | Additional Information | |
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## Delta Regional Authority

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| **Federal Agency** | Delta Regional Authority (DRA) |
| **Agency Overview** | Established in 2000 by Congress, DRA makes strategic investments of federal appropriations into projects that will improve regional economic opportunity by helping create jobs, build communities, and improve the lives of the 10 million people who reside in the 252 counties and parishes of the eight-state region. DRA provides investment for basic public infrastructure, transportation infrastructure, business development, and workforce development. |
| **Program Name** | Community Infrastructure Fund |
| **Program Website** | http://dra.gov/funding-programs/investing-in-the-delta/ |
| **Program Overview** | The Community Infrastructure Fund was created to target physical infrastructure projects that help build safer, more resilient communities in the Delta region. The three areas of investment through this program target basic public infrastructure, transportation infrastructure, and flood control project centered around economic development. |
| **Program Purpose** | ☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility) <br> ☒ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction) <br> ☐ Broadband Adoption <br> ☐ Digital Skills Training <br> ☐ Public Computer Access <br><br> ☐ Smart Cities <br> ☐ Evaluation <br> ☐ Research <br> ☐ Broadband Financing <br> ☐ Other: _____ |
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| **Agency Contact** | Brian Henson 202-400-1453 |

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| **FY2018 Funding Type** | Grant |
| **FY2018 Funding Amount** | $10,000,000 |
| **FY2019 Funding Amount** | $10,000,000 |
| **FY2020 Funding Amount** | $15,000,000 |
| **Additional Information** | |

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| **Program Name** | States Economic Development Assistance Program |
| **Program Website** | http://dra.gov/funding-programs/investing-in-the-delta/ |
| **Program Overview** | The States Economic Development Assistance Program makes strategic investments in DRA's congressionally mandated four funding areas of basic public infrastructure, transportation infrastructure, business development, and workforce development. |
| **Program Purpose** | ☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility) <br> ☒ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction) <br> ☐ Broadband Adoption <br> ☐ Digital Skills Training <br> ☐ Public Computer Access <br><br> ☐ Smart Cities <br> ☐ Evaluation <br> ☐ Research <br> ☐ Broadband Financing <br> ☐ Other: _____ |
| **Eligible Recipients** | ☐ Libraries <br> ☐ K-12 Schools <br> ☒ Higher Education Institutions <br> ☒ Hospitals <br> ☐ Public Safety Entities <br> ☒ State and Local Governments <br> ☒ Tribal Entities <br><br> ☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers <br> ☒ Non-Profit Organizations <br> ☐ Small Businesses <br> ☐ Rural Recipients <br> ☒ Electric Utilities/Co-ops <br> ☐ Financial Institutions <br> ☐ Other: _____ |
| **Agency Contact** | Brian Henson 202-400-1453 |

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| **FY2018 Funding Type** | Grant |
| **FY2018 Funding Amount** | $12,000,000 |
| **FY2019 Funding Amount** | $12,000,000 |
| **FY2020 Funding Amount** | $12,350,000 |
| **Additional Information** | |

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| 1 | **Federal Agency/Bureau** | U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) |
| 2 | **Agency Overview** | EDA provides economic development grants that help communities and regions develop or improve assets so that businesses can successfully form, grow, and innovate. |
| 3 | **Program Name** | Fiscal Year 2019 (FY2019) Disaster Supplemental Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) |
| 4 | **Program Website** | https://www.eda.gov/funding-opportunities/ |
| 5 | **Program Overview** | The Fiscal Year 2019 (FY2019) Disaster Supplemental Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)" makes $587 million available to eligible grantees in communities impacted by natural disasters in 2018 and Floods and Tornadoes in 2019. |
| 6 | **Program Purpose** | ☒ Planning (e.g., feasibility) <br> ☒ Smart Cities <br> ☒ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction) <br> ☐ Evaluation <br> ☐ Broadband Adoption <br> ☐ Research <br> ☒ Digital Skills Training <br> ☐ Broadband Financing <br> ☐ Public Computer Access <br> ☒ Other: District Organization of an EDA-designated Economic Development District (EDD) |
| 7 | **Eligible Recipients** | ☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers <br> ☒ Libraries <br> ☒ Non-Profit Organizations |

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| | | ☐ Small Businesses |
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| | | ☐ Financial Institutions |
| | | ☒ State and Local Governments |
| | | ☒ Other:  District Organization of an  EDA-designated Economic Development District (EDD) |
| | | ☒ Tribal Entities |
| 8 | **Agency Contact** | Please contact your local economic development representative (based on the location of the proposed project) at https://www.eda.gov/contact/ |
| 9 | **FY2020 Funding Type and Amount** | $587 Million<br>Grant |
| 10 | **Additional Information** | https://www.eda.gov/disaster-recovery/ |

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| 2 | **Agency Overview** | EDA provides economic development grants that help communities and regions develop or improve assets so that businesses can successfully form, grow, and innovate. |
| 3 | **Program Name** | FY 2020 EDA Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs |
| 4 | **Program Website** | https://www.eda.gov/funding-opportunities/ |
| 5 | **Program Overview** | EDA's Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) programs provide economically distressed communities and regions with comprehensive and flexible resources to address a wide variety of economic needs. Projects funded by these programs will support work in Opportunity Zones and will create and retain jobs, increase private investment, advance innovation, enhance the manufacturing capacities of regions, provide workforce development opportunities, and grow ecosystems that attract foreign direct investment.<br><br>Through the PWEAA NOFO, EDA solicits applicatons from applicants in order to provide revolving loan fund projects under EDA's Public Works program and EAA programs (which includes Assistance to Coal Communities). |
| 6 | **Program Purpose** | ☒ Planning (e.g., feasibility)<br><br>☒ Smart Cities<br><br>☒ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction)<br><br>☐ Evaluation<br><br>☐ Broadband Adoption<br><br>☐ Research<br><br>☒ Digital Skills Training<br><br>☐ Broadband Financing<br><br>☐ Public Computer Access |

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| | | ☒ Other: District Organization of an<br><br>EDA-designated Economic Development District (EDD) |
| 7 | **Eligible Recipients** | ☐Commercial/Internet Service Providers<br><br>☒ Libraries<br><br>☒ Non-Profit Organizations<br><br>☐K-12 Schools<br><br>☐ Small Businesses<br><br>☒ Higher Education Institutions<br><br>☒ Rural Recipients<br><br>☐Hospitals<br><br>☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops<br><br>☐Public Safety Entities<br><br>☐ Financial Institutions<br><br>☒ State and Local Governments<br><br>☒ Other: _ District Organization of an  EDA-designated Economic Development District (EDD)<br><br>☒ Tribal Entities |
| 8 | **Agency Contact** | Please contact your local economic development representative (based on the location of the proposed project) at https://www.eda.gov/contact/ |
| 9 | **FY2020 Funding Type and Amount** | $200.5 Million<br><br>Grant |
| 10 | **Additional Information** | |

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### Department: Department of Education

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| 1 | **Federal Agency/Bureau** | Department of Education |
| 2 | **Agency Overview** | The U.S. Department of Education's mission is to promote student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access. |
| 3 | **Program Name** | Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions |
| 4 | **Program Website** | https://www2.ed.gov/programs/iduesannh/index.html |
| 5 | **Program Overview** | This program provides grants assistance to eligible Alaska Native-serving institutions and Native Hawaiian-serving institutions of higher education to enable such institutions to improve and expand their capacity to serve Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians. This program helps eligible institutions of higher education increase their self-sufficiency and expand their capacity to serve low-income students by providing funds to improve and strengthen the academic quality, institutional management, and fiscal stability of eligible institutions. |
| 6 | **Program Purpose** | ☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility) <br> ☒ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction) <br> ☒ Broadband Adoption <br> ☒ Digital Skills Training <br> ☐ Public Computer Access <br><br> ☐ Smart Cities <br> ☐ Evaluation <br> ☐ Research <br> ☐ Broadband Financing <br> ☒ Other: Mobile hotspots and mobile hotspot data plans |
| 7 | **Eligible Recipients** | ☐ Libraries <br> ☐ K-12 Schools <br> ☒ Higher Education Institutions <br> ☐ Hospitals <br> ☐ Public Safety Entities <br> ☐ State and Local Governments <br> ☐ Tribal Entities <br><br> ☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers <br> ☐ Non-Profit Organizations <br> ☐ Small Businesses <br> ☐ Rural Recipients <br> ☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops <br> ☐ Financial Institutions <br> ☐ Other: _____ |
| 8 | **Agency Contact** | Office of Postsecondary Education <br> Lyndon Baines Johnson (LBJ) <br> Building 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W. |

| | | Washington, DC 20202<br>(202) 453-6914 |
|---|---|---|
| 9 | **Funding Type** | Grant |
| 10 | **FY2018 Funding Amount** | $15,772,000 |
| 11 | **FY2019 Funding Amount** | $15,930,000 |
| 12 | **FY2020 Funding Amount** | $18,320,000 |
| 13 | **Additional Information** | This is one of a number of Department programs that provides funds that could be used to support broadband access. The allowability of costs is always situation and program specific. For that reason, if you decide to use funds under one of these programs for costs related to broadband access, you must be sure that the use of the funds is, under the specific circumstances of the expenditure and the program authority selected, reasonable and necessary for the purposes of that program, and does not violate other program requirements, such as supplement not supplant, if it applies to program. We also note that, while funds under one of these programs can be used on broadband access, the programs' purpose is not primarily focused on that issue. |

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| 1 | **Federal Agency/Bureau** | Department of Education |
| 2 | **Agency Overview** | The U.S. Department of Education's mission is to promote student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access. |
| 3 | **Program Name** | American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities |
| 4 | **Program Website** | https://www2.ed.gov/programs/iduesaitcc/index.html |
| 5 | **Program Overview** | This program helps eligible institutions of higher education increase their self-sufficiency by providing funds to improve and strengthen the academic quality, institutional management, and fiscal stability of eligible institutions |
| 6 | **Program Purpose** | ☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility)<br>☒ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction)<br>☒ Broadband Adoption<br>☒ Digital Skills Training<br>☐ Public Computer Access<br><br>☐ Smart Cities<br>☐ Evaluation<br>☐ Research<br>☐ Broadband Financing<br>☒ Other: Mobile hotspots and mobile hotspot data plans |
| 7 | **Eligible Recipients** | ☐ Libraries<br>☐ K-12 Schools<br>☒ Higher Education Institutions<br>☐ Hospitals<br>☐ Public Safety Entities<br>☐ State and Local Governments<br>☐ Tribal Entities<br><br>☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers<br>☐ Non-Profit Organizations<br>☐ Small Businesses<br>☐ Rural Recipients<br>☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops<br>☐ Financial Institutions<br>☐ Other: _____ |
| 8 | **Agency Contact** | Office of Postsecondary Education<br>Lyndon Baines Johnson (LBJ)<br>Building 400 Maryland Avenue,S.W.<br>Washington, DC 20202<br>(202) 453-6914 |

| 9 | Funding Type | Grant |
|---|---|---|
| 10 | FY2018 Funding Amount | $31,539,000 |
| 11 | FY2019 Funding Amount | $31,854,000 |
| 12 | FY2020 Funding Amount | $36,633,000 |
| 13 | Additional Information | This is one of a number of Department programs that provides funds that could be used to support broadband access. The allowability of costs is always situation and program specific. For that reason, if you decide to use funds under one of these programs for costs related to broadband access, you must be sure that the use of the funds is, under the specific circumstances of the expenditure and the program authority selected, reasonable and necessary for the purposes of that program, and does not violate other program requirements, such as supplement not supplant, if it applies to program. We also note that, while funds under one of these programs can be used on broadband access, the programs' purpose is not primarily focused on that issue. |

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## Department: Department of Education

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| 1 | **Federal Agency/Bureau** | Department of Education |
| 2 | **Agency Overview** | The U.S. Department of Education's mission is to promote student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access. |
| 3 | **Program Name** | Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions |
| 4 | **Program Website** | https://www2.ed.gov/programs/aanapi/index.html |
| 5 | **Program Overview** | This program provides grants and related assistance to Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-serving institutions to enable such institutions to improve and expand their capacity to serve Asian Americans and Native American Pacific Islanders and low-income individuals. |
| 6 | **Program Purpose** | ☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility)     ☐ Smart Cities<br>☒ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction)     ☐ Evaluation<br>☒ Broadband Adoption     ☐ Research<br>☒ Digital Skills Training     ☐ Broadband Financing<br>☐ Public Computer Access     ☒ Other: Mobile hotspots and mobile hotspot data plans |
| 7 | **Eligible Recipients** | ☐ Libraries     ☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers<br>☐ K-12 Schools     ☐ Non-Profit Organizations<br>☒ Higher Education Institutions     ☐ Small Businesses<br>☐ Hospitals     ☐ Rural Recipients<br>☐ Public Safety Entities     ☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops<br>☐ State and Local Governments     ☐ Financial Institutions<br>☐ Tribal Entities     ☐ Other: _____ |
| 8 | **Agency Contact** | Office of Postsecondary Education<br>Lyndon Baines Johnson (LBJ)<br>Building 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.<br>Washington, DC 20202<br>(202) 453-6914 |

| 9 | Funding Type | Grant |
|---|---|---|
| 10 | FY2018 Funding Amount | $3,826,000 |
| 11 | FY2019 Funding Amount | $3,864,000 |
| 12 | FY2020 Funding Amount | $4,444,000 |
| 13 | Additional Information | This is one of a number of Department programs that provides funds that could be used to support broadband access. The allowability of costs is always situation and program specific. For that reason, if you decide to use funds under one of these programs for costs related to broadband access, you must be sure that the use of the funds is, under the specific circumstances of the expenditure and the program authority selected, reasonable and necessary for the purposes of that program, and does not violate other program requirements, such as supplement not supplant, if it applies to program. We also note that, while funds under one of these programs can be used on broadband access, the programs' purpose is not primarily focused on that issue. |

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## Department: Department of Education

| 1 | **Federal Agency/Bureau** | Department of Education |
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| 2 | **Agency Overview** | The U.S. Department of Education's mission is to promote student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access. |
| 3 | **Program Name** | Title III, Part B: Strengthening Historically Black Colleges and Universities Program |
| 4 | **Program Website** | https://www2.ed.gov/programs/iduestitle3b/index.html |
| 5 | **Program Overview** | This program provides financial assistance to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to establish or strengthen their physical plants, financial management, academic resources, and endowment-building capacity. |
| 6 | **Program Purpose** | ☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility) <br> ☒ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction) <br> ☒ Broadband Adoption <br> ☒ Digital Skills Training <br> ☐ Public Computer Access <br><br> ☐ Smart Cities <br> ☐ Evaluation <br> ☐ Research <br> ☐ Broadband Financing <br> ☒ Other: Mobile hotspots and mobile hotspot data plans |
| 7 | **Eligible Recipients** | ☐ Libraries <br> ☐ K-12 Schools <br> ☒ Higher Education Institutions <br> ☐ Hospitals <br> ☐ Public Safety Entities <br> ☐ State and Local Governments <br> ☐ Tribal Entities <br><br> ☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers <br> ☐ Non-Profit Organizations <br> ☐ Small Businesses <br> ☐ Rural Recipients <br> ☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops <br> ☐ Financial Institutions <br> ☐ Other: _____ |
| 8 | **Agency Contact** | Office of Postsecondary Education <br> Lyndon Baines Johnson (LBJ) <br> Building 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W. <br> Washington, DC 20202 <br> (202) 453-6914 |

| 9 | **Funding Type** | Grant |
|---|---|---|
| 10 | **FY2018 Funding Amount** | $279,624,000 |
| 11 | **FY2019 Funding Amount** | $282,420,000 |
| 12 | **FY2020 Funding Amount** | $324,792,000 |
| 13 | **Additional Information** | This is one of a number of Department programs that provides funds that could be used to support broadband access. The allowability of costs is always situation and program specific. For that reason, if you decide to use funds under one of these programs for costs related to broadband access, you must be sure that the use of the funds is, under the specific circumstances of the expenditure and the program authority selected, reasonable and necessary for the purposes of that program, and does not violate other program requirements, such as supplement not supplant, if it applies to program. We also note that, while funds under one of these programs can be used on broadband access, the programs' purpose is not primarily focused on that issue |

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| 1 | **Federal Agency/Bureau** | Department of Education |
| 2 | **Agency Overview** | The U.S. Department of Education's mission is to promote student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access. |
| 3 | **Program Name** | Impact Aid Programs |
| 4 | **Program Website** | https://oese.ed.gov/offices/office-of-formula-grants/impact-aid-program/ |
| 5 | **Program Overview** | The mission of this program is to disburse Impact Aid payments to local educational agencies that are financially burdened by federal activities.  Funds are provided under Section 7002 and 7003(b) of the ESEA to local public school districts that serve significant numbers of federally connected children and that have lost a substantial portion of local property tax base due to the acquisition of federal property.  Funds are available for all general fund purposes and can be expended for any purpose, similar to local revenue for education. |
| 6 | **Program Purpose** | ☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility) <br> ☒ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction) <br> ☒ Broadband Adoption <br> ☒ Digital Skills Training <br> ☐ Public Computer Access <br><br> ☐ Smart Cities <br> ☐ Evaluation <br> ☐ Research <br> ☐ Broadband Financing <br> ☒ Other: Mobile hotspots and mobile hotspot data plans |
| 7 | **Eligible Recipients** | ☐ Libraries <br> ☒ K-12 Schools <br> ☐ Higher Education Institutions <br> ☐ Hospitals <br> ☐ Public Safety Entities <br> ☒ State and Local Governments <br> ☐ Tribal Entities <br><br> ☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers <br> ☐ Non-Profit Organizations <br> ☐ Small Businesses <br> ☐ Rural Recipients <br> ☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops <br> ☐ Financial Institutions <br> ☐ Other: _____ |
| 8 | **Agency Contact** | Phone: (202) 260-3858 <br> E-Mail address: ImpactAid@ed.gov <br> Director: Marilyn Hall, <br> Marilyn.Hall@ed.gov |

| 9 | **Funding Type** | Grant |
|---|---|---|
| 10 | **FY2018 Funding Amount** | $1,414,112,000 |
| 11 | **FY2019 Funding Amount** | $1,446,112,000 |
| 12 | **FY2020 Funding Amount** | $1,486,112,000 |
| 13 | **Additional Information** | Impact Aid funds received by school districts under sections 7002 and 7003(b) may be used to support connectivity if a district chooses. Impact aid districts may use the general aid money that they receive however they choose, as long as it's an allowable use under state or local rules. Districts typically use these general Impact Aid funds for current expenditures for their day-to-day operations. Funds under these two sections are not subject to the Uniform Administrative Requirements. This is one of a number of Department programs that provide funds that could be used to support broadband access relating to education. The allowability of costs is always situation and program specific. For that reason, if you decide to use funds under one of these programs for costs related to broadband access, you must be sure that the use of the funds is, under the specific circumstances of the expenditure and the program authority selected, reasonable and necessary for the purposes of that program, and does not violate other program requirements, such as supplement not supplant, if it applies to program. We also note that, while funds under one of these programs can be used on broadband access, the programs' purpose is not primarily focused on that issue. |

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### Department: Department of Education

| 1 | **Federal Agency/Bureau** | Department of Education |
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| 2 | **Agency Overview** | The U.S. Department of Education's mission is to promote student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access. |
| 3 | **Program Name** | Improving Basic Programs Operated by Local Educational Agencies (Title I, Part A) |
| 4 | **Program Website** | https://oese.ed.gov/offices/office-of-formula-grants/school-support-and-accountability/title-i-part-a-program/ |
| 5 | **Program Overview** | Title I, Part A (Title I) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESEA) provides financial assistance to local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools with high numbers or high percentages of children from low-income families to help ensure that all children, particularly low-achieving children, meet challenging state academic standards. Federal funds are currently allocated through four statutory formulas that are based primarily on census poverty estimates and the cost of education in each state. |
| 6 | **Program Purpose** | ☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility) <br> ☐ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction) <br> ☐ Broadband Adoption <br> ☐ Digital Skills Training <br> ☐ Public Computer Access <br><br> ☐ Smart Cities <br> ☐ Evaluation <br> ☐ Research <br> ☐ Broadband Financing <br> ☒ Other: Minor remodeling, consistent with 34 CFR Part 77, to improve the academic achievement of students served by Title I. |
| 7 | **Eligible Recipients** | ☐ Libraries <br> ☐ K-12 Schools <br> ☐ Higher Education Institutions <br> ☐ Hospitals <br> ☐ Public Safety Entities <br> ☒ State and Local Governments <br> ☐ Tribal Entities <br><br> ☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers <br> ☐ Non-Profit Organizations <br> ☐ Small Businesses <br> ☒ Rural Recipients <br> ☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops <br> ☐ Financial Institutions <br> ☐ Other: _____ |

| 8 | **Agency Contact** | Program Contact: Melissa Siry<br>E-mail Address: OESE.Titlei-a@ed.gov<br>Mailing Address: U.S. Department of Education, OESE<br>Office of Academic Improvement Programs<br>400 Maryland Ave. S.W.<br>LBJ Federal Office Building<br>Washington, DC 20202-6200<br>Telephone: (202) 260-0926<br>Toll-Free Telephone: (800)<br>872-5327 or (800) USA-<br>LEARN |
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| 9 | **Funding Type** | Grant |
| 10 | **FY2018 Funding Amount** | $15,759,802,000 |
| 11 | **FY2019 Funding Amount** | $15,859,802,000 |
| 12 | **FY2020 Funding Amount** | $16,309,802,000 |
| 13 | **Additional Information** | First, this is one of a number of Department programs in which broadband may be incorporated into the program only under certain circumstances. Generally, Title I funds can support broadband if the broadband is: (1) Used only by Title I participants (e.g., all students in a Title I schoolwide school or students selected for services in a Title I targeted assistance school); (2) Designed to improve the academic achievement of low-achieving students served by Title I and the use aligns with the needs identified in a Title I school's schoolwide plan or the design of its targeted assistance program; (3) Involves necessary and reasonable costs; and (4) Installed consistent with the definition of "minor remodeling" in 34 CFR Part 77. That definition of minor remodeling means "minor alterations in a previously completed building. The term also includes the extension of utility lines, such as water and electricity, from points beyond the confines of the space in which the minor remodeling is undertaken but within the confines of the previously completed building. The term does not include building construction, structural alterations to buildings, building maintenance, or repairs." In addition, the allowability of costs is always situation specific. For that reason, if a local educational agency is considering using funds under |

this program for costs related to broadband access, it must be sure that the use of the funds is, under the specific circumstances of the expenditure, consistent with program requirements, such as those outlined above. For example, there may be case-specific situations in which a Title I schoolwide program school incorporates a mobile hotspot into a Title I program based on the specific needs of its low-achieving students.

Second, the ESEA requires that an LEA receiving Title I funds must continue to use its Title I funds only to supplement, and not supplant, the funds that would be made available from State and local sources in the absence of such Federal funds. In order to meet the supplement not supplant requirements, an LEA must show that its methodology to allocate State and local funds and/or the allocation of resources backed by State and local funds to schools results in each Title I school receiving all of the State and local funds or resources it would otherwise receive if it were not receiving Title I funds. Therefore, an LEA must make State and local resources for technology available to schools without regard to their Title I status.

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| 1 | **Federal Agency/Bureau** | Department of Education |
| 2 | **Agency Overview** | The U.S. Department of Education's mission is to promote student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access. |
| 3 | **Program Name** | Native American-Serving Nontribal Institutions |
| 4 | **Program Website** | https://www2.ed.gov/programs/nasnti/index.html |
| 5 | **Program Overview** | This program provides grants and related assistance to Native American-serving, nontribal institutions to enable such institutions to improve and expand their capacity to serve Native Americans and low-income individuals. |
| 6 | **Program Purpose** | ☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility)<br>☒ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction)<br>☒ Broadband Adoption<br>☒ Digital Skills Training<br>☐ Public Computer Access<br><br>☐ Smart Cities<br>☐ Evaluation<br>☐ Research<br>☐ Broadband Financing<br>☒ Other: <u>Mobile Hotspots and Mobile Hotspot Data Plans</u> |
| 7 | **Eligible Recipients** | ☐ Libraries<br>☐ K-12 Schools<br>☒ Higher Education Institutions<br>☐ Hospitals<br>☐ Public Safety Entities<br>☐ State and Local Governments<br>☐ Tribal Entities<br><br>☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers<br>☐ Non-Profit Organizations<br>☐ Small Businesses<br>☒ Rural Recipients<br>☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops<br>☐ Financial Institutions<br>☐ Other: _____ |
| 8 | **Agency Contact** | Office of Postsecondary Education<br>Lyndon Baines Johnson (LBJ)<br>Building 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.<br>Washington, DC 20202<br>(202) 453-6914 |

| 9 | **Funding Type** | Grant |
|---|---|---|
| 10 | **FY2018 Funding Amount** | $3,826,000 |
| 11 | **FY2019 Funding Amount** | $3,864,000 |
| 12 | **FY2020 Funding Amount** | $4,444,000 |
| 13 | **Additional Information** | This is one of a number of Department programs that provides funds that could be used to support broadband access. The allowability of costs is always situation and program specific. For that reason, if you decide to use funds under one of these programs for costs related to broadband access, you must be sure that the use of the funds is, under the specific circumstances of the expenditure and the program authority selected, reasonable and necessary for the purposes of that program, and does not violate other program requirements, such as supplement not supplant, if it applies to program. We also note that, while funds under one of these programs can be used on broadband access, the programs' purpose is not primarily focused on that issue. |

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| 1 | **Federal Agency/Bureau** | Department of Education |
| 2 | **Agency Overview** | The U.S. Department of Education's mission is to promote student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access. |
| 3 | **Program Name** | Promise Neighborhoods |
| 4 | **Program Website** | https://oese.ed.gov/offices/office-of-discretionary-grants-support-services/school-choice-improvement-programs/promise-neighborhoods-pn/ |
| 5 | **Program Overview** | The Promise Neighborhoods program is authorized under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The program provides funding to support eligible entities, including (1) institutions of higher education; (2) an Indian tribe or tribal organization; (3) one or more nonprofit organizations, which may include faith-based nonprofit organizations, in partnership with high-need LEAs, institutions of higher education, the office of a chief elected official of a unit of local government, or an Indian tribe or tribal organization. |
| 6 | **Program Purpose** | ☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility) <br> ☒ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction) <br> ☒ Broadband Adoption <br> ☒ Digital Skills Training <br> ☐ Public Computer Access <br><br> ☐ Smart Cities <br> ☐ Evaluation <br> ☐ Research <br> ☐ Broadband Financing <br> ☒ Other: Mobile hotspots and mobile hotspot data plans |
| 7 | **Eligible Recipients** | ☒ Libraries <br> ☒ K-12 Schools <br> ☒ Higher Education Institutions <br> ☐ Hospitals <br> ☐ Public Safety Entities <br> ☐ State and Local Governments <br> ☒ Tribal Entities <br><br> ☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers <br> ☒ Non-Profit Organizations <br> ☐ Small Businesses <br> ☒ Rural Recipients <br> ☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops <br> ☐ Financial Institutions <br> ☐ Other: _____ |
| 8 | **Agency Contact** | Elson Nash <br> U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Ave., SW, 4W229 |

| | | Washington DC 20202-5970<br>(202) 453-5563<br>(800) USA-LEARN |
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| 9 | **Funding Type** | Grant |
| 10 | **FY2018 Funding Amount** | $78,254,000 |
| 11 | **FY2019 Funding Amount** | $78,254,000 |
| 12 | **FY2020 Funding Amount** | $80,000,000 |
| 13 | **Additional Information** | This is one of a number of Department programs that provides funds that could be used to support broadband access. The allowability of costs is always situation and program specific. For that reason, if you decide to use funds under one of these programs for costs related to device or mobile hotspot access, you must be sure that the use of the funds is, under the specific circumstances of the expenditure and the program authority selected, reasonable and necessary for the purposes of that program, and does not violate other program requirements, such as supplement not supplant, if it applies to program. We also note that, while funds under one of these programs can be used on broadband access, the programs' purpose is not primarily focused on that issue. |

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| 1 | Federal Agency/Bureau | Department of Education |
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| 2 | Agency Overview | The U.S. Department of Education's mission is to promote student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access. |
| 3 | Program Name | Rural, Low-Income School Program |
| 4 | Program Website | https://oese.ed.gov/offices/office-of-formula-grants/rural-insular-native-achievement-programs/rural-education-achievement-program/rural-and-low-income-school-program/ |
| 5 | Program Overview | The purpose of the Rural and Low-Income School (RLIS) grant program is to provide poor, rural districts with financial assistance to address the unique needs of rural school districts that frequently lack the personnel and resources needed to compete effectively for Federal competitive grants and receive formula grant allocations in amounts too small to be effective in meeting their intended purposes. The grant is non-competitive, and eligibility is determined by statute. Awards are issued annually to state educational agencies (SEAs), which make sub-grants to local educational agencies (LEAs) that meet the applicable requirements. Awards are made to all SEAs with eligible LEAs that apply and meet the applicable requirements of the act (see legislative citation above). |
| 6 | Program Purpose | ☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility)  ☒ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction)  ☐ Broadband Adoption  ☒ Digital Skills Training  ☐ Public Computer Access  ☐ Smart Cities  ☐ Evaluation  ☐ Research  ☐ Broadband Financing  ☒ Other: Mobile hotspots and mobile hotspot data plans; Minor remodeling, consistent with 34 CFR Part 77, to improve the academic achievement of students served by the program. |
| 7 | Eligible Recipients | ☐ Libraries  ☒ K-12 Schools  ☐ Higher Education Institutions  ☐ Hospitals  ☐ Public Safety Entities  ☐ State and Local Governments  ☐ Tribal Entities  ☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers  ☐ Non-Profit Organizations  ☐ Small Businesses  ☒ Rural Recipients  ☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops  ☐ Financial Institutions  ☐ Other: _____ |

| 8 | **Agency Contact** | Patrick Carr<br>Group Leader, Rural Education Achievement Program<br>U.S. Department of Education<br>Office of Elementary and Secondary Education<br>400 Maryland Ave. S.W.,<br>Washington, DC 20202-6400<br>The REAP Group: Phone:<br>(202) 401-0039 |
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| 9 | **Funding Type** | Grant |
| 10 | **FY2018 Funding Amount** | $90,420,000 |
| 11 | **FY2019 Funding Amount** | $90,420,000 |
| 12 | **FY2020 Funding Amount** | $92,920,000 |
| 13 | **Additional Information** | This is one of a number of Department programs that provides funds that could be used to support broadband access. School districts may use Rural and Low-Income School funds to pay for activities that are allowable under Title I, Part A, Title II, Part A, Title III, and Title IV, Part A, as well as parental involvement activities. The allowability of costs is always situation and program specific. For that reason, if you decide to use funds under one of these programs for costs related to device or mobile hotspot access, you must be sure that the use of the funds is, under the specific circumstances of the expenditure and the program authority selected, reasonable and necessary for the purposes of that program, and does not violate other program requirements, such as the "supplement not supplant" requirement. We also note that, while funds under one of these programs can be used on broadband access, the programs' purpose is not primarily focused on that issue.<br><br>The use of Rural and Low-Income School Program funds for broadband infrastructure must be consistent with the definition of "minor remodeling" in 34 CFR Part 77. That definition of minor remodeling means "minor alterations in a previously completed building. The term also includes the extension of utility lines, such as water and electricity, from points beyond the confines of the space in which the minor remodeling is undertaken but within the confines of the previously |

| | | completed building. The term does not include building construction, structural alterations to buildings, building maintenance, or repairs."<br><br>Expenditures for construction are prohibited under this program. |
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| 1 | **Federal Agency/Bureau** | Department of Education |
| 2 | **Agency Overview** | The U.S. Department of Education's mission is to promote student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access. |
| 3 | **Program Name** | Small, Rural School Achievement Program |
| 4 | **Program Website** | https://oese.ed.gov/offices/office-of-formula-grants/rural-insular-native-achievement-programs/rural-education-achievement-program/small-rural-school-achievement-program/ |
| 5 | **Program Overview** | The purpose of the Small, Rural School Achievement (SRSA) program is to provide small, rural local educational agencies (LEAs) with financial assistance to address the unique needs of rural school districts that frequently lack the personnel and resources needed to compete effectively for Federal competitive grants and receive formula grant allocations in amounts too small to be effective in meeting their intended purposes. LEAs are entitled to funds if they meet eligibility and application requirements. Awards are issued annually, and award amounts are determined using a formula. |

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| 6 | **Program Purpose** | ☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility)<br>☒ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction)<br>☐ Broadband Adoption<br>☒ Digital Skills Training<br>☐ Public Computer Access | ☐ Smart Cities<br>☐ Evaluation<br>☐ Research<br>☐ Broadband Financing<br>☒ Other: Mobile hotspots and mobile hotspot data plans; Minor remodeling, consistent with 34 CFR Part 77, to improve the academic achievement of students served by the program. |
| 7 | **Eligible Recipients** | ☐ Libraries<br>☒ K-12 Schools<br>☐ Higher Education Institutions<br>☐ Hospitals<br>☐ Public Safety Entities<br>☐ State and Local Governments<br>☐ Tribal Entities | ☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers<br>☐ Non-Profit Organizations<br>☐ Small Businesses<br>☒ Rural Recipients<br>☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops<br>☐ Financial Institutions<br>☐ Other: _____ |

| 8 | Agency Contact | Patrick Carr<br>Group Leader, Rural Education Achievement Program<br>U.S. Department of Education<br>Office of Elementary and Secondary Education<br>400 Maryland Ave. S.W.,<br>Washington, DC 20202-6400<br>The REAP Group: Phone:<br>(202) 401-0039 |
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| 9 | Funding Type | Grant |
| 10 | FY2018 Funding Amount | $90,420,000 |
| 11 | FY2019 Funding Amount | $90,420,000 |
| 12 | FY2020 Funding Amount | $92,920,000 |
| 13 | Additional Information | This is one of a number of Department programs that provides funds that could be used to support broadband access. School districts may use Small, Rural School Achievement funds to pay for activities that are allowable under Title I, Part A, Title II, Part A, Title III, Title IV, Part A, and Title IV, Part B of the ESEA. The allowability of costs is always situation and program specific. For that reason, if you decide to use funds under one of these programs for costs related to device or mobile hotspot access, you must be sure that the use of the funds is, under the specific circumstances of the expenditure and the program authority selected, reasonable and necessary for the purposes of that program, and does not violate other program requirements, such as the "supplement not supplant" requirement. We also note that, while funds under one of these programs can be used on broadband access, the programs' purpose is not primarily focused on that issue.<br><br>The use of Small, Rural School Achievement Program funds for broadband infrastructure must be consistent with the definition of "minor remodeling" in 34 CFR Part 77.  That definition of minor remodeling means "minor alterations in a previously completed building. The term also includes the extension of utility lines, such as water and electricity, from points beyond the confines of the space in which the minor remodeling is undertaken but within the confines of the previously completed building. The term does not include building construction, structural alterations to buildings, building maintenance, or repairs." |

| | | Expenditures for construction are prohibited under this program. |
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## Department: Department of Education

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| 1 | **Federal Agency/Bureau** | Department of Education |
| 2 | **Agency Overview** | The U.S. Department of Education's mission is to promote student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access. |
| 3 | **Program Name** | Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program, Title IV, Part A |
| 4 | **Program Website** | https://oese.ed.gov/offices/office-of-formula-grants/safe-supportive-schools/student-support-and-academic-enrichment-program/ |
| 5 | **Program Overview** | To improve student's academic achievement by increasing the capacity of States, local educational agencies, schools and local communities to: (1) provide all students with access to a well-rounded education; (2) improve school conditions for student learning; and (3) improve the use of technology in order to improve the academic achievement and digital literacy for all students. |

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| 6 | **Program Purpose** | ☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility)<br>☒ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction)<br>☐ Broadband Adoption<br>☒ Digital Skills Training<br>☐ Public Computer Access | ☐ Smart Cities<br>☐ Evaluation<br>☐ Research<br>☐ Broadband Financing<br>☒ Other: Mobile hotspots and mobile hotspot data plans; Minor remodeling, consistent with 34 CFR Part 77, to improve the academic achievement of students served by the program. |
| 7 | **Eligible Recipients** | ☐ Libraries<br>☒ K-12 Schools<br>☐ Higher Education Institutions<br>☐ Hospitals<br>☐ Public Safety Entities<br>☒ State and Local Governments<br>☐ Tribal Entities | ☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers<br>☐ Non-Profit Organizations<br>☐ Small Businesses<br>☐ Rural Recipients<br>☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops<br>☐ Financial Institutions<br>☐ Other: _____ |

| 8 | Agency Contact | Bryan Williams<br>U.S. Department of Education, OESE<br>Office of Safe and Supportive Schools<br>400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 3E-245 Washington, DC 20202-6450<br>Phone: (202) 453-6715<br>E-mail: OESE.TITLEIV-A@ed.gov |
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| 9 | Funding Type | Grant |
| 10 | FY2018 Funding Amount | $1,100,000,000 |
| 11 | FY2019 Funding Amount | $1,170,000,000 |
| 12 | FY2020 Funding Amount | $1,210,000,000 |
| 13 | Additional Information | This is one of a number of Department programs that provides funds that could be used to support broadband access. The allowability of costs is always situation and program specific. For that reason, if you decide to use funds under one of these programs for costs related to device or mobile hotspot access, you must be sure that the use of the funds is, under the specific circumstances of the expenditure and the program authority selected, reasonable and necessary for the purposes of that program, and does not violate other program requirements, such as supplement not supplant, if it applies to program. We also note that, while funds under one of these programs can be used on broadband access, the programs' purpose is not primarily focused on that issue.<br><br>The use of SSAE Program funds for broadband infrastructure must be consistent with the definition of "minor remodeling" in 34 CFR Part 77.  That definition of minor remodeling means "minor alterations in a previously completed building. The term also includes the extension of utility lines, such as water and electricity, from points beyond the confines of the space in which the minor remodeling is undertaken but within the confines of the previously completed building. The term does not include building construction, structural alterations to buildings, building maintenance, or repairs." |

A Special Rule in the SSAE program states that no more than 15 percent of funds for activities to support the effective use of technology may be used "for purchasing technology infrastructure as described in subsection (a)(2)(B), which includes technology infrastructure purchased for the activities under subsection (a)(4)(A)." To clarify, LEAs or consortiums of LEAs may not spend more than 15 percent of funding in this content area on devices, equipment, software applications, platforms, digital instructional resources and/or other one-time IT purchases. (ESEA section 4109(b)).

Expenditures for construction are prohibited under this program.

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## Department: Department of Education

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| 1 | **Federal Agency/Bureau** | Department of Education |
| 2 | **Agency Overview** | The U.S. Department of Education's mission is to promote student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access. |
| 3 | **Program Name** | Title III, Part A: Strengthening Institutions |
| 4 | **Program Website** | https://www2.ed.gov/programs/iduestitle3a/index.html |
| 5 | **Program Overview** | The program helps eligible IHEs to become self-sufficient and expand their capacity to serve low-income students by providing funds to improve and strengthen the academic quality, institutional management, and fiscal stability of eligible institutions. |
| 6 | **Program Purpose** | ☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility)<br>☒ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction)<br>☒ Broadband Adoption<br>☒ Digital Skills Training<br>☐ Public Computer Access<br><br>☐ Smart Cities<br>☐ Evaluation<br>☐ Research<br>☐ Broadband Financing<br>☒ Other: Mobile hotspots and mobile hotspot data plans. |
| 7 | **Eligible Recipients** | ☐ Libraries<br>☐ K-12 Schools<br>☒ Higher Education Institutions<br>☐ Hospitals<br>☐ Public Safety Entities<br>☐ State and Local Governments<br>☐ Tribal Entities<br><br>☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers<br>☐ Non-Profit Organizations<br>☐ Small Businesses<br>☐ Rural Recipients<br>☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops<br>☐ Financial Institutions<br>☐ Other: _____ |
| 8 | **Agency Contact** | Office of Postsecondary Education<br>Lyndon Baines Johnson (LBJ)<br>Building 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.<br>Washington, DC 20202<br>(202) 453-6914 |

| 9 | Funding Type | Grant |
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| 10 | FY2018 Funding Amount | $98,886,000 |
| 11 | FY2019 Funding Amount | $99,875,000 |
| 12 | FY2020 Funding Amount | $107,854,000 |
| 13 | Additional Information | This is one of a number of Department programs that provides funds that could be used to support broadband access. The allowability of costs is always situation and program specific. For that reason, if you decide to use funds under one of these programs for costs related to broadband access, you must be sure that the use of the funds is, under the specific circumstances of the expenditure and the program authority selected, reasonable and necessary for the purposes of that program, and does not violate other program requirements, such as supplement not supplant, if it applies to program. We also note that, while funds under one of these programs can be used on broadband access, the programs' purpose is not primarily focused on that issue. |

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## Department: Federal Communications Commission

| 1 | Today's Date | 2/7/2020 |
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| 2 | Federal Agency/Bureau | Federal Communications Commission (FCC) |
| 3 | Agency Overview | The FCC regulates interstate and international communications by radio, television, wire, satellite, and cable in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories. An independent U.S. government agency overseen by Congress, the FCC is the United States' primary authority for communications law, regulation, and technological innovation. |
| 4 | Program Name | E-Rate Program |
| 5 | Program Website | https://www.usac.org/sl/default.aspx |
| 6 | Program Overview | The schools and libraries universal service support program, commonly known as the E-Rate program, helps schools and libraries obtain affordable broadband.  Eligible schools, school districts, and libraries may apply individually or as part of a consortium.  Funding may be requested under two categories of service: services to a school or library (telecommunications, telecommunications services and Internet access), and services that deliver Internet access within schools and libraries (internal connections, basic maintenance of internal connections, and managed internal broadband services). Discounts for support depend on the level of poverty and whether the school or library is located in an urban or rural area. The discounts range from 20 percent to 90 percent of the costs of eligible services.  E-Rate program funding is based on demand up to an annual established cap. |
| 7 | Link to Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) if applicable | |
| 8 | Program Purpose | ☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility)  ☐ Smart Cities<br>☐ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction)  ☐ Evaluation<br>☐ Broadband Adoption  ☐ Research<br>☐ Digital Skills Training  ☐ Broadband Financing<br>☐ Public Computer Access  ☒ Other: To help schools and libraries obtain affordable broadband. |
| 9 | Eligible Recipients | ☒ Libraries  ☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers<br>☒ K-12 Schools  ☐ Non-Profit Organizations<br>☐ Higher Education Institutions  ☐ Small Businesses<br>☐ Hospitals  ☐ Rural Recipients<br>☐ Public Safety Entities  ☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops<br>☐ State and Local Governments  ☐ Financial Institutions |

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| | | ☐ Tribal Entities ☐ Other: _____ |
| 10 | Agency Contact | Telecommunications Access Policy Division<br>Wireline Competition Bureau<br>Federal Communications Commission<br>445 12th Street, SW 20554<br>(202) 418-7400 |
| 11 | FY2020 Funding Type and Amount | Discount; $4,151,395 [funding cap for Funding Year 2019; cap for Funding Year 2020 not yet available] |
| 12 | Additional Information | https://www.fcc.gov/general/e-rate-schools-libraries-usf-program<br><br>https://www.usac.org/e-rate/ |

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| 2 | Federal Agency/Bureau | Federal Communications Commission (FCC) |
| 3 | Agency Overview | The FCC regulates interstate and international communications by radio, television, wire, satellite, and cable in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories. An independent U.S. government agency overseen by Congress, the FCC is the United States' primary authority for communications law, regulation, and technological innovation. |
| 4 | Program Name | High Cost Program (including Connect America Fund, Rural Digital Opportunity Fund and 5G Fund) |
| 5 | Program Website | https://www.usac.org/high-cost/ |
| 6 | Program Overview | The federal universal service high-cost program is designed to ensure that consumers in rural, insular, and high-cost areas have access to modern communications networks capable of providing voice and broadband service, both fixed and mobile, at rates that are reasonably comparable to those in urban areas. The program fulfills this universal service goal by allowing eligible carriers who serve these areas to recover some of their costs from the federal Universal Service Fund. |
| 7 | Link to Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) if applicable | |
| 8 | Program Purpose | ☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility) <br> ☒ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction) <br> ☐ Broadband Adoption <br> ☐ Digital Skills Training <br> ☐ Public Computer Access <br><br> ☐ Smart Cities <br> ☐ Evaluation <br> ☐ Research <br> ☐ Broadband Financing <br> ☐ Other: _____ |
| 9 | Eligible Recipients | ☐ Libraries <br> ☐ K-12 Schools <br> ☐ Higher Education Institutions <br> ☐ Hospitals <br> ☐ Public Safety Entities <br> ☐ State and Local Governments <br> ☐ Tribal Entities <br><br> ☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers <br> ☐ Non-Profit Organizations <br> ☐ Small Businesses <br> ☐ Rural Recipients <br> ☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops <br> ☐ Financial Institutions <br> ☒ Other: Facilities-based providers of voice and broadband service, either |

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| | | wireless of wireline designated as "eligible telecommunications carriers" |
| 10 | **Agency Contact** | |
| 11 | **FY2020 Funding Type and Amount** | Support; $4,500,000,000 |
| 12 | **Additional Information** | • https://www.usac.org/high-cost/<br>• https://www.fcc.gov/general/connect-america-fund-caf |

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| 1 | **Today's Date** | 2/7/2020 |
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| 2 | **Federal Agency/Bureau** | Federal Communications Commission (FCC) |
| 3 | **Agency Overview** | The FCC regulates interstate and international communications by radio, television, wire, satellite, and cable in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories. An independent U.S. government agency overseen by Congress, the Commission is the United States' primary authority for communications law, regulation, and technological innovation. |
| 4 | **Program Name** | Lifeline |
| 5 | **Program Website** | https://www.usac.org/lifeline/ |
| 6 | **Program Overview** | The Lifeline program provides a discount on phone and broadband service for qualifying low-income households to ensure that all Americans have the opportunities and security that those services bring, including being able to connect to jobs, family, and emergency services. |
| 7 | **Link to Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) if applicable** | |
| 8 | **Program Purpose** | ☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility) <br> ☐ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction) <br> ☐ Broadband Adoption <br> ☐ Digital Skills Training <br> ☐ Public Computer Access <br><br> ☐ Smart Cities <br> ☐ Evaluation <br> ☐ Research <br> ☐ Broadband Financing <br> ☒ Other: Broadband and phone service affordability. |
| 9 | **Eligible Recipients** | ☐ Libraries <br> ☐ K-12 Schools <br> ☐ Higher Education Institutions <br> ☐ Hospitals <br> ☐ Public Safety Entities <br> ☐ State and Local Governments <br> ☐ Tribal Entities <br><br> ☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers <br> ☐ Non-Profit Organizations <br> ☐ Small Businesses <br> ☐ Rural Recipients <br> ☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops <br> ☐ Financial Institutions <br> ☒ Other: Providers of voice and broadband service, either wireless of wireline, designated as "eligible telecommunications carriers" |

| 10 | **Agency Contact** | Telecommunications Access Policy Division<br>Wireline Competition Bureau<br>Federal Communications Commission<br>445 12th Street, SW 20554<br>(202) 418-7400 |
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| 11 | **FY2020 Funding Type and Amount** | Subsidy; $982,004,000 CY2019 disbursements |
| 12 | **Additional Information** | Prospective Lifeline subscribers can apply and find more information at www.checklifeline.org. Announcements for Lifeline service providers can be found at https://www.usac.org/lifeline/contact-us/announcements/. |

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## Department: Federal Communications Commission

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| 1 | **Today's Date** | 2/7/2020 |
| 2 | **Federal Agency/Bureau** | Federal Communications Commission (FCC) |
| 3 | **Agency Overview** | The FCC regulates interstate and international communications by radio, television, wire, satellite, and cable in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories. An independent U.S. government agency overseen by Congress, the Commission is the United States' primary authority for communications law, regulation, and technological innovation. |
| 4 | **Program Name** | Rural Health Care (RHC) Program |
| 5 | **Program Website** | https://www.usac.org/rural-health-care/ |
| 6 | **Program Overview** | The RHC Program provides funding to eligible public or non-profit health care providers for broadband and telecommunications services necessary for the provision of health care. RHC Program support is provided on a funding year basis. Funding years run from July 1 through June 30 of the subsequent year.<br><br>The RHC Program provides funding through two programs: the Telecommunications (Telecom) Program and the Healthcare Connect Fund Program. The Telecom Program ensures that rural health care providers pay no more than their urban counterparts for eligible telecommunications services. The Healthcare Connect Fund Program, established in 2012, provides a flat 65% discount on an array of communications services to both individual rural health care providers and consortia, which can include non-rural health care providers (if the consortium has a majority of rural sites). These services include Internet access, dark fiber leases, business data, traditional DSL, and private carriage services, among others, along with funding for construction of health care provider-owned communications facilities. |
| 7 | **Link to Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) if applicable** | |
| 8 | **Program Purpose** | ☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility)　☒ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction)　☒ Broadband Adoption　☐ Digital Skills Training　☐ Public Computer Access　　☐ Smart Cities　☐ Evaluation　☐ Research　☐ Broadband Financing　☐ Other: _____ |

| 9 | Eligible Recipients | ☐ Libraries<br>☐ K-12 Schools<br>☐ Higher Education Institutions<br>☒ Hospitals<br>☐ Public Safety Entities<br>☐ State and Local Governments<br>☐ Tribal Entities | ☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers<br>☐ Non-Profit Organizations<br>☐ Small Businesses<br>☐ Rural Recipients<br>☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops<br>☐ Financial Institutions<br>☒ Other: Eligible health care providers and provider consortia |
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| 10 | Agency Contact | Telecommunications Access Policy Division<br>Wireline Competition Bureau<br>Federal Communications Commission<br>445 12th Street, SW 20554<br>(202) 418-7400 | |
| 11 | FY2020 Funding Type and Amount | Discount; ~$593,782,000 [funding cap for 2019; the 2020 funding cap is not yet available] | |
| 12 | Additional Information | https://www.usac.org/rural-health-care/ | |

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## Department of Housing & Urban Development

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| **Federal Agency** | U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Planning and Development (CPD) Office |
| **Agency Overview** | The CPD Office oversees HUD Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) to cities, counties, and states; the HOME affordable housing program, and programs to help end homelessness and promote economic revitalization. |
| **Program Name** | Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) |
| **Program Website** | https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/4891/cdbg-broadband-infrastructure-faqs/ |
| **Program Overview** | The CDBG Program provides annual grants on a formula basis to states and local governments, to be used for economic and community development, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. |
| **Program Purpose** | ☒ Planning (e.g., feasibility)    ☐ Smart Cities<br>☒ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction)    ☐ Evaluation<br>☒ Broadband Adoption    ☐ Research<br>☒ Digital Skills Training    ☐ Broadband Financing<br>☒ Public Computer Access    ☐ Other: _____ |
| **Eligible Recipients** | ☐ Libraries    ☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers<br>☐ K-12 Schools    ☒ Non-Profit Organizations<br>☐ Higher Education Institutions    ☐ Small Businesses<br>☐ Hospitals    ☒ Rural Recipients<br>☐ Public Safety Entities    ☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops<br>☒ State and Local Governments    ☐ Financial Institutions<br>☐ Tribal Entities    ☐ Other: _____ |
| **Agency Contact** | Dina Lehman-Kim, (202) 402-2430, Dina.Lehmann-Kim@hud.gov |

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| **FY2020 Funding Type** | Grant |
| **FY19 Funding** | $3,365,000,000 |
| **FY2020 Funding Amount** | $3,425,000,000 |
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| Federal Agency | U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Planning and Development (CPD) Office |
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| Agency Overview | The CPD Office oversees HUD Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) to cities, counties, and states; the HOME affordable housing program; and programs to help end homelessness and promote economic revitalization. |
| Program Name | Section 108 Loan Guarantee |
| Program Website | https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/4891/cdbg-broadband-infrastructure-faqs/ |
| Program Overview | Section 108 offers state and local governments the ability to transform a small portion of their CDBG funds into federally guaranteed loans large enough to pursue physical and economic revitalization projects. |
| Program Purpose | ☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility)<br>☒ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction)<br>☒ Broadband Adoption<br>☒ Digital Skills Training<br>☒ Public Computer Access<br><br>☐ Smart Cities<br>☐ Evaluation<br>☐ Research<br>☒ Broadband Financing<br>☐ Other: _____ |
| Eligible Recipients | ☐ Libraries<br>☐ K-12 Schools<br>☐ Higher Education Institutions<br>☐ Hospitals<br>☐ Public Safety Entities<br>☒ State and Local Governments<br>☐ Tribal Entities<br><br>☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers<br>☒ Non-Profit Organizations<br>☐ Small Businesses<br>☒ Rural Recipients<br>☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops<br>☐ Financial Institutions<br>☐ Other: _____ |
| Agency Contact | Dina Lehman-Kim, (202) 402-2430, Dina.Lehmann-Kim@hud.gov |

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| **FY2018 Funding Type** | Loan Guarantee program |
| **FY2018 Funding Amount** | $300,000,000 |
| **FY2019 Funding Amount** | $300,000,000 |
| **FY2020 Funding Amount** | $300,000,000 |
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## Department of Housing & Urban Development

| Federal Agency | U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Office of Multifamily Housing |
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| **Agency Overview** | HUD's Office of Multifamily Housing performs the following activities:<br><br>• Administer the FHA Multifamily mortgage insurance programs and perform quality assurance for the underwriting of FHA Insured Mortgages.<br>• Oversee Risk Sharing Programs for FHA-Insured Multifamily Loans including program compliance by participating Housing Finance Agencies and the Government Sponsored Enterprises.<br>• Perform asset management and portfolio oversight of the multifamily housing projects and mortgages developed under the Department's Multifamily Mortgage Insurance, Risk Sharing, Direct Loan and Capital Grant programs; assess portfolio and program performance and coordination with the Assessment Center, Enforcement Center, and Section 8 Financial Processing Center.<br>• Ensure service to project-based rental subsidy programs operating in multifamily housing projects that are either insured, noninsured, direct loans, or financed with HUD Grants.<br>• Preserve properties and affordability by restructuring rents and mortgages through such programs as the Rental Assistance Demonstration program and Senior Preservation Rental Assistance Contracts. |
| **Program Name** | Neighborhood Networks (multifamily housing) |
| **Program Website** | https://www.hud.gov/states/shared/working/r7/mfnbornetworksfaq |
| **Program Overview** | Neighborhood Networks establishes multi-service community technology centers that bring digital opportunity and lifelong learning to low- and moderate-income residents living in HUD housing. |
| **Program Purpose** | ☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility)  ☐ Smart Cities<br>☐ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction)  ☐ Evaluation<br>☒ Broadband Adoption  ☐ Research<br>☒ Digital Skills Training  ☐ Broadband Financing<br>☒ Public Computer Access  ☐ Other: _____ |

| Eligible Recipients | ☐ Libraries<br>☐ K-12 Schools<br>☐ Higher Education Institutions<br>☐ Hospitals<br>☐ Public Safety Entities<br>☐ State and Local Governments<br>☐ Tribal Entities | ☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers<br>☐ Non-Profit Organizations<br>☐ Small Businesses<br>☐ Rural Recipients<br>☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops<br>☐ Financial Institutions<br><br>☒ Other: __ HUD Property Owners ____ |
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| **Agency Contact** | Dina Lehman-Kim, (202) 402-2430, Dina.Lehmann-Kim@hud.gov | |
| **FY2018 Funding Type** | Not federally funded | |
| **FY2018 Funding Amount** | | |
| **FY2019 Funding Amount** | | |
| **FY2020 Funding Amount** | No funds were appropriated specifically for Neighborhood Networks. | |
| **Additional Information** | | |

| Federal Agency | U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Office of Public and Indian Housing |
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| Agency Overview | The Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) ensures safe, decent, and affordable housing, creates opportunities for residents' self-sufficiency and economic independence, and assures the fiscal integrity of all program participants. |
| Program Name | Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) |
| Program Website | https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/BROADBANDGUIDANCE.PDF |
| Program Overview | The ICDBG program provides competitive grants to American Indian and Alaska Native communities to help develop decent housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities, primarily for low- and moderate-income persons. |
| Program Purpose | ☒ Planning (e.g., feasibility)  ☐ Smart Cities<br>☒ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction)  ☐ Evaluation<br>☒ Broadband Adoption  ☐ Research<br>☒ Digital Skills Training  ☐ Broadband Financing<br>☒ Public Computer Access  ☐ Other: _____ |
| Eligible Recipients | ☐ Libraries  ☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers<br>☐ K-12 Schools  ☐ Non-Profit Organizations<br>☐ Higher Education Institutions  ☐ Small Businesses<br>☐ Hospitals  ☐ Rural Recipients<br>☐ Public Safety Entities  ☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops<br>☐ State and Local Governments  ☐ Financial Institutions<br>☒ Tribal Entities  ☐ Other: _____ |
| Agency Contact | Dina Lehman-Kim, (202) 402-2430, Dina.Lehmann-Kim@hud.gov |
| Funding Type | Competitive Grant |

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| **FY2018 Funding Amount** | $61,000,000 |
| **FY2019 Funding Amount** | $61,000,000 |
| **FY2020 Funding Amount** | $66,000,000 |
| **Additional Information** | |

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| **Federal Agency** | U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Office of Public and Indian Housing |
| **Agency Overview** | The Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) ensures safe, decent, and affordable housing, creates opportunities for residents' self-sufficiency and economic independence, and assures the fiscal integrity of all program participants. |
| **Program Name** | Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) |
| **Program Website** | https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/BROADBANDGUIDANCE.PDF |
| **Program Overview** | The IHBG program funds a wide range of affordable housing activities in Indian Country that benefit primarily low- and moderate-income persons. |
| **Program Purpose** | ☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility) <br> ☒ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction) <br> ☐ Broadband Adoption <br> ☐ Digital Skills Training <br> ☐ Public Computer Access <br><br> ☐ Smart Cities <br> ☐ Evaluation <br> ☐ Research <br> ☐ Broadband Financing <br> ☐ Other: _____ |
| **Eligible Recipients** | ☐ Libraries <br> ☐ K-12 Schools <br> ☐ Higher Education Institutions <br> ☐ Hospitals <br> ☐ Public Safety Entities <br> ☐ State and Local Governments <br> ☒ Tribal Entities <br><br> ☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers <br> ☐ Non-Profit Organizations <br> ☐ Small Businesses <br> ☐ Rural Recipients <br> ☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops <br> ☐ Financial Institutions <br> ☐ Other: _____ |
| **Agency Contact** | Dina Lehman-Kim, (202) 402-2430, Dina.Lehmann-Kim@hud.gov |
| **Funding Type** | Formula and Competitive Grant |

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| **FY2018 Funding Amount** | $746,000,000 |
| **FY2019 Funding Amount** | $746,000,000 |
| **FY2020 Funding Amount** | $746,000,000 |
| **Additional Information** | |

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## Department of Housing & Urban Development

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| **Federal Agency** | U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Office of Public and Indian Housing |
| **Agency Overview** | HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing provides funding and program direction for public housing and housing voucher programs. |
| **Program Name** | Neighborhood Networks (Public and Indian Housing) |
| **Program Website** | https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/ph/ross/aboutnn |
| **Program Overview** | Neighborhood Networks (Public and Indian Housing) allows Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) to use Public Housing Capital and Operating funds to establish and operate Neighborhood Networks centers. Neighborhood Networks centers provide access to computers, computer training and the Internet. Neighborhood Networks centers can also provide a wide range of services to help residents achieve long-term economic self-sufficiency. |
| **Program Purpose** | ☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility)  ☐ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction)  ☒ Broadband Adoption  ☒ Digital Skills Training  ☒ Public Computer Access   ☐ Smart Cities  ☐ Evaluation  ☐ Research  ☐ Broadband Financing  ☐ Other: _____ |
| **Eligible Recipients** | ☐ Libraries  ☐ K-12 Schools  ☐ Higher Education Institutions  ☐ Hospitals  ☐ Public Safety Entities  ☐ State and Local Governments  ☐ Tribal Entities   ☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers  ☐ Non-Profit Organizations  ☐ Small Businesses  ☐ Rural Recipients  ☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops  ☐ Financial Institutions  ☒ Other: Public Housing Authorities |
| **Agency Contact** | Dina Lehman-Kim, (202) 402-2430, Dina.Lehmann-Kim@hud.gov |

| Funding Type | Public Housing Capital and Operating Funds |
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| **FY2018 Funding Amount** | Capital Fund: $2.7 billion<br>Operating Fund: $4.5 billion |
| **FY2019 Funding Amount** | Capital Fund: $2.7 billion<br>Operating Fund: $4.6 billion |
| **FY2020 Funding Amount** | Capital Fund: $2.8 billion<br>Operating Fund: $4.5 billion |
| **Additional Information** | |

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## Department of Housing & Urban Development

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| **Federal Agency** | U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Office of Public and Indian Housing |
| **Agency Overview** | The Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) ensures safe, decent, and affordable housing, creates opportunities for residents' self-sufficiency and economic independence, and assures the fiscal integrity of all program participants. |
| **Program Name** | Title VI Loan Guarantee |
| **Program Website** | https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/BROADBANDGUIDANCE.PDF |
| **Program Overview** | The Title VI Loan Guarantee program assists Indian Housing Block Grant recipients to finance affordable housing construction and related community development. |
| **Program Purpose** | ☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility) <br> ☒ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction) <br> ☐ Broadband Adoption <br> ☐ Digital Skills Training <br> ☐ Public Computer Access <br><br> ☐ Smart Cities <br> ☐ Evaluation <br> ☐ Research <br> ☐ Broadband Financing <br> ☐ Other: |
| **Eligible Recipients** | ☐ Libraries <br> ☐ K-12 Schools <br> ☐ Higher Education Institutions <br> ☐ Hospitals <br> ☐ Public Safety Entities <br> ☐ State and Local Governments <br> ☒ Tribal Entities <br><br> ☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers <br> ☐ Non-Profit Organizations <br> ☐ Small Businesses <br> ☐ Rural Recipients <br> ☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops <br> ☐ Financial Institutions <br> ☐ Other: _____ |
| **Agency Contact** | Dina Lehman-Kim, (202) 402-2430, Dina.Lehmann-Kim@hud.gov |
| **Funding Type** | Loan Guarantee program |

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| **FY2018 Funding Amount** | $2,000,000 |
| **FY2019 Funding Amount** | $2,000,000 |
| **FY2020 Funding Amount** | $2,000,000 |
| **Additional Information** | |

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## Department: Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)

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| 1 | **Federal Agency/Bureau** | Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) |
| 2 | **Agency Overview** | The mission of IMLS is to advance, support, and empower America's museums, libraries, and related organizations through grantmaking, research, and policy development. |
| 3 | **Program Name** | Native American Library Services: Enhancement Grants |
| 4 | **Program Website** | https://www.imls.gov/grants/available/native-american-library-services-enhancement-grants |
| 5 | **Program Overview** | Native American Enhancement grants are competitive grants available to carry out activities, described in 20 U.S.C. 9141, that advance the programs and services of eligible Native American libraries. Project categories include: <br><br>• Preservation and Revitalization projects focus on the preservation and revitalization of Native American language and culture through use of efficient and effective strategies and incorporation of strategic partnerships. Activities include preservation of content of unique and specific value to the community, following established best practices and standards. <br><br>• Educational Programming projects include programs for library patrons and community-based users related to a specific topic or content area through development, implementation and evaluation of classes, events, tools, resources, and/or other services. Emphasis should be placed on the needs of learners and appropriate teaching and facilitation approaches and curriculum development. <br><br>• Digital Services projects feature activities dedicated to the establishment and refinement of digital services and programs related to infrastructure, platforms, and technology, in general. Proposals for digitization projects should include plans for preservation of and access to the resulting digital objects and/or implementing digital library tools to provide services to Native American communities. <br><br>**Eligibility:** Indian tribes are eligible to apply for funding under the Native American Library Services Enhancement Grant program. See the Notice of Funding Opportunity for eligibility criteria for this program. |
| 6 | **Program Purpose** | ☒ Planning (e.g., feasibility)     ☐ Smart Cities <br> ☒ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction)     ☒ Evaluation <br> ☒ Broadband Adoption     ☒ Research |

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| | | ☒ Digital Skills Training<br>☒ Public Computer Access | ☒ Broadband Financing<br>☐ Other: _____ |
| 7 | **Eligible Recipients** | ☐ Libraries<br>☐ K-12 Schools<br>☐ Higher Education Institutions<br>☐ Hospitals<br>☐ Public Safety Entities<br>☐ State and Local Governments<br>☒ Tribal Entities | ☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers<br>☐ Non-Profit Organizations<br>☐ Small Businesses<br>☐ Rural Recipients<br>☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops<br>☐ Financial Institutions<br>☐ Other: _____ |
| 8 | **Agency Contact** | If you're looking for a specific employee, please check the Leadership and Staff Directory or call us at: (202) 653-IMLS (4657). | |
| 9 | **FY2020 Funding Type and Amount** | $1,200,000 | |
| 10 | **Additional Information** | Notice of Funding Opportunity:  https://www.imls.gov/sites/default/files/fy20-ols-nag-enhancement-nofo.pdf<br><br>Wi-Fi hotspots are an eligible expense for communities. | |

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## Department: Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)

| 1 | Federal Agency/Bureau | Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) |
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| 2 | Agency Overview | The mission of IMLS is to advance, support, and empower America's museums, libraries, and related organizations through grantmaking, research, and policy development. |
| 3 | Program Name | Native Hawaiian Library Services |
| 4 | Program Website | https://www.imls.gov/grants/available/native-hawaiian-library-services |
| 5 | Program Overview | Native Hawaiian grants are competitive grants available to carry out activities, described in 20 U.S.C. 9141, that enhance existing library services or implement new library services. Native Hawaiian grants are competitive grants available to carry out activities that enhance existing library services or implement new library services. Project categories include:<br><br>• Preservation and Revitalization projects focus on the preservation and revitalization of Native Hawaiian language and culture through use of efficient and effective strategies and incorporation of strategic partnerships. Activities include preservation of content of unique and specific value to the community, following established best practices and standards.<br><br>• Educational Programming projects include programs for library patrons and community-based users related to a specific topic or content area through development, implementation and evaluation of classes, events, tools, resources, and/or other services. Emphasis should be placed on the needs of learners and appropriate teaching and facilitation approaches and curriculum development.<br><br>• Digital Services projects feature activities dedicated to the establishment and refinement of digital services and programs related to infrastructure, platforms, and technology, in general. Proposals for digitization projects should include plans for preservation of and access to the resulting digital objects and/or implementing digital library tools to provide services to Native Hawaiian communities.<br><br>**Eligibility:** Native Hawaiian Library Services grants are available to nonprofit organizations that primarily serve and represent Native Hawaiians (as the term is defined in 20 U.S.C. § 7517). See the Notice of Funding Opportunity for eligibility criteria for this program. |

| 6 | **Program Purpose** | ☒ Planning (e.g., feasibility) <br> ☒ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction) <br> ☒ Broadband Adoption <br> ☒ Digital Skills Training <br> ☒ Public Computer Access | ☐ Smart Cities <br> ☒ Evaluation <br> ☒ Research <br> ☒ Broadband Financing <br> ☐ Other: _____ |
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| 7 | **Eligible Recipients** | ☐ Libraries <br> ☐ K-12 Schools <br> ☐ Higher Education Institutions <br> ☐ Hospitals <br> ☐ Public Safety Entities <br> ☐ State and Local Governments <br> ☐ Tribal Entities | ☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers <br> ☒ Non-Profit Organizations <br> ☐ Small Businesses <br> ☐ Rural Recipients <br> ☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops <br> ☐ Financial Institutions <br> ☐ Other: _____ |
| 8 | **Agency Contact** | If you're looking for a specific employee, please check the Leadership and Staff Directory or call us at: (202) 653-IMLS (4657). | |
| 9 | **FY2020 Funding Type and Amount** | $550,000 | |
| 10 | **Additional Information** | Notice of Funding Opportunity: https://www.imls.gov/sites/default/files/fy20-ols-nh-nofo.pdf <br><br> Wi-Fi hotspots are an eligible expense for communities. | |

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| **Federal Agency** | Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) |
| **Agency Overview** | The mission of IMLS is to advance, support, and empower America's museums, libraries, and related organizations through grantmaking, research, and policy development. |
| **Program Name** | Grants to States Program |
| **Program Website** | https://www.imls.gov/grants/grants-states |
| **Program Overview** | Using a population based formula, more than $160 million is distributed among the State Library Administrative Agencies (SLAAs) every year. SLAAs are official agencies charged by law with the extension and development of library services, and they are located in:<br>• Each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia.<br>• The Territories (Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands).<br>• The Freely Associated States (Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands). |
| **Program Purpose** | ☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility)     ☐ Smart Cities<br>☐ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction)     ☒ Evaluation<br>☒ Broadband Adoption     ☐ Research<br>☒ Digital Skills Training     ☐ Broadband Financing<br>☒ Public Computer Access     ☐ Other: _____ |
| **Eligible Recipients** | ☒ Libraries     ☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers<br>☐ K-12 Schools     ☐ Non-Profit Organizations<br>☐ Higher Education Institutions     ☐ Small Businesses<br>☐ Hospitals     ☐ Rural Recipients<br>☐ Public Safety Entities     ☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops<br>☒ State and Local Governments     ☐ Financial Institutions<br>☐ Tribal Entities     ☐ Other: _____ |
| **Agency Contact** | If you're looking for a specific employee, please check the Leadership and Staff Directory or call us at: (202) 653-IMLS (4657). |

| Funding Type | Grant |
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| FY2018 Funding Amount | |
| FY2019 Funding Amount | $160,803,000 |
| FY2020 Funding Amount | $166,803,000 |
| Additional Information | |

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| **Federal Agency** | Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) |
| **Agency Overview** | The mission of IMLS is to advance, support, and empower America's museums, libraries, and related organizations through grantmaking, research, and policy development. |
| **Program Name** | Native American Library Services Basic Grants |
| **Program Website** | https://www.imls.gov/grants/available/native-american-library-services-basic-grants |
| **Program Overview** | Native American Library Services Basic Grants support existing library operations and maintain core library services. |
| **Program Purpose** | ☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility) <br> ☒ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction) <br> ☒ Broadband Adoption <br> ☒ Digital Skills Training <br> ☒ Public Computer Access <br><br> ☐ Smart Cities <br> ☒ Evaluation <br> ☐ Research <br> ☐ Broadband Financing <br> ☐ Other: _____ |
| **Eligible Recipients** | ☐ Libraries <br> ☐ K-12 Schools <br> ☐ Higher Education Institutions <br> ☐ Hospitals <br> ☐ Public Safety Entities <br> ☐ State and Local Governments <br> ☒ Tribal Entities <br><br> ☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers <br> ☐ Non-Profit Organizations <br> ☐ Small Businesses <br> ☐ Rural Recipients <br> ☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops <br> ☐ Financial Institutions <br> ☐ Other: _____ |
| **Agency Contact** | For questions about eligibility, your Library Services Plan and project activities, the Digital Product Form, your Budget, including allowability of costs: Sandra Toro, Ph.D., Senior Program Officer, storo@imls.gov, (202) 653-4662 <br><br> For questions about application requirements and deadlines: Sarah Boonie, Program Specialist, (202) 653-4761, sboonie@imls.gov |

| Funding Type | Grant |
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| FY2018 Funding Amount | $1,844,442 |
| FY2019 Funding Amount | $1,960,416 |
| FY2020 Funding Amount | $5.3M for Native American Services including Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funding |
| Additional Information | |

**Northern Border Regional Commission**

| Federal Agency | Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) |
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| **Agency Overview** | NBRC is a federal-state partnership for economic and community development in portions of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and New York. Each year, NBRC provides federal funds for critical economic and community development projects throughout the northeast. These investments lead to new jobs being created and leverages substantial private sector investments. Since 2008, the NBRC federal-state partnership has provided federal grants to employment generating projects that have helped reduce poverty, unemployment, and outmigration. |
| **Program Name** | Economic & Infrastructure Development (EID) Program |
| **Program Website** | http://www.nbrc.gov<br><br>http://www.nbrc.gov/content/economic-infrastructure-development-investments |
| **Program Overview** | EID 2020:<br>• $4.5 million for projects in each State.<br>• Up to a $1,000,000 maximum award to eligible infrastructure projects. Up to a $350,000 maximum award for all other types of eligible projects.<br>• Awards require up to a 50% match depending on the level of economic and demographic distress.<br>• Funds can be used as match for leveraging other federal grant funds, only up to 80% of the total project. There always needs to be a 20% non-federal match. |
| **Program Purpose** | ☒ Planning (e.g., feasibility)　　☐ Smart Cities<br>☒ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction)　☐ Evaluation<br>☐ Broadband Adoption　　☐ Research<br>☐ Digital Skills Training　　☐ Broadband Financing<br>☐ Public Computer Access　　☐ Other: _____ |
| **Eligible Recipients** | ☐ Libraries　　☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers<br>☐ K-12 Schools　　☒ Non-Profit Organizations<br>☐ Higher Education Institutions　☐ Small Businesses<br>☐ Hospitals　　☐ Rural Recipients<br>☐ Public Safety Entities　☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops<br>☒ State and Local Governments　☐ Financial Institutions<br>☒ Tribal Entities　　☐ Other: _____ |

| Agency Contact | Please contact NBRC's Executive Director Rich Grogan, rgrogan@nbrc.gov, for more information. |
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| **Funding Type** | Grant |
| **FY2018 Funding Amount** | $15,000,000 |
| **FY2019 Funding** | $20,000,000 |
| **FY2020 Funding Amount** | $25,000,000 |
| **Additional Information** | |

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## National Science Foundation

| Federal Agency | National Science Foundation |
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| Agency Overview | The National Science Foundation (NSF) is an independent federal agency that supports fundamental research and education across all fields of science and engineering. In fiscal year (FY) 2020, its budget is $8.3 billion. NSF funds reach all 50 states through grants to nearly 2,000 colleges, universities and other institutions. Each year, NSF receives more than 50,000 competitive proposals for funding and makes about 12,000 new funding awards. |
| Program Name | Campus Cyberinfrastructure (CC*) |
| Program Website | https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=504748 |
| Program Overview | Campuses today face challenges across multiple levels of cyberinfrastructure, where meeting the needs of scientific research and education goes far beyond the networking layer in capacity and services, and extends to computing, data services, secure and trustworthy systems, and especially human expertise, collaboration, and knowledge sharing. Recognition of the "data-driven" nature of scientific advancement and discovery has led to an increased focus in addressing the data challenges posed by the NSF research and education community. The CC* program invests in coordinated campus-level networking and cyberinfrastructure improvements, innovation, and engineering for science applications and distributed research projects. |
| Program Purpose | ☒ Planning (e.g., feasibility)<br>☒ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction)<br>☐ Broadband Adoption<br>☐ Digital Skills Training<br>☐ Public Computer Access<br><br>☐ Smart Cities<br>☐ Evaluation<br>☒ Research<br>☐ Broadband Financing<br>☐ Other: _____ |
| Eligible Recipients | ☐ Libraries<br>☐ K-12 Schools<br>☒ Higher Education Institutions<br>☐ Hospitals<br>☐ Public Safety Entities<br>☐ State and Local Governments<br>☐ Tribal Entities<br><br>☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers<br>☒ Non-Profit Organizations<br>☐ Small Businesses<br>☐ Rural Recipients<br>☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops<br>☐ Financial Institutions<br>☐ Other: _____ |

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| **Agency Contact** | Kevin Thompson, kthompso@nsf.gov (703) 292-4220 |
| **FY2018 Funding Type** | Grant |
| **FY2018 Funding Amount** | $15,140,000 |
| **FY2019 Funding Amount** | $15,447,221 |
| **FY2020 Funding Amount and Type** | Approximately $17,000,000 anticipated in grants. |
| **Additional Information** | |

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| Federal Agency | National Science Foundation |
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| Agency Overview | The National Science Foundation (NSF) is an independent federal agency that supports fundamental research and education across all fields of science and engineering. In fiscal year (FY) 2020, its budget is $8.3 billion. NSF funds reach all 50 states through grants to nearly 2,000 colleges, universities and other institutions. Each year, NSF receives more than 50,000 competitive proposals for funding and makes about 12,000 new funding awards. |
| Program Name | Platforms for Advanced Wireless Research |
| Program Website | https://www.advancedwireless.org |
| Program Overview | The **Platforms for Advanced Wireless Research** (PAWR) program aims to support advanced wireless research platforms conceived by the U.S. academic and industrial wireless research community. PAWR will enable experimental exploration of robust new wireless devices, communication techniques, networks, systems, and services that will revolutionize the nation's wireless ecosystem, thereby enhancing broadband connectivity, leveraging the emerging Internet of Things (IoT), and sustaining US leadership and economic competitiveness for decades to come. The PAWR program is a public-private partnership, integrating $50 million from NSF with $50 million in cash and in-kind contributions from a consortium of more than 30 wireless companies and associations. |
| Program Purpose | ☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility) <br> ☐ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction) <br> ☐ Broadband Adoption <br> ☐ Digital Skills Training <br> ☐ Public Computer Access <br><br> ☒ Smart Cities <br> ☒ Evaluation <br> ☒ Research <br> ☐ Broadband Financing <br> ☐ Other: _____ |
| Eligible Recipients | ☒ Libraries <br> ☒ K-12 Schools <br> ☒ Higher Education Institutions <br> ☒ Hospitals <br> ☐ Public Safety Entities <br> ☐ State and Local Governments <br> ☐ Tribal Entities <br><br> ☒ Commercial/Internet Service Providers <br> ☒ Non-Profit Organizations <br> ☒ Small Businesses <br> ☒ Rural Recipients <br> ☒ Electric Utilities/Co-ops <br> ☐ Financial Institutions <br> ☐ Other: _____ |
| Agency Contact | Thyaga Nandagopal, tnandago@nsf.gov (703) 292-8950 |

| FY2018 Funding Type | Grant |
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| FY2018 Funding Amount | $8,000,000 |
| FY19 Funding (if known) | $11,340,000 |
| FY2020 Funding Amount and Type | Approximately $9,000,000 anticipated in grants and cooperative agreements. |
| Additional Information | |

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| **Today's Date** | 02/01/2020 |
| **Federal Agency** | National Science Foundation |
| **Agency Overview** | The National Science Foundation (NSF) is an independent federal agency that supports fundamental research and education across all fields of science and engineering. In fiscal year (FY) 2020, its budget is $8.3 billion. NSF funds reach all 50 states through grants to nearly 2,000 colleges, universities and other institutions. Each year, NSF receives more than 50,000 competitive proposals for funding and makes about 12,000 new funding awards. |
| **Program Name** | Smart and Connected Communities |
| **Program Website** | https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=505364 |
| **Program Overview** | The goal of the NSF Smart and Connected Communities (S&CC) program is to accelerate the creation of the scientific and engineering foundations that will enable smart and connected communities to bring about new levels of economic opportunity and growth, safety and security, health and wellness, and overall quality of life. This goal will be achieved through integrative research projects that pair advances in technological and social dimensions with meaningful community engagement. |
| **Program Purpose** | ☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility) <br> ☐ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction) <br> ☐ Broadband Adoption <br> ☐ Digital Skills Training <br> ☐ Public Computer Access <br><br> ☒ Smart Cities <br> ☒ Evaluation <br> ☒ Research <br> ☐ Broadband Financing <br> ☐ Other: _____ |
| **Eligible Recipients** | ☒ Libraries <br> ☒ K-12 Schools <br> ☒ Higher Education Institutions <br> ☒ Hospitals <br> ☒ Public Safety Entities <br> ☒ State and Local Governments <br> ☒ Tribal Entities <br><br> ☒ Commercial/Internet Service Providers <br> ☒ Non-Profit Organizations <br> ☒ Small Businesses <br> ☒ Rural Recipients <br> ☒ Electric Utilities/Co-ops <br> ☒ Financial Institutions <br> ☐ Other: _____ |

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| **Agency Contact** | David Corman, dcorman@nsf.gov (703) 292-8754 |
| **FY2018 Funding Type** | Grant |
| **FY2018 Funding Amount** | $22,600,000 |
| **FY19 Funding (if known)** | $2,584,190 |
| **FY2020 Funding Amount and Type** | Approximately $43,000,000 anticipated in grants |
| **Additional Information** | In light of the December 2018-January 2019 appropriations lapse, NSF opted to run a single S&CC competition spanning FY 2019 and FY 2020 in FY 2020. This approach accounts for the variability in investment between FY 2018 and FY 2020. |

| 1 | Federal Agency/Bureau | National Science Foundation |
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| 2 | Agency Overview | The National Science Foundation (NSF) is an independent federal agency that supports fundamental research and education across all fields of science and engineering. In fiscal year (FY) 2018, its budget is $7.8 billion. NSF funds reach all 50 states through grants to nearly 2,000 colleges, universities and other institutions. Each year, NSF receives more than 50,000 competitive proposals for funding and makes about 12,000 new funding awards. |
| 3 | Program Name | Spectrum and Wireless Innovation enabled by Future Technologies (SWIFT). |
| 4 | Program Website | https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=505774 |
| 5 | Program Overview | This program focuses on effective wireless spectrum utilization and/or coexistence techniques, especially with passive uses, which have received less attention from researchers. Coexistence is when two or more applications use the same frequency band at the same time and/or at the same location, yet do not adversely affect one another. |
| 6 | Program Purpose | ☒ Planning (e.g., feasibility)<br>☐ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction)<br>☐ Broadband Adoption<br>☐ Digital Skills Training<br>☐ Public Computer Access<br><br>☐ Smart Cities<br>☐ Evaluation<br>☒ Research<br>☐ Broadband Financing<br>☐ Other: _____ |
| 7 | Eligible Recipients | ☐ Libraries<br>☐ K-12 Schools<br>☒ Higher Education Institutions<br>☐ Hospitals<br>☐ Public Safety Entities<br>☐ State and Local Governments<br>☐ Tribal Entities<br><br>☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers<br>☐ Non-Profit Organizations<br>☐ Small Businesses<br>☐ Rural Recipients<br>☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops<br>☐ Financial Institutions<br>☐ Other: _____ |
| 8 | Agency Contact | • Jenshan Lin, ENG/ECCS, telephone: (703) 292-8339, email: jenlin@nsf.gov<br><br>• Alexander Sprintson, CISE/CNS, telephone: (703) 292-8950, email: asprints@nsf.gov<br><br>• Lawrence S. Goldberg, ENG/ECCS, telephone: (703) 292-8339, email: lgoldber@nsf.gov |

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| | | • Mohammod Ali, ENG/ECCS, telephone: (703) 292-8339, email: moali@nsf.gov |
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| | | • Bevin A. Zauderer, MPS/AST, telephone: (703) 292-2428, email: bezauder@nsf.gov |
| | | • Lisa M. Winter, GEO/AGS, telephone: (703) 292-8519, email: lwinter@nsf.gov |
| 9 | FY2020 Funding Type and Amount | $12,000,000 |
| 10 | Additional Information | https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2020/nsf20537/nsf20537.htm?org=NSF |

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## Department: Small Business Administration

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| 1 | **Federal Agency/Bureau** | Small Business Administration |
| 2 | **Agency Overview** | Created in 1953, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) continues to help small business owners and entrepreneurs pursue the American dream. The SBA is the only cabinet-level federal agency fully dedicated to small business and provides counseling, capital, and contracting expertise as the nation's only go-to resource and voice for small businesses. |
| 3 | **Program Name** | Lender Match Service |
| 4 | **Program Website** | https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/lender-match |
| 5 | **Program Overview** | Lender Match is a free online referral tool that connects small businesses with participating SBA-approved lenders. Small businesses can use SBA's referral tool to describe their needs and within two days will receive an email with the contact information of a lender who has expressed interest in their loan. This allows small businesses to talk with lenders to compare rates, fees, and terms before they apply. |
| 6 | **Program Purpose** | ☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility)  ☐ Smart Cities<br>☐ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction)  ☐ Evaluation<br>☐ Broadband Adoption  ☐ Research<br>☐ Digital Skills Training  ☐ Broadband Financing<br>☐ Public Computer Access  ☐ Other: _____ |
| 7 | **Eligible Recipients** | ☐ Libraries  ☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers<br>☐ K-12 Schools  ☐ Non-Profit Organizations<br>☐ Higher Education Institutions  ☐ Small Businesses<br>☐ Hospitals  ☐ Rural Recipients<br>☐ Public Safety Entities  ☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops<br>☐ State and Local Governments  ☐ Financial Institutions<br>☐ Tribal Entities  ☐ Other: _____ |
| 8 | **Agency Contact** | |
| 9 | **FY2020 Funding Type and Amount** | This is not a Federal funding program. |

| 10 | Additional Information | |
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## Department of Transportation

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| **Federal Agency** | U.S. Department of Transportation |
| **Agency Overview** | The mission of the Department of Transportation is to ensure our nation has the safest, most efficient and modern transportation system in the world; that improves the quality of life for all American people and communities, from rural to urban, and increases the productivity and competitiveness of American workers and businesses. |
| **Program Name** | BUILD (F/k/a TIGER) |
| **Program Website** | https://www.transportation.gov/BUILDgrants |
| **Program Overview** | Funding provided under National Infrastructure Investments have supported capital projects which repair bridges or improve infrastructure to a state of good repair; projects that implement safety improvements to reduce fatalities and serious injuries, including improving grade crossings or providing shorter or more direct access to critical health services; projects that connect communities and people to jobs, services, and education; and, projects that anchor economic revitalization and job growth in communities. |
| **Program Purpose** | ☒ Planning (e.g., feasibility) <br> ☒ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction) <br> ☐ Broadband Adoption <br> ☐ Digital Skills Training <br> ☐ Public Computer Access <br><br> ☐ Smart Cities <br> ☐ Evaluation <br> ☐ Research <br> ☐ Broadband Financing <br> ☐ Other: _____ |
| **Eligible Recipients** | ☐ Libraries <br> ☐ K-12 Schools <br> ☐ Higher Education Institutions <br> ☐ Hospitals <br> ☐ Public Safety Entities <br> ☒ State and Local Governments <br> ☒ Tribal Entities <br><br> ☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers <br> ☐ Non-Profit Organizations <br> ☐ Small Businesses <br> ☐ Rural Recipients <br> ☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops <br> ☐ Financial Institutions <br> ☐ Other: _____ |
| **Agency Contact** | BUILDgrants@dot.gov |

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| **Funding Type** | Discretionary Grant |
| **FY2018 Funding Amount** | $1,500,000,000 |
| **FY2019 Funding Amount** | |
| **FY2020 Funding Amount** | $1,000,000,000 |
| **Additional Information** | https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/2020-03/2020%20BUILD%20NOFO%20Federal%20Register-03711.pdf |

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| Federal Agency | Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) |
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| Agency Overview | The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is an agency within the U.S. Department of Transportation that supports State and local governments in the design, construction, and maintenance of the Nation's highway system (Federal Aid Highway Program) and various federally and tribal owned lands (Federal Lands Highway Program). Through financial and technical assistance to State and local governments, the Federal Highway Administration is responsible for ensuring that America's roads and highways continue to be among the safest and most technologically sound in the world. |
| Program Name | Realty Program (Utility Right-of-way) (through EO: Accelerating Broadband Infrastructure Deployment 2012) |
| Program Website | https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/real_estate/right-of-way/utility_rights-of-way/ |
| Program Overview | Accommodating public utilities on highway right-of-way has traditionally been at no cost to the utility, or only involves direct cost reimbursement for replacement ROW. This reflects a public policy that supports limiting the burden on taxpayers for basic municipal services. Pressure to accommodate a growing number of entities who seek private uses of public rights-of-way may require changes in State laws and agency regulations. Demands for accommodating new technologies such as ITS (Intelligent Transportation Systems) are causing many states and local governments to re-evaluate past policies and seek to gain benefits from their land assets by making their rights-of-way available for these uses. |
| Program Purpose | ☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility)  ☐ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction)  ☐ Broadband Adoption  ☐ Digital Skills Training  ☐ Public Computer Access  ☐ Smart Cities  ☐ Evaluation  ☐ Research  ☐ Broadband Financing  ☒ Other: _Non-Highway Use of Federal Aid Rights of Way_____ |
| Eligible Recipients | ☐ Libraries  ☐ K-12 Schools  ☐ Higher Education Institutions  ☐ Hospitals  ☐ Public Safety Entities  ☒ State and Local Governments  ☒ Tribal Entities  ☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers  ☐ Non-Profit Organizations  ☐ Small Businesses  ☐ Rural Recipients  ☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops  ☐ Financial Institutions  ☐ Other: _____ |

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| **Agency Contact** | Maggie Duncan-Augustt maggie.duncan-augustt@dot.gov (202) 366-9901 |
| **FY2018 Funding Type** | Indirect. There is no direct funding specifically for broadband. However, broadband may be eligible for reimbursement with federal-aid highway funds if it supports a transportation use. |
| **FY2018 Funding Amount** | There is no direct funding specifically for broadband. However, broadband may be eligible for reimbursement with federal-aid highway funds if it supports a transportation use. |
| **FY2019 Funding Amount** | There is no direct funding specifically for broadband. However, broadband may be eligible for reimbursement with federal-aid highway funds if it supports a transportation use. |
| **FY2020 Funding Amount** | There is no direct funding specifically for broadband. However, broadband may be eligible for reimbursement with federal-aid highway funds if it supports a transportation use. |
| **Additional Information** | |

| Federal Agency | Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) |
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| Agency Overview | The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is an agency within the U.S. Department of Transportation that supports State and local governments in the design, construction, and maintenance of the Nation's highway system (Federal Aid Highway Program) and various federally and tribal owned lands (Federal Lands Highway Program). Through financial and technical assistance to State and local governments, the Federal Highway Administration is responsible for ensuring that America's roads and highways continue to be among the safest and most technologically sound in the world. |
| Program Name | Utilities Program (through EO: Accelerating Broadband Infrastructure Deployment 2012) |
| Program Website | https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/utilities/ |
| Program Overview | It has been recognized that it is in the public interest for utility facilities to jointly use the right-of-way of public roads and streets when such use and occupancy does not adversely affect highway or traffic safety, or otherwise impair the highway or its aesthetic quality, and does not conflict with the provisions of Federal, State, or local laws and regulations. The opportunity for such joint use avoids the additional cost of acquiring separate right-of-way for the exclusive accommodation of utilities. As a result, the right-of-way of highways, particularly local roads and streets, is often used to provide public services to abutting residents as well as to serve conventional highway needs. |
| Program Purpose | ☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility) <br> ☒ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction) <br> ☐ Broadband Adoption <br> ☐ Digital Skills Training <br> ☐ Public Computer Access <br><br> ☐ Smart Cities <br> ☐ Evaluation <br> ☐ Research <br> ☐ Broadband Financing <br> ☐ Other: _ |
| Eligible Recipients | ☐ Libraries <br> ☐ K-12 Schools <br> ☐ Higher Education Institutions <br> ☐ Hospitals <br> ☐ Public Safety Entities <br> ☒ State and Local Governments <br> ☒ Tribal Entities <br><br> ☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers <br> ☐ Non-Profit Organizations <br> ☐ Small Businesses <br> ☐ Rural Recipients <br> ☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops <br> ☐ Financial Institutions <br> ☐ Other: _____ |

| Agency Contact | Julie Johnston, Utility & Value Engineering Program Manager, (202) 591-5858 julie.johnston@dot.gov |
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| Funding Type | Indirect. There is no direct funding specifically for broadband. However, broadband may be eligible for reimbursement with federal-aid highway funds if it supports a transportation use. |
| FY2018 Funding Amount | There is no direct funding specifically for broadband. However, broadband may be eligible for reimbursement with federal-aid highway funds if it supports a transportation use. |
| FY2019 Funding Amount | There is no direct funding specifically for broadband. However, broadband may be eligible for reimbursement with federal-aid highway funds if it supports a transportation use. |
| FY2020 Funding Amount | There is no direct funding specifically for broadband. However, broadband may be eligible for reimbursement with federal-aid highway funds if it supports a transportation use. |
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## Department of Treasury

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| **Federal Agency** | Community Development Financial Institutions Fund |
| **Agency Overview** | The U.S. Department of Treasury's Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI Fund) mission is to expand economic opportunity for underserved people and communities by supporting the growth and capacity of a national network of community development lenders, investors, and financial service providers. |
| **Program Name** | New Markets Tax Credit Program |
| **Program Website** | https://www.cdfifund.gov/programs-training/Programs/new-markets-tax-credit/Pages/default.aspx |
| **Program Overview** | The New Markets Tax Credit Program (NMTC Program) awards financial intermediaries known as Community Development Entities (CDEs) with federal tax credit authority that the CDEs offer to private investors in exchange for equity in the CDE that is then invested in economically distressed communities. Investments made through the NMTC Program are used to finance businesses, breathing new life into neglected, underserved low-income communities that frequently have suffered due to factors such as dormant manufacturing facilities, inadequate education and healthcare services, vacant commercial properties, and lower property values. |
| **Program Purpose** | ☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility) <br> ☒ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction) <br> ☐ Broadband Adoption <br> ☐ Digital Skills Training <br> ☐ Public Computer Access <br><br> ☐ Smart Cities <br> ☐ Evaluation <br> ☐ Research <br> ☒ Broadband Financing <br> ☐ Other: _____ |
| **Eligible Recipients** | ☐ Libraries <br> ☐ K-12 Schools <br> ☐ Higher Education Institutions <br> ☐ Hospitals <br> ☐ Public Safety Entities <br> ☐ State and Local Governments <br> ☐ Tribal Entities <br><br> ☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers <br> ☐ Non-Profit Organizations <br> ☐ Small Businesses <br> ☐ Rural Recipients <br> ☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops <br> ☐ Financial Institutions <br> ☒ Other: Community Development Entities (CDEs) _____ |

| Agency Contact | NMTC Help Desk (202) 653-0421, cdfihelp@cdfi.treas.gov |
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| **Funding Type** | Tax Credit |
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| **CY2020 Authorization Amount** | $5,000,000,000 |
| **Additional Information** | |

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| **Federal Agency** | Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) |
| **Agency Overview** | The U.S. Department of Treasury's OCC charters, regulates, and supervises all national banks and federal savings associations as well as federal branches and agencies of foreign banks. The OCC is an independent bureau of the U.S. Department of the Treasury. |
| **Program Name** | Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) |
| **Program Website** | https://www.occ.treas.gov/topics/compliance-bsa/cra/index-cra.html |
| **Program Overview** | CRA requires federal banking regulators to encourage financial institutions to help meet the credit needs of the communities in which they do business, including low- and moderate-income (LMI) neighborhoods. Three federal banking agencies, or regulators, are responsible for the CRA. Banks that have CRA obligations are supervised by one of these three regulators. Each regulator has a dedicated CRA site that provides information about the banks they oversee and those banks' CRA ratings and Performance Evaluations.<br>• Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)<br>• Federal Reserve Board (FRB)<br>• Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) |
| **Program Purpose** | ☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility)  ☐ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction)  ☐ Broadband Adoption  ☐ Digital Skills Training  ☐ Public Computer Access  ☐ Smart Cities  ☐ Evaluation  ☐ Research  ☐ Broadband Financing  ☒ Other: Private bank financing |
| **Eligible Recipients** | ☐ Libraries  ☐ K-12 Schools  ☐ Higher Education Institutions  ☐ Hospitals  ☐ Public Safety Entities  ☐ State and Local Governments  ☐ Tribal Entities  ☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers  ☐ Non-Profit Organizations  ☐ Small Businesses  ☐ Rural Recipients  ☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops  ☐ Financial Institutions  ☐ Other: |
| **Agency Contact** | OCC Community Affairs (202) 649-6373 |

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| **Funding Type** | Financial institution debt and equity |
| **FY20 Funding Amount** | |
| **Additional Information** | https://www.occ.gov/publications-and-resources/publications/community-affairs/community-developments-investments/nov-2018/index-cdi-nov-2018.html |

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| **Federal Agency** | Rural Business Service |
| **Agency Overview** | USDA Rural Development is committed to helping improve the economy and quality of life in rural America. The agency offers loans, grants and loan guarantees to help create jobs and support economic development and essential services such as housing, health care, first responder services and equipment, and water, electric and communications infrastructure. |
| **Program Name** | Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program (REDLG) |
| **Program Website** | https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-economic-development-loan-grant-program |
| **Program Overview** | The Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant program provides funding for rural projects through local utility organizations. USDA provides zero-interest loans to local utilities which they, in turn, pass through to local businesses (ultimate recipients) for projects that will create and retain employment in rural areas. The ultimate recipients repay the lending utility directly. The utility is responsible for repayment to USDA. |
| **Program Purpose** | ☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility)  ☒ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction)  ☐ Broadband Adoption  ☐ Digital Skills Training  ☐ Public Computer Access  ☐ Smart Cities  ☐ Evaluation  ☐ Research  ☐ Broadband Financing  ☐ Other: _____ |
| **Eligible Recipients** | ☐ Libraries  ☐ K-12 Schools  ☐ Higher Education Institutions  ☐ Hospitals  ☐ Public Safety Entities  ☐ State and Local Governments  ☐ Tribal Entities  ☒ Commercial/Internet Service Providers  ☐ Non-Profit Organizations  ☐ Small Businesses  ☐ Rural Recipients  ☒ Electric Utilities/Co-ops  ☐ Financial Institutions  ☐ Other: |
| **Agency Contact** | Various by state. See agency website. |
| **Funding Type** | Loan and Grant |

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| **FY2018 Funding Amount** | $43,000,000 |
| **FY2019 Funding Amount** | |
| **FY2020 Funding Amount** | • Loan: $50,506,394 <br> • Grant: $10,900,000 |
| **Additional Information** | https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/fact-sheet/508_RD_FS_RBS_REDLG.pdf |

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| **Federal Agency** | Rural Business-Cooperative Service |
| **Agency Overview** | USDA Rural Development is committed to helping improve the economy and quality of life in rural America. The agency offers loans, grants and loan guarantees to help create jobs and support economic development and essential services such as housing, health care, first responder services and equipment, and water, electric and communications infrastructure. |
| **Program Name** | Business and Industry (B&I) Guaranteed Loan Program |
| **Program Website** | https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-industry-loan-guarantees |
| **Program Overview** | The Business and Industry program bolsters the availability of private credit by guaranteeing loans for rural businesses. This program improves the economic health of rural communities by increasing access to business capital through loan guarantees that enable commercial lenders to provide affordable financing for businesses in eligible rural areas. |
| **Program Purpose** | ☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility) <br> ☐ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction) <br> ☐ Broadband Adoption <br> ☐ Digital Skills Training <br> ☐ Public Computer Access <br><br> ☐ Smart Cities <br> ☐ Evaluation <br> ☐ Research <br> ☒ Broadband Financing <br> ☐ Other: |
| **Eligible Recipients** | ☐ Libraries <br> ☐ K-12 Schools <br> ☒ Higher Education Institutions <br> ☐ Hospitals <br> ☐ Public Safety Entities <br> ☒ State and Local Governments <br> ☐ Tribal Entities <br><br> ☒ Commercial/Internet Service Providers <br> ☐ Non-Profit Organizations <br> ☐ Small Businesses <br> ☐ Rural Recipients <br> ☒ Electric Utilities/Co-ops <br> ☒ Financial Institutions <br> ☐ Other: |
| **Agency Contact** | Various by state. See agency website. |

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| **Funding Type** | Loan Guarantee |
| **FY2018 Funding Amount** | $919,000,000 |
| **FY2019 Funding Amount** | |
| **FY2020 Funding Amount** | $1,356,000 |
| **Additional Information** | An additional $20.5 million provided under the CARES Act |

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| **Federal Agency** | Rural Housing Service - Community Facilities |
| **Agency Overview** | Rural Housing Service offers a variety of programs to build or improve housing and essential community facilities in rural areas. RHS offer loans, grants and loan guarantees for single- and multi-family housing, child care centers, fire and police stations, hospitals, libraries, nursing homes, schools, first responder vehicles and equipment, housing for farm laborers and much more. |
| **Program Name** | Rural Housing Service (RHS) Community Facilities (CF) Direct Loan and Grant Program |
| **Program Website** | https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program |
| **Program Overview** | This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings. |
| **Program Purpose** | ☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility) <br> ☐ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction) <br> ☐ Broadband Adoption <br> ☐ Digital Skills Training <br> ☒ Public Computer Access <br><br> ☐ Smart Cities <br> ☐ Evaluation <br> ☐ Research <br> ☐ Broadband Financing <br> ☐ Other: |
| **Eligible Recipients** | ☒ Libraries <br> ☒ K-12 Schools <br> ☒ Higher Education Institutions <br> ☒ Hospitals <br> ☒ Public Safety Entities <br> ☒ State and Local Governments <br> ☒ Tribal Entities <br><br> ☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers <br> ☒ Non-Profit Organizations <br> ☐ Small Businesses <br> ☐ Rural Recipients <br> ☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops <br> ☐ Financial Institutions <br> ☐ Other: |
| **Agency Contact** | Martha Torrez, Director <br> Martha.Torrez@usda.gov <br> (202) 720-1500 |

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| **Funding Type** | Loan and Grant |
| **FY2018 Funding Amount** | $2,830,000,000 |
| **FY2019 Funding Amount** | $2,800,000,000 (Loan) $30,000,000 (Grant) |
| **FY2020 Funding Amount** | $2,800,000,000 (Loan) $32,000,000 (Grant) |
| **Additional Information** | |

| Federal Agency | Rural Housing Service - Community Facilities |
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| Agency Overview | Rural Housing Service offers a variety of programs to build or improve housing and essential community facilities in rural areas. RHS offer loans, grants and loan guarantees for single- and multi-family housing, child care centers, fire and police stations, hospitals, libraries, nursing homes, schools, first responder vehicles and equipment, housing for farm laborers and much more. |
| Program Name | Community Facilities (CF) Guaranteed Loan Program |
| Program Website | https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-guaranteed-loan-program |
| Program Overview | This program provides loan guarantees to eligible private lenders to help build essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings. |
| Program Purpose | ☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility)     ☐ Smart Cities<br>☐ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction)     ☐ Evaluation<br>☐ Broadband Adoption     ☐ Research<br>☐ Digital Skills Training     ☐ Broadband Financing<br>☐ Public Computer Access     ☒ Other:<br>Loan Guarantee |
| Eligible Recipients | ☐ Libraries     ☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers<br>☐ K-12 Schools     ☐ Non-Profit Organizations<br>☐ Higher Education Institutions<br>☐ Hospitals     ☐ Small Businesses<br>☐ Public Safety Entities     ☐ Rural Recipients<br>    ☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops<br>☐ State and Local Governments     ☒ Financial Institutions<br>☐ Tribal Entities     ☐ Other: |
| Agency Contact | Martha Torrez, Director<br>Martha.Torrez@usda.gov<br>(202) 720-1500 |

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| **Funding Type** | Loan |
| **FY2018 Funding Amount** | $148,287,462 |
| **FY2019 Funding Amount** | $148,269,000 |
| **FY2020 Funding Amount** | $500,000,000 |
| **Additional Information** | |

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| **Federal Agency** | Rural Utilities Service |
| **Agency Overview** | USDA Rural Development's Rural Utilities Programs provide a variety of loans and grants to build and expand broadband networks. Loans to build broadband networks and deliver service to rural households and businesses, provide capital for rural telecommunications companies and broadband providers. |
| **Program Name** | Rural eConnectivity Pilot Program (ReConnect) |
| **Program Website** | https://www.usda.gov/reconnect/ |
| **Program Overview** | ReConnect offers three types of funding options for broadband infrastructure to connect rural families, businesses, farms, ranches, schools, libraries, and public safety facilities to modern, high-speed internet. A rural area is eligible if it currently does not have sufficient access to broadband. The ReConnect grants, grant and loan combinations, and low-interest loans can be used to construct, improve, and acquire facilities that provide internet services to customers' premises, with reliable technologies that are suitable for the type of rural community and the type of high-speed internet use. |
| **Program Purpose** | ☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility)<br>☒ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction)<br>☐ Broadband Adoption<br>☐ Digital Skills Training<br>☐ Public Computer Access<br><br>☐ Smart Cities<br>☐ Evaluation<br>☐ Research<br>☐ Broadband Financing<br>☐ Other: |
| **Eligible Recipients** | ☐ Libraries<br>☐ K-12 Schools<br>☐ Higher Education Institutions<br>☐ Hospitals<br>☐ Public Safety Entities<br>☒ State and Local Governments<br>☒ Tribal Entities<br><br>☒ Commercial/Internet Service Providers<br>☒ Non-Profit Organizations<br>☒ Small Businesses<br>☒ Rural Recipients<br>☒ Electric Utilities/Co-ops<br>☒ Financial Institutions<br>☐ Other: |
| **Agency Contact** | https://www.usda.gov/reconnect/contact-us |

| Funding Type | Grant and Loan |
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| **FY2018 Funding Amount** | $600,000,000 |
| **FY2019 Funding Amount** | $550,000,000 |
| **FY2020 Funding Amount** | $555,000,000 |
| **Additional Information** | An additional $100 million in grant funding provided through the CARES Act<br><br>https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/reconnect-program-fact-sheet-508c.pdf |

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| **Federal Agency** | Rural Utilities Service |
| **Agency Overview** | USDA Rural Development is committed to helping improve the economy and quality of life in rural America. The agency offers loans, grants and loan guarantees to help create jobs and support economic development and essential services such as housing, health care, first responder services and equipment, and water, electric and communications infrastructure. |
| **Program Name** | Community Connect Grant Program |
| **Program Website** | https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-connect-grants |
| **Program Overview** | The Community Connect program helps fund broadband deployment in rural communities where it is not yet economically viable for private-sector providers to deliver service. The grants offer financial assistance to eligible service providers that will construct, improve, or expand broadband networks in rural areas. |
| **Program Purpose** | ☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility) <br> ☒ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction) <br> ☒ Broadband Adoption <br> ☐ Digital Skills Training <br> ☐ Public Computer Access <br><br> ☐ Smart Cities <br> ☐ Evaluation <br> ☐ Research <br> ☐ Broadband Financing <br> ☐ Other: _____ |
| **Eligible Recipients** | ☐ Libraries <br> ☐ K-12 Schools <br> ☐ Higher Education Institutions <br> ☐ Hospitals <br> ☐ Public Safety Entities <br> ☒ State and Local Governments <br> ☒ Tribal Entities <br><br> ☒ Commercial/Internet Service Providers <br> ☒ Non-Profit Organizations <br> ☒ Small Businesses <br> ☐ Rural Recipients <br> ☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops <br> ☐ Financial Institutions <br> ☐ Other: _____ |
| **Agency Contact** | For questions about the Community Connect Grant Program, please email **Community Connect** or call the Loan Origination and Approval Division at (202) 720-0800. |

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| **Funding Type** | Grant |
| **FY2018 Funding Amount** | $30,000,000 |
| **FY2019 Funding Amount** | |
| **FY2020 Funding Amount** | $35,000,000 |
| **Additional Information** | https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/fact-sheet/508_RD_FS_RUS_CommunityConnect.pdf |

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| Federal Agency | Rural Utilities Service |
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| **Agency Overview** | USDA Rural Development's Rural Utilities Programs provide a variety of loans and grants to build and expand broadband networks. Loans to build broadband networks and deliver service to rural households and businesses, provide capital for rural telecommunications companies and broadband providers. |
| **Program Name** | Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program (Broadband Program) |
| **Program Website** | https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-broadband-access-loan-and-loan-guarantee |
| **Program Overview** | The Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program (Broadband Program) furnishes loans and loan guarantees to provide funds for the costs of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment needed to provide service at the broadband lending speed in eligible rural areas. |
| **Program Purpose** | ☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility)  ☒ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction)  ☐ Broadband Adoption  ☐ Digital Skills Training  ☐ Public Computer Access  ☐ Smart Cities  ☐ Evaluation  ☐ Research  ☒ Broadband Financing  ☐ Other: |
| **Eligible Recipients** | ☐ Libraries  ☐ K-12 Schools  ☐ Higher Education Institutions  ☐ Hospitals  ☐ Public Safety Entities  ☒ State and Local Governments  ☒ Tribal Entities  ☒ Commercial/Internet Service Providers  ☒ Non-Profit Organizations  ☒ Small Businesses  ☐ Rural Recipients  ☒ Electric Utilities/Co-ops  ☐ Financial Institutions  ☐ Other: |
| **Agency Contact** | Loan Origination and Approval Division (202) 720-0800  General Field Representatives (GFR)  https://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/telecom-gfr |

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| **Funding Type** | Loan |
| **FY2018 Funding Amount** | $29,851,000 |
| **FY2019 Funding Amount** | $29,851,000 |
| **FY2020 Funding Amount** | $11,200,000 |
| **Additional Information** | https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/fact-sheet/508_RD_FS_RUS_FarmBillBroadbandLoans.pdf |

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## Department of Agriculture

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| **Federal Agency** | Rural Utilities Service |
| **Agency Overview** | USDA Rural Development's Rural Utilities Programs provide a variety of loans and grants to build and expand broadband networks. Loans to build broadband networks and deliver service to rural households and businesses, provide capital for rural telecommunications companies and broadband providers. |
| **Program Name** | Telecom Infrastructure Loan Program |
| **Program Website** | https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-infrastructure-loans-loan-guarantees |
| **Program Overview** | This program provides financing for the construction, maintenance, improvement and expansion of telephone service and broadband in rural areas. |
| **Program Purpose** | ☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility) <br> ☒ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction) <br> ☐ Broadband Adoption <br> ☐ Digital Skills Training <br> ☐ Public Computer Access <br><br> ☐ Smart Cities <br> ☐ Evaluation <br> ☐ Research <br> ☒ Broadband Financing <br> ☐ Other: _____ |
| **Eligible Recipients** | ☐ Libraries <br> ☐ K-12 Schools <br> ☐ Higher Education Institutions <br> ☐ Hospitals <br> ☐ Public Safety Entities <br> ☒ State and Local Governments <br> ☒ Tribal Entities <br><br> ☒ Commercial/Internet Service Providers <br> ☒ Non-Profit Organizations <br> ☒ Small Businesses <br> ☐ Rural Recipients <br> ☒ Electric Utilities/Co-ops <br> ☐ Financial Institutions <br> ☐ Other: |
| **Agency Contact** | Loan Origination and Approval Division at (202) 720-0800 <br> General Field Representatives (GFR) <br> https://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/telecom-gfr |

| Funding Type | Loan |
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| **FY2018 Funding Amount** | $690,000,000 |
| **FY2019 Funding Amount** | $690,000,000 |
| **FY2020 Funding Amount** | $690,000,000 |
| Additional Information | https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/fact-sheet/508_RD_FS_RUS_TelecommunicationsLoan.pdf |

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| Program Name | Distance Learning Telemedicine (DLT) Grant Program |
| Program Website | https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/distance-learning-telemedicine-grants |
| Program Overview | The Distance Learning and Telemedicine program helps rural communities use the unique capabilities of telecommunications to connect to each other and to the world, overcoming the effects of remoteness and low population density. |
| Program Purpose | ☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility)    ☐ Smart Cities<br>☒ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction)    ☐ Evaluation<br>☒ Broadband Adoption    ☐ Research<br>☒ Digital Skills Training    ☐ Broadband Financing<br>☐ Public Computer Access    ☒ Other:<br>Distance learning and telemedicine equipment |
| Eligible Recipients | ☒ Libraries    ☒ Commercial/Internet Service Providers<br>☒ K-12 Schools    ☒ Non-Profit Organizations<br>☒ Higher Education Institutions    ☐ Small Businesses<br>☒ Hospitals    ☐ Rural Recipients<br>☐ Public Safety Entities    ☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops<br>☒ State and Local Governments    ☐ Financial Institutions<br>☒ Tribal Entities    ☐ Other: |

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| **Agency Contact** | dltinfo@wdc.usda.gov<br>Loan Origination and Approval Division (202) 720-0800<br>General Field Representatives<br>https://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/telecom-gfr |
| **Funding Type** | Grant |
| **FY2018 Funding Amount** | $49,000,000 |
| **FY2019 Funding Amount** | $47,000,000 |
| **FY2020 Funding Amount** | $47,000,000 |
| **Additional Information** | An additional $25 million provided under the CARES Act<br><br>https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/fact-sheet/508_RD_FS_RUS_DLTGrant.pdf |

# Broadband Funding Guide

## Department: Department of the Interior

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| 1 | **Federal Agency/Bureau** | Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development; Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs; U.S. Department of the Interior |
| 2 | **Agency Overview** | The U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED) operates under the Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs. It consists of the Division of Energy and Mineral Development (DEMD), the Division of Capital Investment (DCI), and the Division of Economic Development (DED). DEMD provides technical assistance to over a hundred fossil fuel and renewable energy projects on Indian trust land; DCI administers the Indian Affairs Loan Guarantee and Insurance program, which leverages more than $100 million annually in economic activities throughout Indian Country; and DED funds economic development feasibility study and NATIVE Act tourism grants, helps build legal infrastructure, and fosters commercial opportunities in Native American communities. |
| 3 | **Program Name** | National Tribal Broadband Grant (NTBG) program |
| 4 | **Program Website** | https://www.bia.gov/as-ia/ieed |
| 5 | **Program Overview** | IEED is soliciting proposals from Indian Tribes for grant funding to hire consultants to perform feasibility studies for deployment or expansion of high-speed internet (broadband) transmitted, variously, through digital subscriber line, cable modem, fiber, wireless, satellite and broadband over power lines. <br><br>https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/02/10/2020-02616/national-tribal-broadband-grant-solicitation-of-proposals <br><br>Grant application submission date extended to June 15, 2020: <br><br>https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/05/04/2020-09388/national-tribal-broadband-grant-extension-of-application-deadline |

| 6 | **Program Purpose** | ☒ Planning (e.g., feasibility)<br>☐ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction)<br>☐ Broadband Adoption<br>☐ Digital Skills Training<br>☐ Public Computer Access | ☐ Smart Cities<br>☐ Evaluation<br>☐ Research<br>☐ Broadband Financing<br>☐ Other: _____ |
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| 7 | **Eligible Recipients** | ☐ Libraries<br>☐ K-12 Schools<br>☐ Higher Education Institutions<br>☐ Hospitals<br>☐ Public Safety Entities<br>☐ State and Local Governments<br>☒ Tribal Entities | ☐ Commercial/Internet Service Providers<br>☐ Non-Profit Organizations<br>☐ Small Businesses<br>☐ Rural Recipients<br>☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops<br>☐ Financial Institutions<br>☐ Other: _____ |
| 8 | **Agency Contact** | Public contact: Mr. James R. West**,** National Tribal Broadband Grant (NTBG) Manager, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, Room 6049-B, 12220 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20191; telephone: (202) 595-4766; e-mail: jamesr.west@bia.gov. | |
| 9 | **FY2020 Funding Type and Amount** | NTBG is a competitive, discretionary grant program. IEED anticipates award of approximately twenty-five (25) to thirty (30) grants under ranging in value from approximately $40,000 to $50,000. | |
| 10 | **Additional Information** | Please see IEED's online primer, *Expanding Broadband in Indian Country*:<br>https://www.bia.gov/sites/bia.gov/files/assets/as-ia/ieed/pdf/Expanding%20Broadband%20in%20Indian%20Country%20Primer%20Final%203.17.20.pdf | |