



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	Telecom Infrastructure Loan Program
Program Website	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-infrastructure-loans-loan-guarantees
Program Overview	This program provides financing for the construction, maintenance, improvement and expansion of telephone service and broadband in rural areas.
Program Purpose	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning (e.g., feasibility) <input type="checkbox"/> Smart Cities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction) <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Broadband Adoption <input type="checkbox"/> Research <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Skills Training <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Broadband Financing <input type="checkbox"/> Public Computer Access <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Eligible Recipients	<input type="checkbox"/> Libraries <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial/Internet Service Providers <input type="checkbox"/> K-12 Schools <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> Higher Education Institutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small Businesses <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitals <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Recipients <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety Entities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electric Utilities/Co-ops <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State and Local Governments <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Institutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tribal Entities <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Agency Contact	Loan Origination and Approval Division at (202) 720-0800 General Field Representatives (GFR) https://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/telecom-qfr

Funding Type	Loan
FY2018 Funding Amount	\$690,000,000
FY2019 Funding Amount	\$690,000,000
FY2020 Funding Amount	\$690,000,000
Additional Information	https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/fact-sheet/508_RD_FS_RUS_TelecommunicationsLoan.pdf