



## Broadband Funding Guide

### Department of Agriculture

<b>Federal Agency</b>	Rural Utilities Service
<b>Agency Overview</b>	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.
<b>Program Name</b>	Distance Learning Telemedicine (DLT) Grant Program
<b>Program Website</b>	<a href="https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/distance-learning-telemedicine-grants">https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/distance-learning-telemedicine-grants</a>
<b>Program Overview</b>	The Distance Learning and Telemedicine program helps rural communities use the unique capabilities of telecommunications to connect to each other and to the world, overcoming the effects of remoteness and low population density.
<b>Program Purpose</b>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Planning (e.g., feasibility)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Broadband Adoption  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Digital Skills Training  <input type="checkbox"/> Public Computer Access         </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Smart Cities  <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluation  <input type="checkbox"/> Research  <input type="checkbox"/> Broadband Financing  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other:            Distance learning and telemedicine equipment         </div> </div>
<b>Eligible Recipients</b>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Libraries  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> K-12 Schools  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Higher Education Institutions  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hospitals  <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety Entities  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State and Local Governments  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tribal Entities         </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial/Internet Service Providers  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Organizations  <input 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:         </div> </div>

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<b>Funding Type</b>	Grant
<b>FY2018 Funding Amount</b>	\$49,000,000
<b>FY2019 Funding Amount</b>	\$47,000,000
<b>FY2020 Funding Amount</b>	\$47,000,000
<b>Additional Information</b>	<p>An additional \$25 million provided under the CARES Act  <a href="https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/fact-sheet/508_RD_FS_RUS_DLTGrant.pdf">https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/fact-sheet/508_RD_FS_RUS_DLTGrant.pdf</a></p>