



Broadband Funding Guide

Department of Agriculture

Federal Agency	Rural Utilities Service		
Agency Overview	USDA Rural Development's Rural Utilities Programs provide a variety of loans and grants to build and expand broadband networks. Loans to build broadband networks and deliver service to rural households and businesses, provide capital for rural telecommunications companies and broadband providers.		
Program Name	Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program (Broadband Program)		
Program Website	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-broadband-access-loan-and-loan-guarantee		
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Agency Contact	Loan Origination and Approval Division (202) 720-0800 General Field Representatives (GFR) https://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/telecom-qfr		

Funding Type	Loan
FY2018 Funding Amount	\$29,851,000
FY2019 Funding Amount	\$29,851,000
Additional Information	https://www.rd.usda.gov/files/fact-sheet/RD-FactSheet-RUS-FarmBillBroadbandLoans.pdf