**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**
Distance Learning Telemedicine (DLT) Grant Program

**Program Website**
https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/distance-learning-telemedicine-grants

**Program Overview**
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.

**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: Distance learning and telemedicine equipment

**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:
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Loan Origination and Approval Division (202) 720-0800  
General Field Representatives  
https://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/telecom-gfr |
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