



Broadband Funding Guide

Department of Agriculture

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	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.		
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Funding Type	Grant
FY2018 Funding Amount	\$49,000,000
FY2019 Funding Amount	\$47,000,000
Additional Information	https://www.rd.usda.gov/files/fact-sheet/RD-FactSheet-RUS-DLTGrant.pdf