

ReConnect Program

Where can we find technical assistance?

USDA and its partners will hold technical assistance webinars that will be recorded and available for viewing on demand after their initial broadcast. Regional in-person workshops will also be held across the country. Webinar

and workshop dates and times, and additional technical assistance is available through www.usda.gov/reconnect. Rural Development's General Field Representatives and State Directors can also assist with general questions.

What kind of funding is available?

The type and amount of award will depend on the type of financing or funding that best fits the applicant's business model, service area, and financial plan. An applicant may submit only one application, for one of the following three options:

Type of Funding Available	Total Funding Available for the Funding Type/ Maximum Award	How USDA Will Select Projects	Application Deadline
Rural Broadband Grant, with applicant supplying a cash contribution equal to 25% of project cost	Up to \$200 million in federal funds available/ \$25 million maximum award per project	Competitive review based on criteria, such as the number of rural premises connected by the project and service speed that will be provided, for areas where 90% of households do not have sufficient access to broadband	March 16, 2020
Grant + Loan Combo (50% of award as a grant/50% of award as a loan at Treasury rate)	Up to \$200 million in federal funds available/ \$50 million maximum award per project	Competitive review based on criteria, such as the number of rural premises connected by the project and service speed that will be provided, for areas where at least 90% of households do not have sufficient access to broadband	March 16, 2020
Low Interest Rural Broadband Loan (fixed at 2%)	Up to \$200 million in federal funds available/\$50 million maximum award per project	Funds to be awarded on a "first-come-first-served" basis while available for areas where at least 90% of households do not have sufficient access to broadband	March 16, 2020

Why does USDA Rural Development do this?

In 2019, Congress passed the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019 which provided Federal funds

for the ReConnect Program. Originally authorized in 2018, this program is used, through loans and grants, to build infrastructure for essential internet e-Connectivity services to

rural areas without sufficient access to broadband, defined by the law as 10 Mbps (megabits per second) downstream and 1 Mbps upstream.

<http://www.usda.gov/reconnect>

<http://www.usda.gov/broadband>

NOTE: Because citations and other information may be subject to change please always consult the program instructions listed in the [Federal Record](#). You may also contact your [General Field Representative for assistance](#). You will find additional forms, resources, and program information at www.usda.gov/reconnect USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

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