



## Broadband Funding Guide

### Federal Communications Commission

<b>Federal Agency</b>	Federal Communications Commission
<b>Agency Overview</b>	<b>The Federal Communications Commission</b> 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 commission is the United States' primary authority for communications law, regulation, and technological innovation.
<b>Program Name</b>	High Cost Program (including Connect America Fund and Mobility Fund)
<b>Program Website</b>	<a href="https://www.usac.org/hc/">https://www.usac.org/hc/</a>
<b>Program Overview</b>	The federal universal service high-cost program (also known as the Connect America Fund) 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.
<b>Program Purpose</b>	<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:
<b>Eligible Recipients</b>	<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: Eligible Telecommunications Carriers

<b>Agency Contact</b>	Telecommunications Access Policy Division FCC Wireline Competition Bureau (202) 418-7400
<b>Funding Type</b>	Support
<b>FY2018 Funding Amount</b>	<b>\$4,500,000,000</b>
<b>FY2019 Funding Amount</b>	
<b>Additional Information</b>	