

FY23 BroadbandUSA Federal Funding Site Update

Department: Department of Agriculture

1	Federal Agency/Bureau	Rural Utilities Service
2	Program Name	Community Connect Grant Program
3	Authorizing Legislation	Title III, Pub. L. 108-109, 118 Stat. 3.
4	Program Overview	The Community Connect program helps fund broadband deployment in rural communities where it is not yet economically viable for private-sector providers to deliver service. The grants offer financial assistance to eligible service providers that will construct, improve, or expand broadband networks in rural areas.
5	CFDA	10.863
6	Program Website	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-programs/community-connect-grants
7	Type of funding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reissue/Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> Other (i.e. one-time funding):
10	Important Dates (if applicable)	Not Applicable
12	FY2023 Appropriations Amount	Total Amount:\$82,000,000 Amount Available Towards Broadband (if specified):
13	Matching Requirement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes

		<p>If yes, what is the matching requirement: 15 percent</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (i.e. if match is beneficial to an application but not required):</p>																
14	Complementary Federal Funding Option	This program cannot be used as a match to other federal programs.																
15	Broadband-related Program Purpose/Eligible Expenditures (check all that apply)	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Planning (e.g., feasibility, data collection, mapping)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Broadband Infrastructure Deployment (e.g., construction, equipment, materials)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Digital Inclusion (e.g. Broadband Adoption, Devices, Public Access, Digital Skills Training, Tech Support)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: (e.g. Research and/or Evaluation, Telehealth, etc): Distance Learning and Telehealth</p>																
16	Speed/Technical Requirement for Broadband Infrastructure	The minimum Broadband Grant Speed is set in the Funding Opportunity Announcement.																
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18	Criteria for Eligible Recipients	The applicant must define a contiguous geographic area, located entirely within a rural area, in which broadband service does not exist. Rural Area refers to any area, as confirmed by the most recent decennial Census of the United States, which is not located within a city, town, or incorporated area that has a population of greater than 20,000 inhabitants; or an urbanized area contiguous and adjacent to a city or town that has a population of greater than 50,000 inhabitants																
19	Grant Beneficiaries (if different from eligible recipients)	The residents and businesses within the proposed funded service area receive broadband at the Funding Opportunity Announcement's Broadband Grant Speed. The proposed funded service area must include a community center with free broadband and provide free broadband to Essential Community Facilities for two years.																
20	Programmatic Resources	<p>Telecommunications Program Funded Service Map:</p> <p>https://ruraldevelopment.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=93ba783e-df5b407c9641b2f8653e8c1d</p>																

21	Reporting Requirements	Additional requirements, including required reporting by grant awardees, can found in the program's regulation, 7 CFR 1739, and on the program's website, https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-programs/community-connect-grants .
22	Publicly-available programmatic data	Telecommunications Program Funded Service Map: https://ruraldevelopment.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=93ba783edf5b407c9641b2f8653e8c1d
23	Contact information	For questions about the Community Connect Grant Program, please email Community.Connect@usda.gov or call the Loan Origination and Approval Division at (202) 720-0800.
24	Additional Information	https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/fact-sheet/508_RD_FS_RUS_CommunityConnect.pdf
25	Updated	March 2023