FY22 BroadbandUSA Federal Funding Site Update

Department: Department of Agriculture

1	**Federal Agency/Bureau**	Rural Utilities Service
2	**Program Name**	Community Connect Grant Program
3	**Authorizing Legislation**	Title III, Pub. L. 108-199, 118 Stat. 3.
4	**Program Overview**	The Community Connect program helps fund broadband deployment in rural communities where it is not yet economically viable for private-sector providers to deliver service. The grants offer financial assistance to eligible service providers that will construct, improve, or expand broadband networks in rural areas.
5	**CFDA**	10.863
6	**Program Website**	https://www.rd.usda.gov/community-connect
7	**Type of funding**	☒ Discretionary ☐ Subsidy ☐ Formula ☐ Loan or loan guarantee ☐ Other (i.e. loan-grant combo; if there is a set-aside amount for certain recipients please indicate the amount):
8	**Link to application site, NOFO, FOA, or Grants.gov (if different from program website above)**	Not Applicable
9	**Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) or Federal Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Type**	☐ Initial ☐ Modification ☒ Reissue/Renewal ☐ Other (i.e. one-time funding): Funding Opportunity Announcement on website and Grants.gov
10	**Important Dates (if applicable)**	Not Applicable
12	**FY2022 Appropriations Amount**	Total Amount:$35,000,000 Amount Available Towards Broadband (if specified): $35,000,000
13	**Matching Requirement**	☒ Yes

		☐ No ☐ Other (i.e. if a match is beneficial to an application but not required): If yes, what is the matching requirement: 15 percent
14	**Complementary Federal Funding Option**	This program cannot be used as a match to other federal programs.
15	**Broadband-related Program Purpose/Eligible Expenditures (check all that apply)**	☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility, data collection, mapping) ☒ Broadband Infrastructure Deployment (e.g., construction, equipment, materials) ☒ Digital Inclusion (e.g. Broadband Adoption, Devices, Public Access, Digital Skills Training, Tech Support) ☐ Other: (e.g. Research and/or Evaluation, Telehealth, etc):
16	**Speed/Technical Requirement for Broadband Infrastructure**	The minimum Broadband Grant Speed is set in the Funding Opportunity Announcement.
17	**Eligible Recipients (check all that apply)**	☐ Libraries ☐ K-12 Schools ☐ Healthcare Facilities ☐ Higher Education Institutions ☒ For-Profit Organizations (including Internet Service Providers) ☒ State Government ☒ Local Government ☒ Non-Profit Organizations ☒ Territorial Governments ☒ Electric Utilities/Co-ops ☒ Tribal/Native American Government, Alaska Native Controlled Organizations, and Native Hawaiian Organizations ☐ Financial Institutions ☐ Individuals/Households ☐ Other: ☐ Public Safety Entities
18	**Criteria for Eligible Recipients**	The applicant must define a contiguous geographic area, located entirely within a rural area, in which broadband service does not exist. Rural Area refers to any area, as confirmed by the most recent decennial Census of the United States, which is not located within a city, town, or incorporated area that has a population of greater than 20,000 inhabitants; or an urbanized area contiguous and adjacent to a city or town that has a population of greater than 50,000 inhabitants
19	**Grant Beneficiaries (if different from eligible recipients)**	The residents and businesses within the proposed funded service area receive broadband at the Funding Opportunity Announcement's Broadband Grant Speed. The proposed funded service area must include a community center with free broadband and provide free broadband to Essential Community Facilities for two years.
20	**Publicly-available programmatic data**	Telecommunications Program Funded Service Map: https://ruraldevelopment.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=93ba783edf5b407c9641b2f8653e8c1d

21	Contact information	For questions about the Community Connect Grant Program, please email Community.Connect@usda.gov or call the Loan Origination and Approval Division at (202) 720-0800.
22	Additional Information	https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/fact-sheet/508_RD_FS_RUS_CommunityConnect.pdf
23	Updated	June 2022