

FY23 BroadbandUSA Federal Funding Site Update

Department: Department of Agriculture

1	Federal Agency/Bureau	Rural Business-Cooperative Service
2	Program Name	Rural Business Development Grant Program
3	Authorizing Legislation	Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act
4	Program Overview	The Rural Business Development Grant program provides funding designed to support targeted technical assistance, training, and other activities leading to the development or expansion of small and emerging private businesses in rural areas that have fewer than 50 new employees and less than \$1 million in gross revenues. Programmatic activities are separated into enterprise or opportunity type grant activities.
5	CFDA	10.351
6	Program Website	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-business-development-grants-program
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)	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-business-development-grants-program
9	Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) or Federal Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial <input type="checkbox"/> Modification <input type="checkbox"/> Reissue/Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> Other (i.e. one-time funding):
10	Important Dates (if applicable)	The application deadline is posted on the program's website.
12	FY2023 Appropriations Amount	Total Amount:\$37,000,000

		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	A RBDG grant can be used with other funding opportunities, but it can be difficult to match up the timing of the loan and a grant. However, one factor considered when evaluating applications is the percent of non-federal funding committed to the project.
15	Broadband-related Program Purpose/Eligible Expenditures (check all that apply)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning (e.g., feasibility, data collection, mapping) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Broadband Infrastructure Deployment (e.g., construction, equipment, materials) <input checked="" 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	Not Applicable
17	Eligible Recipients (check all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Libraries <input type="checkbox"/> K-12 Schools <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Higher Education Institutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government <input type="checkbox"/> Territorial Governments <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> For-Profit Organizations (including Internet Service Providers) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> Electric Utilities/Co-ops <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Institutions <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals/Households <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
18	Criteria for Eligible Recipients	RBDG funds must be used for projects that benefit rural towns or areas outside the urbanized periphery of any city with a population of 50,000 or more. Small businesses, to be eligible for the program, must have fewer than 50 workers and less than \$1 million in gross revenue.
19	Grant Beneficiaries (if different from eligible recipients)	Not Applicable
20	Programmatic Resources	Not Applicable

21	Reporting Requirements	Information on monitoring and servicing can be found at 2 CFR chapter IV.
22	Publicly-available programmatic data	Not Applicable
23	Contact information	Varies by state. See agency website
24	Additional Information	https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/fact-sheet/508_RD_FS_RBS_RBDG.pdf
25	Updated	March 2023