

## FY21 BroadbandUSA Federal Funding Site Update

Department: Department of Labor

1	<b>Federal Agency/Bureau</b>	Employment and Training Administration
2	<b>Program Name</b>	Workforce Development in Telecommunication Sector: Apprenticeship Investments in Support of Broadband and 5G
3	<b>Program Overview</b>	<p>The Telecommunications Industry Registered Apprenticeship Program (“TIRAP”) is a joint venture of telecommunications companies, industry associations and the U.S. Department of Labor that develops credentialed apprenticeship programs available to qualified employers for career development of the telecommunications workforce. The TIRAP’s mission is to partner with stakeholders to promote safety, enhance quality, and enable education and advancement opportunities in the telecommunications workforce that will meet network infrastructure build out needs.</p> <p>In February 2020, the Wireless Infrastructure Association (WIA), the National Sponsor of TIRAP, was awarded a \$5,997,096 grant under the Department of Labor’s “Apprenticeship: Closing the Skills Gap” program. In partnership with the Power &amp; Communication Contractors Association (PCCA), the grant will be used to train a 5G workforce. Five institutions of higher education have already committed as technical partner schools.</p> <p>The nearly \$6 million grant is supplemented by over \$9 million in matching support from industry, including cash and in-kind contributions from WIA, PCCA, Ditch Witch, FS3, and participating employers, for a total commitment to apprenticeship of \$15 million in a public-private partnership. The grant will provide the necessary funding to design curricula and deliver training to develop qualified applicants for placement in middle- to high-skilled jobs nationwide that will accelerate 5G deployment for America’s 5G Apprenticeship Initiative. America’s 5G Apprenticeship Initiative will engage a consortium of public and private partners with 33 small and mid-sized employers committing to create over 5,500 new apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeships in this rapidly evolving sector. These industry-driven, competency-based apprenticeships will target veterans; transitioning service members; military spouses; women; people of color; unemployed, underemployed, and incumbent workers; and other underrepresented populations.</p>
		In September 2020, ETA awarded a major contract to the Wireless Infrastructure Association (WIA) perform as the 5G Industry Intermediary to

		develop the wireless workforce. The objective of the funding is to expand the industry's multi-employer apprenticeship model to meet employers' occupational and skills development needs. The contract will enable WIA to assist employers in developing over 600 apprentices in the next year with multi-year options to renew thereafter. It also provides \$400,000 per year in incentive funds for employers that adopt registered apprenticeship and serve under-represented populations.
4	CFDA	
5	Program Website	<a href="https://www.tirap.org">https://www.tirap.org</a> <a href="https://wia.org">https://wia.org</a>
6	Type of funding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary <input type="checkbox"/> Subsidy <input type="checkbox"/> Formula <input type="checkbox"/> Loan or loan guarantee Other:
7	Link to application site, NOFO or Grants.gov (if different from program website above)	Not Applicable
8	NOFO Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Initial <input type="checkbox"/> Modification <input type="checkbox"/> Reissue/Renewal Other:
9	Important Dates (if applicable)	Not Applicable
10	FY2021 Appropriations Amount	Total Amount: Amount Available Towards Broadband (if specified):

11	<b>Broadband-related Program Purpose/Eligible Expenditures (check all that apply)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning (e.g., feasibility) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Broadband Infrastructure Deployment (e.g., construction) <input type="checkbox"/> Broadband Adoption/Digital Literacy/Tech Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Digital Skills Training (e.g., STEM/STEAM, Workforce Development) <input type="checkbox"/> Devices/equipment (e.g., laptops, hotspots)	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Connectivity/Computer Access <input type="checkbox"/> Research and/or Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Data and/or Mapping <input type="checkbox"/> Smart Communities/Cities/Regions <input type="checkbox"/> Telehealth Other:
12	<b>Eligible Recipients (check all that apply)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Libraries <input type="checkbox"/> K-12 Schools <input type="checkbox"/> Higher Education Institutions <input type="checkbox"/> State Government <input type="checkbox"/> Local Government <input type="checkbox"/> Territorial Governments	<input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> For-Profit Organizations (including Internet Service Providers) <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> Electric Utilities/Co-ops <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Institutions Other:
		<input type="checkbox"/> Tribal/Native American Government, Alaska Native Controlled Organizations, and Native Hawaiian Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety Entities	
13	<b>Publicly-available programmatic data</b>	Not Applicable	
14	<b>Contact information</b>	<a href="https://www.tirap.org/about-tirap/contact-us/">https://www.tirap.org/about-tirap/contact-us/</a>	
15	<b>Additional Information</b>	Continuing updates on workforce development in the telecommunicationscommunications sector can be found on <a href="http://www.apprenticeship.gov">www.apprenticeship.gov</a> , <a href="https://www.tirap.org">https://www.tirap.org</a> ; and <a href="https://wia.org">https://wia.org</a>	