## USDA 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 Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program (Broadband Program)

**Program Website**

**Program Overview**
The Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program (Broadband Program) furnishes loans and loan guarantees to provide funds for the costs of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment needed to provide service at the broadband lending speed in eligible rural areas.

**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**
Loan Origination and Approval Division (202) 720-0800
General Field Representatives (GFR)
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