Subject Specific Grant Guide

Grants to Support Broadband Projects

This guide identifies funding opportunities released in the previous year. Please note that this guide may not capture all available funding opportunities. Additionally, some programs may have changed or may not be released due to shifting administrative priorities among funding agencies. The grants included here represent traditionally offered opportunities intended to serve as a reliable foundation for your funding research.

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Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
Agency: Rural Development - Rural Utilities Service

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Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to encourage the expansion of broadband services in rural areas by awarding cooperative agreement funding to eligible entities. This funding supports the delivery of technical assistance and training to rural communities in need of broadband and rural broadband providers. Eligible applicants are federally recognized tribes and tribal entities, state or local governments, institutions of higher education (including 1862 Land-Grant Institutions, 1890 Land-Grant Institutions, 1994 Land-Grant Institutions, Hispanic-Serving Institutions, and Historically Black Colleges and Universities), nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) IRS status, cooperatives or mutual organizations, corporations, and limited liability companies or limited liability partnerships.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2023	$5,248,591	14

Key Information

Total Funding: $25 million
Award Range: Varies
Match: Not Required
Solicitation date: June 21, 2024
Application due: August 20, 2024

https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-programs/broadband-technical-assistance-program

Awardee Profile

City of Chevak, AK

AMOUNT: $185,933
YEAR: 2023

City of Chevak received funding to promote the expansion of high-speed internet in the Alaska Tribal communities of Chevak, Scammon Bay, Hooper Bay and Paimiut in Alaska.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
Agency: Rural Development - Rural Utilities Service

FY 2024 Broadband Technical Assistance

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to encourage the expansion of broadband services in rural areas by awarding cooperative agreement funding to eligible entities. This funding supports the delivery of technical assistance and training to eligible rural communities in need of broadband and rural broadband providers. For the purposes of this program an eligible rural area is defined as follows:

- Any area not located within a city, town, or incorporated area that has a population greater than 20,000 inhabitants
- An urbanized area adjacent to a city or town with a population greater than 50,000, as confirmed by the most recent decennial U.S. Census.

The types of activities Broadband Technical Assistance (BTA) funding supports include project planning and community engagement, financial sustainability, environmental compliance, construction planning and engineering, accessing federal resources, and data collection and reporting. Eligible activities include:

- Identifying public and private resources to finance broadband facilities
- Preparing feasibility studies, financial forecasts, market surveys, environmental studies, and technical design information to support broadband services
- Preparing reports and surveys necessary to document the need for broadband services, determine price ranges, and request financial assistance
- Analyzing and improving broadband facilities management and operations, including implementing automation, adopting new software, conducting training, and determining efficiency

Proposed projects must also include a component that allows for active participation and substantial involvement by the funding agency. Projects must contain examples of measurable, substantial involvement including:

- Developing training sessions and outreach materials
- Hosting joint gatherings of community members, partners, and stakeholders
- Providing joint delivery of training for USDA RD programs

Funding will be available through two funding categories:

Technical Assistance Recipients: Projects will assist applicants that seek expertise and assistance to further their broadband effort.

Technical Assistance Providers: Projects will support broadband efforts by delivering expertise and assistance.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are federally recognized tribes and tribal entities; states or local governments; a territory or possession of the United States; an institution of higher education; non-profit organizations with 501(c)(3) IRS status; cooperatives or mutual organizations; corporations; and limited liability companies or limited liability partnerships.

Funding

In FY 2024, approximately $25 million is available to support awards through this program. The maximum and minimum award amounts vary by funding category. Minimum and maximum award amounts vary depending upon the funding category the applicant selects.

- Technical Assistance Providers: up to $15 million is available to support awards between $100,000 and $1 million. Those applying under this funding category must propose to deliver broadband technical assistance that will benefit rural communities.
- Technical Assistance Recipients: up to $10 million is available to support awards between $50,000 and $250,000. Those applying under this funding category must be beneficiaries of broadband technical assistance.

Cost-Share and Matching

A match is not required.

Contact Information

To submit questions to program staff regarding the program, please complete the form available at www.usda.gov/reconnect/contact-us and select "Broadband Technical Assistance" from the subject dropdown menu.

https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-programs/broadband-technical-assistance-program

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Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Utilities Service

FY 2025 Community Connect Grant Program

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to provide service at or above broadband speed to all premises in rural, economically challenged communities where broadband services do not exist. Eligible applicants are state and local governments, Federally recognized tribes, incorporated organizations, nonprofits, and the private sector.

Program History

Year	Total Awarded	# of Awards
2024	$66,678,118	19
2021	$58,980,672	28

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Up to $26 million
Award Range: $100,000 - $5 million
Match: 15 percent
Solicitation date: January 10, 2025
Proposal due: April 21, 2025

- Grant application period opens February 20, 2025. The notice is being released prior to the passage of an FY 2025 appropriations act to allow applicants sufficient time to prepare applications and the agency to process applications.

https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-programs/community-connect-grants

Awardee Profile

Star Telephone Company
Evangeline Parish, LA

AMOUNT: $4,005,012
YEAR: 2024

Funding will be used to construct a fiber-to-the-premises system to benefit 1,720 residents and two businesses.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Utilities Service

FY 2025 Community Connect Grant Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide service at or above broadband speed to all premises in rural, economically challenged communities where broadband services do not exist. Projects are intended to provide community-oriented connectivity to stimulate economic development and provide enhanced educational and health care opportunities in rural areas.

Proposed projects must:

- Serve a contiguous geographic area within a rural area where broadband transmission service does not currently exist
- Offer service at the broadband grant speed to all residential and business customers
- Offer free broadband service for at least two years to each essential community facility
- Provide a community center with at least two, and up to ten, computer access points and wireless access at the applicable broadband speed free of charges to all users for at least two years

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are state and local governments, Federally recognized tribes, incorporated organizations, nonprofits, and the private sector. A tribal resolution of consent from the appropriate tribal body with jurisdiction over the tribal lands at issue is required if service is proposed over, or on, tribal lands. Resolutions are not required when the federally recognized tribe is the applicant proposing service on its own tribal lands.

State governments or state agencies include American Samoa, Guam, the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Palau, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

To be eligible, applicants must propose to provide services in areas where broadband service does not exist or is less than 10 Megabits per second (Mbps) downstream plus 1 Mbps upstream. Only one application per applicant is eligible for approval under this program. Existing award recipients through this program may apply for new projects.

Funding

In FY 2025, approximately $26 million is expected to be available to support awards ranging from $100,000 to $5 million through this program. Award announcements are anticipated to be made in September 2025.

The project period will span three years. Funds for the improvement, expansion, construction, or acquisition of a community center may not exceed the lesser of 10 percent of the amount requested or $150,000.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants must provide a match of at least 15 percent of the award amount via cash contributions that are available at closing. Matching contributions must be used solely for project purposes.

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https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-programs/community-connect-grants

FEDERAL
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Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Utilities Service

FY 2025 Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Grants

Grant Overview

This program enables and improves distance learning and telemedicine services in rural areas. This program is intended to help rural communities use advanced telecommunications technology to connect to each other and the world, overcoming the effects of remoteness and low population density. Eligible applicants are entities that provide education or health care through telecommunications, including state or local governmental organizations, federally recognized tribes, nonprofit organizations, incorporated for-profit businesses, groups of eligible entities working together, and tribal organizations.

Program History

An award history is unavailable.

Key Information

Total Funding: $40 million
Award Range: $50,000 - $1 million
Match: 15 percent
Solicitation date: January 6, 2025
Proposal due: March 6, 2025

https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-programs/distance-learning-telemedicine-grants

Tips

- Projects must benefit rural areas that have a population of 20,000 or fewer and are not contiguous or adjacent to urban areas that have a population of more than 50,000 people.
- Additional consideration will be given to communities with smaller populations.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Utilities Service

FY 2025 Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Grants

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to enable and improve distance learning and telemedicine services in rural areas. This program is intended to help rural communities use advanced telecommunications technology to connect to each other and the world, overcoming the effects of remoteness and low population density. Funding will support the use of telecommunications-enabled information, audio and video equipment, and related advanced technologies by students, teachers, medical professionals, and rural residents. Ultimately, funding is intended to increase rural access to education, training, and health care resources that are otherwise unavailable or limited in scope.

Funds may be used to purchase or support the following:

- Acquiring or installing, by lease or purchase, the eligible equipment listed on page 10 of the Guide file
- Purchases of extended warranties, site licenses, and maintenance contracts, for a period not to exceed three years from the installation date, provided that such purchases are in support of eligible equipment included in the project and made concurrently
- Acquiring or developing instructional programming that is a capital asset, including the purchase or lease of instructional programming already on the market
- Limited costs of providing technical assistance and instruction for using eligible equipment
- Limited cost of purchasing and installing broadband facilities for providing distance learning or telemedicine services

Projects must benefit rural areas that have a population of 20,000 or fewer and are not contiguous or adjacent to urban areas that have a population of more than 50,000 people. Additional consideration will be given to communities with smaller populations.

Projects serving rural communities with high social vulnerability index scores; projects that enable and improving distance learning and telemedicine on tribal lands; and projects proposed by federally recognized tribes, including tribal instrumentalities, will receive additional consideration.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are entities that provide education or health care through telecommunications, including: state or local governmental organizations, federally recognized tribes, nonprofit organizations, incorporated for-profit businesses, groups of eligible entities working together, and tribal organizations.

Funding

In FY 2025, approximately $40 million in funding is available to support awards ranging from $50,000 to $1 million through this program. The funding agency will set aside 20 percent of the total available funds to support projects that seek to reduce the morbidity and mortality associated with substance use disorder, including opioid misuse, in rural communities. Awards are expected to be issued on September 30, 2025. The project period will be three years, beginning on the date funds are released.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants must provide at least 15 percent of the total funding amount requested via nonfederal cash and/or in-kind contributions. Matching contributions must consist of new or non-depreciated items. All matching contributions must be used for approved project purposes.

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https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-programs/distance-learning-telemedicine-grants

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Business-Cooperative Service

FY 2025 Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program

Grant Overview

This program supports projects that promote rural economic development and job creation. Eligible applicants are corporations; states and territories; subdivisions and agencies of states and territories; municipalities; people's utility districts and cooperative, nonprofit, or limited-dividend associations.

Program History

	Awards	Funding Range
2023	32	$300,000 to $35 million
2022	34	$36,986 to $1.5 million

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: $50,000,000
Award Range: Up to $2 million (loans); Up to $300,000 (grants)
Match: 20 percent
Solicitation date: August 23, 2024
Proposal due: September 30, 2024* Multiple deadlines

- Prior to applying, applicants may request technical assistance or other application guidance from the funding agency using the information provided in the Contact section, as long as such requests are made at least 15 days prior to each submission date.

https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-programs/rural-economic-development-loan-grant-programs

Awardee Profile

Hollis Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department
Heflin, Alabama

AMOUNT: $2,000,000
YEAR: 2023

This Rural Development investment was used to provide a loan to assist Mississippi Export Railroad in building a 76,750 square foot shop along with 9,400 feet of track in Helena Industrial Park located in Moss Point, Mississippi. Mississippi Export will hire 24 new employees once the facility is operational, which is expected to happen within one year after construction.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Business-Cooperative Service

FY 2025 Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant (REDLG) Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support projects that promote rural economic development and job creation. Awards will be provided in the form of grants or loans to successful applicants, that will pass the funding through to business and community borrowers, or ultimate recipients, in the form of loans. Grant awards must be used to create revolving loan funds (RLFs) for this purpose. Both grant and loan awards will be used by the ultimate recipients for costs such as:

- Business incubators
- Community development assistance to nonprofit organizations and public bodies, particularly for job creation or enhancement
- Facilities and equipment to educate and train rural residents to facilitate economic development
- Facilities and equipment for medical care for rural residents
- Startup venture costs, including financing fixed assets such as real estate, buildings, equipment, or working capital
- Business expansion
- Technical assistance

Applicants are encouraged to consider projects that will advance the following key priorities:

- Assisting rural communities to recover economically through more and better market opportunities and through improved infrastructure
- Ensuring all rural residents have equitable access to Rural Development (RD) programs and benefits from RD-funded projects
- Reducing climate pollution and increasing resilience to the impacts of climate change through economic support to rural communities

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are the following borrowers described in the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, including corporations, states and territories, subdivisions and agencies of states and territories, municipalities, people's utility district, and cooperative, nonprofit, or limited-dividend associations. Applicants must meet one of the following criteria:

- Are current Rural Utilities Service (RUS), electric, or telecommunications borrowers
- Are a former RUS borrower that has repaid or pre-paid an insured, direct, or guaranteed loan under the Rural Electrification Act
- Are nonprofit utilities that are eligible to receive an insured or direct loan under the Rural Electrification Act

Projects must serve rural areas or towns with a population of fewer than 50,000 residents. For persistent-poverty counties, projects may serve county seats with populations of up to 55,000.

There is no limit on the number of applications an applicant may submit.

Funding

In FY 2025, approximately $50 million is anticipated to be available to support grants of up to an anticipated $300,000 and loans of up to an anticipated $2 million through this program.

Loans will be made at zero percent interest rate for ten years. Loan award recipients must pass on loan funding to local businesses or ultimate recipients for projects that will create and keep employment in rural areas. First-time loans are at zero percent interest. Repayment for loans for ultimate recipients may be deferred for up to two years for projects that include a startup venture or community facilities projects.

Grant award recipients may use funding to establish RLFs. Grant funds must be repaid to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) upon termination of RLFs.

For grant awards, operating expenses of the RLF are limited to 10 percent of the total award amount over the life of the RLF.

Pre-award costs will only be permitted with the prior written approval of the funding agency.

Project periods will begin on December 1, 2024, and end on September 30, 2026.

Awards are anticipated to be made on the following dates:

- November 30, 2024, for applications submitted by September 30, 2024
- February 28, 2025, for applications submitted by December 31, 2024
- May 31, 2025, for applications submitted by March 31, 2025
- August 31, 2025, for applications submitted by June 30, 2025

Matching and Cost-Sharing

Applicants seeking loans, or the ultimate recipients of loans, must provide a match of at least 20 percent of the loan amount.

Applicants seeking grants must establish a revolving loan fund (RLF) and provide an amount equal to at least 20 percent of the grant amount. This contribution may not be provided using other federal grants, unless permitted by law.

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https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-programs/rural-economic-development-loan-grant-programs

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2025 Telecommunications Infrastructure Loans and Loan Guarantees Program

Grant Overview

This program supports the construction, maintenance, improvement, and expansion of telephone service and broadband in rural areas. Eligible applicants are state and local governments; federally recognized tribes; nonprofit organizations, including cooperatives and limited dividend or mutual associations; and for-profit businesses that function as a corporation or limited liability company.

Program History

Year	Funding	# of Awards
2022	$45 million	1

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Unspecified
Award Range: At least $50,000
Match: Not Required
Solicitation date: October 1, 2024
Proposal due: Rolling

- Prior to submitting an application, applicants should work with their general field representative (GFR)

https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-programs/telecommunications-infrastructure-loans-loan-guarantees

Awardee Profile

Uprise, LLC (Pershing County, Nevada)

AMOUNT: $27.1 million
YEAR: 2022

Funding was awarded to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network in Pershing County, Nevada. It will connect 4,884 people, 130 businesses, 22 farms, and seven public schools to high-speed internet. Uprise LLC will offer subscribers symmetrical service tiers of 200 megabits per second (Mbps) or one gigabit per second.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2025 Telecommunications Infrastructure Loans and Loan Guarantees Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support the construction, maintenance, improvement, and expansion of telephone service and broadband in rural areas. Projects are intended to help maintain a seamless nationwide telecommunications network that also provides access to broadband for education, health care, public safety, and jobs for all Americans regardless of where they live. Partnerships with other federal, state, local, private, or nonprofit entities are encouraged.

Funding is available in the form of cost-of-money loans, guaranteed loans, and hardship loans. Funds may be used for financing the improvement, expansion, construction, acquisition, and operation of systems or facilities to furnish and improve telephone service in rural areas. Guaranteed and hardship loan funds may additionally be used for station apparatus owned by the applicant, headquarters facilities, and vehicles not used primarily in construction.

Loan funds may be approved for facilities to serve non-rural subscribers only if the principal use of the loan is to furnish and improve rural service, and the use of loan funds to serve non-rural subscribers is necessary and incidental to the principal purpose of the loan.

Applicants must have the legal authority to provide, construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities or services. All supported facilities must be used for a public purpose.

Eligible project costs include:

- Improvements
- Expansions
- Construction
- Acquisitions, in certain cases
- Refinancing, in certain cases

Funds may be used for acquisitions only when the acquisition cost is necessary and incidental to furnishing or improving rural telephone service, and the service area to be acquired is eligible for financing.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are state and local governments; federally recognized tribes; nonprofit organizations, including cooperatives and limited dividend or mutual associations; and for-profit businesses that function as a corporation or limited liability company.

Projects must serve rural areas or towns with a population of 5,000 or fewer. Additionally, the project area must be without telecommunications facilities, or the applicant must be recognized as the telecommunications provider for the area. To confirm whether the project area is eligible, applicants may contact the appropriate general field representative (GFR).

Applicants must have the legal authority to provide, construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities or services. Projects may serve non-rural subscribers only if the principal use of the loan is to furnish and improve rural service, and the use of loan funds to serve non-rural subscribers is necessary and incidental to the principal purpose of the loan.

Preference is given to applicants already providing telephone service in rural areas, and to cooperative, nonprofit, limited dividend, or mutual associations. Partnerships with other federal, state, local, private, and nonprofit entities are encouraged.

Funding

In FY 2025, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support loans of at least $50,000 through this program. Generally, no more than 10 percent of the funding agency's appropriations in any fiscal year may be loaned to a single borrower. The following types of loans are available through this program:

- Cost-of-money loans: Direct loans will be issued at current U.S. Treasury rates depending on loan maturity at the time of each advance
- Guaranteed loans: Loans are primarily issued by the Federal Financing Bank (FFB) at varying interest rates depending on call options and the interim maturity rate. Current interest rates are available online at *www.rd.usda.gov*.
- Hardship loans: Loans have a fixed rate of 5 percent for up to 20 years.

Refinancing costs are limited to 40 percent of the entire loan.

Matching and Cost Share

There are no stated matching requirements for this program. No fees or charges are assessed for any type of loan or guarantee under this program.

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https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-programs/telecommunications-infrastructure-loans-loan-guarantees

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of Commerce
Agency: National Telecommunications and Information Admin.

FY 2025 Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to support efforts to achieve digital equity, promote digital inclusion activities, and spur greater adoption and meaningful use of broadband among covered populations. Eligible applicants are political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities of a state, including agencies of a state that are responsible for administering or supervising adult educperiation and literacy activities, or for providing public housing, in the state; Indian tribes, Alaska Native entities, or Native Hawaiian organizations; foundations, corporations, institutions, or associations that are nonprofit entities and not schools; community anchor institutions; local educational agencies; entities that carry out workforce development programs, and partnerships between the above entities.

Program History

This is a new program funded through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

Key Information

Total Funding: Unspecified
Award Range: $5 million - $12 million
Match: 10 percent
Solicitation date: July 24, 2024
Proposal due: September 23, 2024

https://www.ntia.gov/program/digital-equity-act-programs/digital-equity-competitive-grant-program

Tips

- Award range is not a required minimum or maximum, however eligible entities requesting award amounts outside the range must explain the variance including a compelling justification
- Recipients must expend funds within the four-year period of performance
- Each applicant may only submit one application; however applicants may participate in more than one partnership

Department: U.S. Department of Commerce
Agency: National Telecommunications and Information Admin.

FY 2025 Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support efforts to achieve digital equity, promote digital inclusion activities, and spur greater adoption and meaningful use of broadband among covered populations. Covered populations are those that live in covered households, defined as households with an income for the most recent completed year that is not more than 150 percent of the poverty level. Covered populations also include aging individuals, incarcerated individuals, veterans, individuals with disabilities, individuals with a language barrier, individuals who are members of racial or ethnic minority groups, and individuals who primarily reside in rural areas.

Funding must be used for at least one of the following activities:

- Develop and implement digital inclusion activities that benefit one or more of the covered populations
- Facilitate the adoption of broadband by the covered populations in order to provide educational and employment opportunities
- Implement training programs for the covered populations that cover basic, advanced, and applied skills or other workforce development programs, including digital inclusion projects that address online safety, and work to prevent online harassment and abuse
- Make available equipment, instrumentation, networking capability hardware and software, or digital network technology for broadband services to Covered Populations at low or no cost
- Construct, upgrade, expand, or operate new or existing public access computing centers for the covered populations through community anchor institutions

Proposed projects are expected to address the following criteria:

- Focus on covered populations
- Long-lasting and meaningful change
- Measurable implementation strategies
- Stakeholder engagement

Applications will be assessed based on their ability to increase internet access and the adoption of broadband among the covered populations. The funding agency will also assess the extent to which projects advance the following goals:

- Economic stability, including workforce development and employment opportunities
- Access to quality education
- Access to health care
- Social and civic engagement;
- Community access to the benefits of internet technology

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities of a state, including agencies of a state that are responsible for administering or supervising adult education and literacy activities, or for providing public housing, in the state; Indian tribes, Alaska Native entities, or Native Hawaiian organizations; foundations, corporations, institutions, or associations that are nonprofit entities; community anchor institutions, defined as public school, public or multifamily housing authorities, libraries, medical or health care providers, community colleges or other institution of higher education, state or territorial library agencies, and other nonprofit or governmental community support organizations; local educational agencies; entities that carries out workforce development programs; partnerships between entities listed above; and U.S. territories.

The funding agency encourages broad partnerships of entities with the ability to administer significant resources and address the varied concerns of the populations covered under this program. The funding agency will strive for a diverse pool of award recipients.

Funding

A total of $750 million, minus the funding agency's administrative costs for program administration, is available to support an anticipated 150 to 200 awards that are expected to range from $5 million to $12 million through this program. The funding agency encourages partnerships of multiple entities to apply for larger awards. Awards to U.S. territories may not exceed $2.5 million. The funding agency expects awards to U.S. territories to be at least $1 million. Awards will be made in the form of cooperative agreements.

Of the total funding available for this program, 5 percent, or $37.5 million, is reserved for Native entities; and 1 percent, or $7.5 million, is reserved for U.S. territories. If additional funds are made available for this program, the Native entity set-aside will increase to $50 million, and the U.S territory set-aside will increase to $10 million.

Recipients will have four years from the date of the award to expend the grant. One additional year will be given to Grant recipients to continue measuring and evaluating the activities supported.

Matching and Cost-Sharing

Applicants must provide at least 10 percent of project costs via nonfederal cash and/or in-kind contributions. Applicants that provide matching contributions more than the required minimum will be given additional consideration. U.S. territories are exempt from the program's matching requirements. Applicants may request a waiver of the program's match requirements and include this waiver in their applications.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of Commerce
Agency: Economic Development Administration

FY 2025 Disaster Supplemental Program

Grant Overview

This program will help communities and regions devise and implement long-term economic recovery strategies through a variety of non-construction and construction projects to address economic challenges in areas where a Presidential declaration of a major disaster occurring in calendar years 2023 and 2024 was issued. Eligible applicants are district organizations of EDA-designated economic development districts (EDDs); Indian tribes or consortia of tribes; states, counties, cities, or other political subdivisions of a state; institutions of higher education or consortia of institutions of higher education; and public or private nonprofit organizations or associations.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2018	$1,94,050,554	90

Key Information

Total Funding: $1,447,000
Award Range: Up to $50,000,000
Match: 20 percent
Solicitation date: June 4, 2025
Proposal due: Depends on project type:

- Readiness and Implementation – Rolling
- Industry Transformation – March 3, 2026

https://www.eda.gov/strategic-initiatives/disaster-recovery/supplemental

Awardee Profile

Baton Rouge Health District,
Baton Rouge, LA

AMOUNT: $2,720,000
YEAR: 2023

Funding supports the establishment of the R.E.A.C.H Gateway Infrastructure and Resiliency Project which enhances the current healthcare district into a cohesive destination for quality healthcare that is resilient to future disasters, inclusive of all communities, and a district that remains an economic catalyst even during times of disaster.

Department: U.S. Department of Commerce
Agency: Economic Development Administration

FY 2025 Disaster Supplemental Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to award investments in regions experiencing severe economic distress or other economic harm resulting from hurricanes, wildfires, tornadoes, floods, and other natural disasters occurring in calendar years 2023 and 2024. Funding under this program assists communities recovering from a disaster by realizing opportunities to recover and change the economic trajectory of the community for the better. Through this program, the funding agency seeks to help communities recover and set them on a path to exceed their previous pre-disaster baseline. The funding agency seeks projects that are responsive to community needs post-disaster by engaging all aspects of the community, with special focus on private industry partners. promote innovation and competitiveness and prepare U.S. regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. Funding will support variety of non-construction and construction projects in areas where a Presidential declaration of a major disaster was issued under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. § 5121 et seq.) (Stafford Act).

This program offers funding through three pathways:

- Readiness Path – Standalone non-construction projects designed to increase a community's readiness to apply for or implement disaster recovery funding from private and public sources including, but not limited to, future EDA NOFOs and the Implementation or Industry Transformation Paths under this NOFO. Projects will fund strategy development, capacity building, and/or predevelopment costs necessary for future recovery projects.
- Implementation Path – Standalone construction or non-construction projects designed to address the economic challenges faced by a community recovering from a natural disaster and improve economic trajectories beyond pre-disaster economic conditions.
- Industry Transformation Path – Led by a coalition of regional stakeholders, a portfolio of large-scale, multicomponent construction and non-construction projects designed to fundamentally transform the economic trajectory of a region through the development or acceleration of an industry.

Applicants are encouraged to contact their local funding agency representative to explore their projects further.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are district organizations of economic development districts (EDDs) designated by the funding agency; Indian tribes or consortia of tribes; states, counties, cities, or other political subdivisions of a state, including a special purpose unit of a state or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; institutions of higher education or consortia of institutions of higher education; public or private nonprofit organizations or associations acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a state; an economic development organization, or a public-private partnership for public infrastructure.

Funding

In FY 2025, approximately $1,447,000,000 is available to support grants or cooperative agreements through this program.

Funding will be allocated as follows:

- Readiness Path: Non-construction awards that range between $250,000 to $500,000
- Implementation Path:
    - Nonconstruction awards that range between $100,000 and $5 million
    - Construction awards that range between $2 million and $20 million
    - The funding agency may deviate from these estimates, including funding projects greater than $20 million, in cases of exceptional need and/or exceptional impact
- Industry Transformation Path: A cluster of 3 to 5 non-construction and/or construction awards with a total funding level between $20 million and $50 million

Non-construction awards may range from 12 to 18 months with extensions considered on a case-by-case basis. For the Readiness Path, EDA anticipates that a shorter period of performance may be appropriate. Construction awards may range from 12 to 48 months with extensions considered on a case-by-case basis.

Matching and Cost Sharing

The funding agency generally expects to fund up to 80% of the eligible costs under this program. However, the funding agency has discretion to fund projects at a rate lower than 80% or up to 100% in certain circumstances. In determining whether to increase the federal share above 80%, the funding agency's Grants Officers will consider on a case-by-case basis whether the circumstances of the proposed project warrant a federal share in excess of 80%, including whether the applicant has exhausted its effective taxing or borrowing capacity, can otherwise document that no local matching funds are reasonably obtainable, or meets other thresholds for elevated need based on the overall economic situation of the region. The funding agency may also establish a maximum investment rate of up to 100% for projects of Indian tribes.

Contact Information

Questions should be directed to the appropriate regional office listed online here.

https://www.eda.gov/strategic-initiatives/disaster-recovery/supplemental

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of Commerce
Agency: Economic Development Administration (EDA)

FY 2025 Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (PWEEA)

Grant Overview

This program assists communities and regions in devising and implementing long-term economic development efforts through a variety of non-construction and construction projects. Eligible applicants are district organizations; Indian Tribes; states, counties, cities, and other political subdivisions of states, including special purpose units of state or local governments engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities; institutions of higher education; and private or public nonprofits acting in cooperation with officials of political subdivisions of states.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2024	$429,177,544	209
2023	$161,930,109	85

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Unspecified
Award Range: Varies by project category
Match: Varies
Solicitation date: September 16, 2025
Proposal due: Rolling

- In FY 2025, the notice of funding opportunity was revised with the funding agency's updated investment priorities and other technical changes.

For more information, click here.

Awardee Profile

City of West Lafayette, IN

AMOUNT: $2,073,500
YEAR: 2024

The City of West Lafayette, IN, received Public Works funding to support increasing the wastewater treatment capacity for the Purdue Research Park. The project work includes the expansion of an existing regional lift station and a larger force main. The grantee estimates that this investment to expand the Park's wastewater capacity will help create 400 jobs and leverage $20 million in private investment.

Department: U.S. Department of Commerce
Agency: Economic Development Administration (EDA)

FY 2025 Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (PWEEA)

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to assist communities and regions in devising and implementing long-term economic development efforts through a variety of non-construction and construction projects. Funding will support bottom-up strategies that build on regional assets to spur economic growth and resiliency, and applicants are encouraged to propose initiatives that present new ideas and creative approaches to advance economic prosperity in distressed communities. Further, the funding agency recognizes the value of project alignment and integration with existing regional public or private investments to extend the impact of these efforts. Applicants need not specify the program for which they are applying, as the funding agency will consider the application under the most appropriate pool of funding.

Projects must be consistent with at least one of the following investment priorities of the funding agency: critical infrastructure, workforce, innovation and entrepreneurship, economic recovery resilience, and manufacturing. The funding agency is not prioritizing any investment priorities over another.

Separate program funds are available for the Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) programs, as follows:

- Public Works: The funding agency provides catalytic investments to help distressed communities build, design, or engineer critical infrastructure and facilities that will help implement regional development strategies and advance bottom-up economic development goals to promote regional prosperity. The Public Works program provides resources to meet the construction and/or infrastructure design needs of communities to enable them to become more economically competitive.
- EAA: The funding agency provides investments that support a wide range of construction and non-construction activities in regions experiencing adverse economic changes that may occur suddenly or over time. Supported activities include construction and non-construction, such as workforce training, design and engineering, technical assistance, economic recovery strategies, and capitalization or re-capitalization of revolving loan funds (RLFs). The funding agency utilizes EAA investments to provide resources that help communities experiencing or anticipating economic dislocations to plan and implement specific solutions to leverage their existing regional economic advantages to support economic development and job creation. Like Public Works investments, EAA investments are designed to help communities catalyze public-private partnerships to foster collaboration, attract investment, create jobs, and foster economic resiliency and prosperity.

The EAA program is also designed to provide specific investment assistance to communities harmed by the closure of nuclear, biomass, or coal facilities. EAA assistance to Nuclear Closure Communities (NCCs) and Biomass Closure Communities (BCC) supports communities that have been impacted, or can reasonably demonstrate they will be impacted, by closures of nuclear or biomass power plants. Similarly, EAA Assistance to Coal Communities (ACC) supports communities that have been negatively impacted by the closure of coal facilities. Additionally, the EAA program includes an addendum for Assistance to Indigenous Communities, (AIC) to assist Indigenous communities particularly in the areas of capacity building and planning support.

Projects must also be consistent with the region's current comprehensive economic development strategy (CEDS), or if a CEDS does not exist, an equivalent regional economic development strategy that meets the funding agency's CEDS or strategy requirements, except for a strategy grant to develop, update, or refine a CEDS.

Competitive applications will propose projects designed to create the conditions for economic growth in Indigenous Communities. The funding agency encourages non-construction projects that provide capacity-building, planning support, and technical assistance to support the future implementation of foundational economic infrastructure. Foundational economic infrastructure can include broadband, energy, road, water, and wastewater infrastructure (including community water facilities); vocational and higher education facilities; and community health and childcare facilities that are necessary for job creation and economic mobility. Projects can also provide technical assistance to support business development, entrepreneurship assistance, economic development planning, rural prosperity, and workforce training in Indigenous Communities.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are district organizations of an EDA-designated Economic Development District; Indian Tribes or a consortium of Indian Tribes; state, county, city, or other political subdivision of a state, including a special purpose unit of a state or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; institutions of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; public or private non-profit organizations or associations acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a state.

Projects must be located in regions that meet the funding agency's distress criteria. Applicants must self-define the appropriate region geographically. The geographic area comprising the region need not be contiguous or defined by political boundaries; however, it should constitute a cohesive area capable of undertaking self-sustained economic development. Applicants must provide third-party data that clearly indicates that the relevant region is subject to at least one of the following economic distress criteria:

- An unemployment rate that is, for the most recent 24-month period for which data is available, at least one percentage point greater than the national average unemployment rate
- A per capita income that is, for the most recent period for which data is available, 80 percent or less of the national average per capita income
- A special need, as defined by the funding agency

For construction projects, including design and engineering, the project must be located within an eligible region. For non-construction projects, the scope of work must primarily benefit an eligible region, and stakeholders from that eligible region must be directly engaged. Projects may meet the regional eligibility criteria in one of the following ways:

- Located in a region that meets the funding agency's economic distress criteria
- Located in an economic development district (EDD) that is located in a region that does not meet the funding agency's economic distress criteria, but the funding agency determines it will be of

substantial direct benefit to a geographic area within the EDD that meets the funding agency's economic distress criteria
- Located in a geographic area of poverty or high unemployment that meets the funding agency's economic distress criteria but that is located in a region that overall does not meet the funding agency's economic distress criteria

Funding

In FY 2025, an unspecified amount of funding is expected to be available to support grants and cooperative agreements through this program, as follows:

- Public Works Program: Awards are expected to range from $600,000 to $5 million. In the past, the average award size has been approximately $1.4 million. No more than 15 percent of investments made through this program may be spent in a single state.
- Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) Program: Awards are expected to range from $150,000 to $2.5 million. In the past, the average award size has been approximately $650,000.
- Assistance to Coal Communities (ACC): Awards are expected to range from $500,000 to $3 million for implementation projects and from $100,000 to $350,000 for planning activities.
- Assistance to Nuclear Closure Communities (NCC): Awards are expected to range from $500,000 to $3 million for implementation projects and from $100,000 to $350,000 for planning activities.
- Assistance to Biomass Closure Communities (BCC): Awards are expected to range from $500,000 to $3 million for implementation projects and from $100,000 to $350,000 for planning activities.

Additionally, approximately $5 million is available for non-construction Assistance to Indigenous Communities awards ranging from $75,000 and $200,000 through the EAA Program.

Project periods will depend on the nature of the project for which the grant or cooperative agreement is awarded. Typically, strategy grants and non-construction projects range in duration from 12 to 24 months. Construction projects are expected to range from 12 to 48 months and are expected to be completed within five years from the award date.

Matching and Cost Sharing

In general, applicants must provide at least 40 percent of the total project costs via cash and/or in-kind contributions; however, the funding agency may fund up to 80 percent of the total project costs based on the relative needs of the region. Matching requirements will vary according to the economic distress of the region in which the project is located, as follows:

- Regions in which the 24-month unemployment rate is at least 225 percent of the national average: applicants must provide at least 20 percent of the total project costs
- Regions in which the per capita income is not more than 50 percent of the national average: applicants must provide at least 20 percent of the total project costs
- Regions in which the 24-month unemployment rate is at least 200 percent of the national average: applicants must provide at least 30 percent of the total project costs
- Regions in which the per capita income is not more than 60 percent of the national average: applicants must provide at least 30 percent of the total project costs
- Regions in which the 24-month unemployment rate is at least one percentage point greater than the national average: applicants must provide at least 40 percent of the total project costs

- Regions in which the per capita income is not more than 80 percent of the national average: applicants must provide at least 40 percent of the total project costs

In addition, the matching requirements may be waived for Indian tribes, states or political subdivisions of states, and nonprofits that can document that they have exhausted their effective taxing and borrowing capacity.

Contact Information

Program contacts vary by regional office. EDA regional representatives can be found at https://www.eda.gov/contact/.

https://www.eda.gov/funding/funding-opportunities/fiscal-year-2023-public-works-and-economic-adjustment-assistance

FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Agency: Health Resources and Services Administration

FY 2025 Regional Telehealth Resource Centers

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to provide expert technical assistance in the development of telehealth services to establish regional telehealth resource centers. Telehealth resource centers will provide training and support, disseminate information and research findings, promote effective collaboration, and foster the use of telehealth technologies to provide health care information and education for health care providers. Eligible applicants are public and private institutions of higher education, non-profit and for-profit organizations, state, county, township, and special district governments, independent school districts, and Native American tribal governments and tribal organizations.

Program History

This is a new funding opportunity for FY 2025.

Key Information

Total Funding: $3.9 million
Award Range: $325,000 per year
Match: Not required
Solicitation date: January 13, 2025
Proposal due: April 14, 2025

More information can be found here.

Tips

- Applicants must target populations located in rural areas, frontier communities, and medically underserved areas, and medically underserved populations, and demonstrate experience providing technical assistance and understanding telehealth services.

- Telehealth Resource Centers can be operated by a consortium of organizations, but only one organization can apply on behalf of the consortium. All other organizations may be members of the consortium.

Department: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Agency: Health Resources and Services Administration

FY 2025 Regional Telehealth Resource Centers

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide expert technical assistance in the development of telehealth services and leverage the experience of mature telehealth programs. Regional telehealth resource centers will provide training and support, disseminate information and research findings, promote effective collaboration, and foster the use of telehealth technologies to provide health care information and education for health care providers. They are located regionally to facilitate award activities at the local level and to ensure that resources are geographically distributed. HRSA will support 12 regional telehealth resource centers that focus on statewide and regional telehealth activities.

Core services include the following:

- Providing technical assistance, training, and support, and providing for travel expenses for health care providers and a range of health care entities that provide or will provide telehealth services.
- Disseminating information and research findings related to telehealth services.
- Promoting effective collaboration among Telehealth Resource Centers and the HRSA Office for the Advancement of Telehealth (OAT), as well as other OAT award recipients (such as Telehealth Centers of Excellence and technical assistance (TA) providers).
- Conducting evaluations to determine the best use of telehealth technologies to meet health care needs.
- Promoting the integration of the technologies used in clinical information systems with other telehealth technologies.
- Fostering the use of telehealth technologies to provide health care information and education for consumers in a more effective manner.
- Implementing special projects or studies in collaboration with OAT.

In providing services, applicants must collaborate, if feasible, with entities that provide telehealth services or related activities and are private or public organizations that receive Federal or State assistance and/or public or private entities that operate centers, or carry out programs, that receive Federal or State assistance.

A Telehealth Resource Center can charge a reasonable fee for continuing assistance in excess of 10 hours of technical help.

Program objectives include the following:

- Advance effective use of telehealth technologies in your respective service areas.
- Collaborate with other Telehealth Resource Center Program recipients and share and combine expertise and resources to create unified telehealth technical assistance capability with effective and efficient educational tools, consulting, and support capabilities.

- Meet the needs of telehealth networks, practitioners, or organizations in your service area including, but not limited to rural health clinics, federally qualified health centers, critical access hospitals, rural emergency hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, State Offices of Rural Health, state offices concerning primary care, and other appropriate state government entities.

Competitive applications will include populations that suffer from poor health outcomes, health disparities, and other inequities as compared to the national average when addressing telehealth technical assistance. Examples of these populations include, but are not limited to, people experiencing homelessness, pregnant people, disabled individuals, youth and adolescents, persons experiencing hypertension, and tribes and tribal organizations.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are public and private institutions of higher education, non-profit and for-profit organizations, state, county, township, and special district governments, independent school districts, and Native American tribal governments and tribal organizations.

Funding

In FY 2025, an anticipated $3.9 million is available for Regional Telehealth Resource Centers to support an estimated 12 awards of up to $325,000 per award, per year. HRSA plans to fund awards in four 12-month budget periods for a four-year period of performance spanning September 1, 2025 – August 31, 2029.

Matching and Cost Sharing

This program has no cost-sharing requirement.

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