



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	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	<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 type="checkbox"/> Broadband Financing <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Eligible Recipients	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural Recipients <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electric Utilities/Co-ops <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Financial Institutions <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Agency Contact	https://www.usda.gov/reconnect/contact-us

Funding Type	Grant and Loan
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 https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/reconnect-program-fact-sheet-508c.pdf