

FY23 BroadbandUSA Federal Funding Site Update

Department: Federal Communications Commission

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| 1 | Federal Agency/Bureau | Federal Communications Commission/Wireline Competition Bureau |
| 2 | Program Name | High Cost Program (including Connect America Fund, Rural Digital Opportunity Fund and 5G Fund) |
| 3 | Authorizing Legislation | 47 U.S.C. Sec. 254 |
| 4 | 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. |
| 5 | CFDA | 32.002 |
| 6 | Program Website | https://www.usac.org/high-cost/ |
| 7 | Type of funding | <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Subsidy <input type="checkbox"/> Formula <input type="checkbox"/> Loan or loan guarantee <input type="checkbox"/> Other (i.e. loan-grant combo; if there is a set-aside amount for certain recipients please indicate the amount): |
| 8 | Link to application site, NOFO, FOA, or Grants.gov (if different from program website above) | Not Applicable |
| 9 | Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) or Federal Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Type | <input type="checkbox"/> Initial <input type="checkbox"/> Modification <input type="checkbox"/> Reissue/Renewal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (i.e. one-time funding): Varies by support mechanism or process |
| 10 | Important Dates (if applicable) | Not Applicable |
| 12 | FY2023 Appropriations Amount | Total Amount: ~\$4.17 billion disbursed in Funding Year 2022 (the FCC High Cost Program is not funded through appropriations; funding instead comes through |

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| | | contributions collected from providers of interstate and international telecommunications). Amount Available Towards Broadband (if specified): | | |
| 13 | Matching Requirement | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, what is the matching requirement: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other (i.e. if match is beneficial to an application but not required): | | |
| 14 | Complementary Federal Funding Option | Not Applicable | | |
| 15 | Broadband-related Program Purpose/Eligible Expenditures (check all that apply) | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning (e.g., feasibility, data collection, mapping) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Broadband Infrastructure Deployment (e.g., construction, equipment, materials) <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Inclusion (e.g. Broadband Adoption, Devices, Public Access, Digital Skills Training, Tech Support) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (e.g. Research and/or Evaluation, Telehealth, etc): | | |
| 16 | Speed/Technical Requirement for Broadband Infrastructure | Generally, the minimum speed requirements range from 25/3 Mbps to 1 Gbps/500 Mbps, though in certain instances, speed requirements are 10/1 Mbps, 4/1 Mbps or lower. The maximum latency is either 100ms or 750 ms with MOS of 4 or less; and the minimum usage requirement is either based on the U.S. Average or at least 2 TB. | | |
| 17 | Eligible Recipients (check all that apply) | <table border="0"> <tr> <td> <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"/> Tribal/Native American Government, Alaska Native Controlled Organizations, and Native Hawaiian Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety Entities </td> <td> <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare Facilities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For-Profit Organizations (including Internet Service Providers) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Organizations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electric Utilities/Co-ops <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Institutions <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals/Households <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Facilities-based providers of voice and broadband services, either fixed or mobile, that have been designated as "eligible telecommunications carriers." </td> </tr> </table> | <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"/> Tribal/Native American Government, Alaska Native Controlled Organizations, and Native Hawaiian Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety Entities | <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare Facilities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For-Profit Organizations (including Internet Service Providers) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Organizations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electric Utilities/Co-ops <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Institutions <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals/Households <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Facilities-based providers of voice and broadband services, either fixed or mobile, that have been designated as "eligible telecommunications carriers." |
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| 18 | Criteria for Eligible Recipients | Not Applicable | | |
| 19 | Grant Beneficiaries (if different from eligible recipients) | Eligible Telecommunications Carriers are eligible to receive High Cost support which is used to provide residences and small businesses in rural, insular, and high cost areas services that are reasonably comparable to those services provided in urban areas and that are available at rates that are reasonably comparable to rates charged for similar services in urban areas. | | |

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| 20 | Programmatic Resources | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.fcc.gov/general/universal-service-high-cost-areas-connect-america-fund • https://www.usac.org/high-cost/annual-requirements/submit-data-in-the-hubb/ • https://www.usac.org/high-cost/resources/fund-verification-reviews/ • https://www.usac.org/high-cost/annual-requirements/performance-measures-testing/ |
| 21 | Reporting Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.usac.org/high-cost/annual-requirements/submit-data-in-the-hubb/ • https://www.usac.org/high-cost/annual-requirements/performance-measures-testing/ • https://www.usac.org/high-cost/resources/fcc-rural-broadband-accountability-plan/ |
| 22 | Publicly-available programmatic data | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.fcc.gov/general/universal-service-high-cost-areas-connect-america-fund • https://www.fcc.gov/auction/903 • https://www.fcc.gov/auction/904 • https://www.usac.org/high-cost/resources/fcc-rural-broadband-accountability-plan/ • https://data.usac.org/publicreports/caf-map/ • https://opendata.usac.org/High-Cost/High-Cost-Funding-Disbursement-Search/cegz-dzzi |
| 23 | Contact information | <p>FCC, Wireline Competition Bureau, Telecommunications Access Policy Division: (202) 418-7400</p> <p>https://www.usac.org/high-cost/contact-us/</p> <p>Ruralbroadbandauctions@fcc.gov</p> |
| 24 | Additional Information | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.usac.org/high-cost/ • https://www.fcc.gov/general/federal-state-joint-board-monitoring-reports |
| 25 | Updated | March 2023 |