



BroadbandUSA Update

Grants Roundup

Welcome to the BroadbandUSA Grants Roundup!

In this update, NTIA is providing you all the latest news about our three new grant programs – the Broadband Infrastructure Program, the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program (TBCP), and the Connecting Minority Communities (CMC) Pilot Program – all in one place. Stay tuned for information regarding Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs), future rounds of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), upcoming grant program webinars, and more.

Broadband Infrastructure Program

Available Soon: [Session 4 Webinar Presentation, Transcripts, and Recordings](#)

Thank you to all who were able to join us for our recent Broadband Infrastructure Program Session 4a and 4b webinars. Were you unable to attend? Or maybe you want to go back and review the information presented? The presentations, transcripts, and webinar recordings will be available on these webpages by Thursday, July 22:

[Session 4a – Held July 14, 2021 at 2:30pm ET](#)

[Session 4b – Held July 15, 2021 at 2:30pm ET](#)

Register Today for Next Month's Webinars

Join NTIA staff for our upcoming Broadband Infrastructure Program webinars! These sessions will build upon the previous month's presentations, helping prospective applicants further understand the grant programs and assisting applicants to prepare high quality grant applications. Learn more and register today:

[Session 5a – August 4, 2021 at 2:30pm ET](#)

[Session 5b – August 5, 2021 at 2:30pm ET](#)

New Set of FAQs

NTIA has recently published its third set of FAQs regarding the Broadband Infrastructure Program. This document offers a deeper dive into some of the most commonly asked questions we have been receiving from prospective applicants regarding eligibility, other broadband funding programs and eligible service areas, application requirements/process, and post awards requirements. Subsequent FAQ sets will be published periodically throughout the application window. See the new set of FAQs below:

[Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) 06-23-2021](#)

ICYMI: Broadband Infrastructure Program Resources

In case you missed it, below are some helpful resources related to the Broadband Infrastructure Program:

[Broadband Infrastructure Program Webpage](#)

[Official Broadband Infrastructure Program NOFO](#)

[FAQs – Round One](#)

[FAQs – Round Two](#)

[Grants.gov Link to Opportunity](#)

Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program

New Set of FAQs

NTIA has recently published its second set of FAQs regarding the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program. This document offers a deeper dive into some of the most commonly asked questions we have been receiving from prospective applicants regarding eligibility, other broadband funding programs and eligible service areas, application requirements/process, and post awards requirements. Subsequent FAQ sets will be published periodically throughout the application window. See the new set of FAQs below:

[Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) 07-13-2021](#)

Register Today for Our Upcoming Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program Webinars

Join NTIA staff for our upcoming Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program webinars! These sessions will build up on the previous month's presentations, helping prospective applicants further understand the grant programs and assisting applicants to prepare high quality grant applications. Learn more and register today:

[Session 4a – July 21, 2021 at 2:30pm ET](#)

[Session 4b – July 22, 2021 at 2:30pm ET](#)

[Session 5a – August 11, 2021 at 2:30pm ET](#)

[Session 5b – August 12, 2021 at 2:30pm ET](#)

[Session 6a – August 23, 2021 at 2:30pm ET](#)

[Session 6b – August 24, 2021 at 2:30pm ET](#)

ICYMI: Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program Resources

In case you missed it, below are some helpful resources related to the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program:

[Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program Webpage](#)

[Dear Tribal Letter \(June 2021\)](#)

[Official Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program NOFO](#)

[FAQs – Round One](#)

Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program

Register Today for Upcoming Webinars

Join NTIA staff for our upcoming Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program webinars! These sessions will help prospective applicants further understand the grant programs and assist applicants to prepare high quality grant applications. Learn more and register today:

[Session 4a – July 21, 2021 at 2:30pm ET](#)

[Session 4b – July 22, 2021 at 2:30pm ET](#)

[Session 5a – August 18, 2021 at 2:30pm ET](#)

[Session 5b – August 19, 2021 at 2:30pm ET](#)

[Session 6a – September 22, 2021 at 2:30pm ET](#)

[Session 6b – September 23, 2021 at 2:30pm ET](#)

[Session 7a – October 20, 2021 at 2:30pm ET](#)

[Session 7b – October 21, 2021 at 2:30pm ET](#)

ICYMI: Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program Resources

In case you missed it, below are some helpful resources related to the Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program:

[Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program Webpage](#)

[June 15, 2021 Press Release Announcing the Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program and Final Rule](#)

[Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program Final Rule \(PDF\)](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#)

Call for Reviewers

Help America Advance its National Objective of Broadband Access for All!

NTIA is soliciting experts to evaluate grant proposals for three broadband connectivity programs that will award over \$1.5 billion to further national broadband goals and assist with COVID response and recovery efforts.

NTIA will conduct a merit review of applications submitted to these programs. The merit review will involve teams of technical experts that evaluate applications against established review criteria specific to each program.

Check out our new [FAQ for NTIA Program Merit Reviewers!](#)

NTIA is seeking qualified volunteers with expertise and experience in infrastructure, broadband use and digital inclusion, including but not limited to:

- Broadband networks, using appropriate terrestrial or wireless technologies, and network sustainability
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- Broadband network planning and design
 - Broadband network construction and deployment costs and construction timeframes
 - Broadband network workforce development
 - Telehealth, distance learning, broadband adoption and digital inclusion programs including equipment, networks, training and outreach
 - Telework, workforce development and online entrepreneurship programs
 - Low-income discount and subsidized broadband programs
 - Planning, program design and evaluation for telehealth, distance education, workforce development and digital inclusion programs
 - Programs and activities noted above that are conducted by Minority Serving Institutions
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NTIA expects to stagger the application deadlines for each program; however, we currently project that merit reviews for these programs will start in August and extend into October. We are committed to ensuring that reviewers come from diverse backgrounds and areas of the United States. Please feel free to circulate this “Call for Reviewers” to other individuals or organizations that may be sources of qualified reviewers.

To volunteer as a reviewer, please email a resume containing the information below to grantreviewer@ntia.gov:

- Name
 - Residence (city and state)
 - Email/phone number
 - Employer(s) including states you were employed in
 - Position/Title
 - Years and types of experience and positions in fields related to broadband activities
 - In your email, please also let us know which NTIA programs interest you or align best with your expertise.
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Over the coming months, NTIA will examine and approve reviewer applications on a first-come, first-served basis based on qualifications that match the needs of each program. Upon selection as a merit reviewer, you must submit signed Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality forms in accordance with Department of Commerce policies on conflicts of interest and confidentiality. Additionally, reviewers will not be compensated and will need to sign a waiver of compensation. Approved reviewers will be contacted to schedule participation in a webinar orientation session and teleconference panel reviews.

Although you will not be compensated for your time and expertise, you will be making a significant contribution to enhancing broadband services throughout the United States. We appreciate the valuable contribution you will be making to the success of the programs and look forward to working with you as a reviewer. **If you have questions, please send them by email to: grantreviewer@ntia.gov.**



NTIA's BroadbandUSA program promotes innovation and economic growth by supporting efforts to expand broadband connectivity and digital inclusion across America. In this role, BroadbandUSA serves state and local government, industry and non-profits that want to expand broadband infrastructure and promote digital inclusion.

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