



Broadband Funding Guide

Department of Agriculture

Federal Agency	Rural Utilities Service
Agency Overview	USDA Rural Development is committed to helping improve the economy and quality of life in rural America. The agency offers loans, grants and loan guarantees to help create jobs and support economic development and essential services such as housing, health care, first responder services and equipment, and water, electric and communications infrastructure.
Program Name	Community Connect Grant Program
Program Website	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-connect-grants
Program Overview	The Community Connect program helps fund broadband deployment in rural communities where it is not yet economically viable for private-sector providers to deliver service. The grants offer financial assistance to eligible service providers that will construct, improve, or expand broadband networks in rural areas.
Program Purpose	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning (e.g., feasibility) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction) <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Rural Recipients <input type="checkbox"/> Electric Utilities/Co-ops <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Institutions <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Agency Contact	For questions about the Community Connect Grant Program, please email <u>Community Connect</u> or call the Loan Origination and Approval Division at (202) 720-0800.

Funding Type	Grant
FY2018 Funding Amount	\$30,000,000
FY2019 Funding Amount	
FY2020 Funding Amount	\$35,000,000
Additional Information	https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/fact-sheet/508_RD_FS_RUS_CommunityConnect.pdf