



## Broadband Funding Guide

### Department of Agriculture

<b>Federal Agency</b>	Rural Utilities Service
<b>Agency Overview</b>	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.
<b>Program Name</b>	Telecom Infrastructure Loan Program
<b>Program Website</b>	<a href="https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-infrastructure-loans-loan-guarantees">https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-infrastructure-loans-loan-guarantees</a>
<b>Program Overview</b>	This program provides financing for the construction, maintenance, improvement and expansion of telephone service and broadband in rural areas.
<b>Program Purpose</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning (e.g., feasibility) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction) <input type="checkbox"/> Broadband Adoption <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Skills Training <input type="checkbox"/> Public Computer Access <input type="checkbox"/> Smart Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Research <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Broadband Financing <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<b>Eligible Recipients</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Libraries <input type="checkbox"/> K-12 Schools <input type="checkbox"/> Higher Education Institutions <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitals <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety Entities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State and Local Governments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tribal Entities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial/Internet Service Providers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Organizations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small Businesses <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Recipients <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electric Utilities/Co-ops <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Institutions <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
<b>Agency Contact</b>	Loan Origination and Approval Division at (202) 720-0800 General Field Representatives (GFR) <a href="https://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/telecom-gfr">https://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/telecom-gfr</a>

<b>Funding Type</b>	Loan
<b>FY2018 Funding Amount</b>	<b>\$690,000,000</b>
<b>FY2019 Funding Amount</b>	\$690,000,000
<b>Additional Information</b>	<a href="https://www.rd.usda.gov/files/fact-sheet/RD-FactSheet-RUSTelecommunicationsLoan.pdf">https://www.rd.usda.gov/files/fact-sheet/RD-FactSheet-RUSTelecommunicationsLoan.pdf</a>