

Broadband Funding Guide

Department: Federal Communications Commission

1	Today's Date	2/7/2020
2	Federal Agency/Bureau	Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
3	Agency Overview	The FCC regulates interstate and international communications by radio, television, wire, satellite, and cable in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories. An independent U.S. government agency overseen by Congress, the FCC is the United States' primary authority for communications law, regulation, and technological innovation.
4	Program Name	High Cost Program (including Connect America Fund, Rural Digital Opportunity Fund and 5G Fund)
5	Program Website	https://www.usac.org/high-cost/
6	Program Overview	The federal universal service high-cost program is designed to ensure that consumers in rural, insular, and high-cost areas have access to modern communications networks capable of providing voice and broadband service, both fixed and mobile, at rates that are reasonably comparable to those in urban areas. The program fulfills this universal service goal by allowing eligible carriers who serve these areas to recover some of their costs from the federal Universal Service Fund.
7	Link to Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) if applicable	
8	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 type="checkbox"/> Broadband Financing <input type="checkbox"/> Public Computer Access <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
9	Eligible Recipients	<input type="checkbox"/> Libraries <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial/Internet Service Providers <input type="checkbox"/> K-12 Schools <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> Higher Education Institutions <input type="checkbox"/> Small Businesses <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitals <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Recipients <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety Entities <input type="checkbox"/> Electric Utilities/Co-ops <input type="checkbox"/> State and Local Governments <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Institutions <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Entities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Facilities-based providers of voice and broadband service, either

		wireless or wireline designated as "eligible telecommunications carriers"
10	Agency Contact	
11	FY2020 Funding Type and Amount	Support; \$4,500,000,000
12	Additional Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.usac.org/high-cost/ • https://www.fcc.gov/general/connect-america-fund-caf