**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/](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)
  - 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**  
[https://www.usda.gov/reconnect/contact-us](https://www.usda.gov/reconnect/contact-us)
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