

## Broadband Funding Guide

Department: Department of Labor

1	<b>Federal Agency/Bureau</b>	Employment and Training Administration
2	<b>Agency Overview</b>	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	<b>Program Name</b>	Workforce Development in Telecommunication Sector: Apprenticeship Investments in Support of Broadband and 5G
4	<b>Program Website</b>	<a href="https://www.tirap.org/">https://www.tirap.org/</a> <a href="https://www.dol.gov/newsroom/releases/eta/eta20200218">https://www.dol.gov/newsroom/releases/eta/eta20200218</a>
5	<b>Program Overview</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>In partnership with the Power &amp; 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.</p> <p>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.</p>

		<p>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.</p> <p>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.).</p>
6	<b>Program Purpose</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning (e.g., feasibility) <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Broadband Financing <input type="checkbox"/> Other Skills Development for 5G/Broadband Expansion
7	<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 type="checkbox"/> State and Local Governments <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Entities <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial/Internet Service Providers <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> Small Businesses <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Recipients <input type="checkbox"/> Electric Utilities/Co-ops <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Institutions <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
8	<b>Agency Contact</b>	Kevin Thompson <a href="mailto:Thompson.kevin@dol.gov">Thompson.kevin@dol.gov</a>
9	<b>FY2020 Funding Type and Amount</b>	\$5,997,096 awarded through a competitive process.

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10	<b>Additional Information</b>	
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