

## Broadband Funding Guide

### Department: Department of Education

1	<b>Federal Agency/Bureau</b>	Department of Education
2	<b>Agency Overview</b>	The U.S. Department of Education's mission is to promote student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access.
3	<b>Program Name</b>	Title III, Part A: Strengthening Institutions
4	<b>Program Website</b>	<a href="https://www2.ed.gov/programs/iduestitle3a/index.html">https://www2.ed.gov/programs/iduestitle3a/index.html</a>
5	<b>Program Overview</b>	The program helps eligible IHEs to become self-sufficient and expand their capacity to serve low-income students by providing funds to improve and strengthen the academic quality, institutional management, and fiscal stability of eligible institutions.
6	<b>Program Purpose</b>	<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 <input type="checkbox"/> Smart Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Research <input type="checkbox"/> Broadband Financing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Mobile hotspots and mobile hotspot data plans.
7	<b>Eligible Recipients</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Libraries <input type="checkbox"/> K-12 Schools <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Higher Education Institutions <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitals <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety Entities <input type="checkbox"/> State and Local Governments <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Entities <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial/Internet Service Providers <input 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: _____
8	<b>Agency Contact</b>	Office of Postsecondary Education Lyndon Baines Johnson (LBJ) Building 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W. Washington, DC 20202 (202) 453-6914

9	<b>Funding Type</b>	Grant
10	<b>FY2018 Funding Amount</b>	\$98,886,000
11	<b>FY2019 Funding Amount</b>	\$99,875,000
12	<b>FY2020 Funding Amount</b>	\$107,854,000
13	<b>Additional Information</b>	<p>This is one of a number of Department programs that provides funds that could be used to support broadband access. The allowability of costs is always situation and program specific. For that reason, if you decide to use funds under one of these programs for costs related to broadband access, you must be sure that the use of the funds is, under the specific circumstances of the expenditure and the program authority selected, reasonable and necessary for the purposes of that program, and does not violate other program requirements, such as supplement not supplant, if it applies to program. We also note that, while funds under one of these programs can be used on broadband access, the programs' purpose is not primarily focused on that issue.</p>