

FY22 BroadbandUSA Federal Funding Site Update

Department: Department of Agriculture

1	Federal Agency/Bureau	Rural Housing Service
2	Program Name	Community Facilities (CF) Direct Loan and Grant Program
3	Authorizing Legislation	Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926(a)(1) and 7 U.S.C. 1926(a)(19))
4	Program Overview	This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings.
5	CFDA	10.766
6	Program Website	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program
7	Type of funding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Subsidy <input type="checkbox"/> Formula <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Loan or loan guarantee <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (i.e. loan-grant combo; if there is a set-aside amount for certain recipients please indicate the amount): Loan/Grant Combinations
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Initial <input type="checkbox"/> Modification <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reissue/Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> Other (i.e. one-time funding):
10	Important Dates (if applicable)	Applications accepted year-round.
12	FY2022 Appropriations Amount	Total Amount:\$2,800,000,000 Direct Loans and \$36,100,286 Grants Amount Available Towards Broadband (if specified): Not Specified

13	Matching Requirement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other (i.e. if a match is beneficial to an application but not required): If yes, what is the matching requirement: Dependent on population
14	Complementary Federal Funding Option	Community Facilities (CF) Direct Loan and Grants allow for other Federal funds to meet cost-sharing or matching funds requirements if allowable by the other Federal program. Likewise, CF funding may be used as complementary funding or “matching funds” for other Federal programs, if allowable by the other Federal program.
15	Broadband-related Program Purpose/Eligible Expenditures (check all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning (e.g., feasibility, data collection, mapping) <input type="checkbox"/> Broadband Infrastructure Deployment (e.g., construction, equipment, materials) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Digital Inclusion (e.g. Broadband Adoption, Devices, Public Access, Digital Skills Training, Tech Support) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: (e.g. Research and/or Evaluation, Telehealth, etc): Telehealth equipment
16	Speed/Technical Requirement for Broadband Infrastructure	Not applicable.
17	Eligible Recipients (check all that apply)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Libraries <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> K-12 Schools <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Higher Education Institutions <input type="checkbox"/> State Government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Territorial Governments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tribal/Native American Government, Alaska Native Controlled Organizations, and Native Hawaiian Organizations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Safety Entities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Healthcare Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> For-Profit Organizations (including Internet Service Providers) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> Electric Utilities/Co-ops <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Institutions <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals/Households <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
18	Criteria for Eligible Recipients	Eligible borrowers and grantees include public bodies, non-profits, and Federally-recognized Tribes. Eligible facilities must be located in rural areas with a population of 20,000 or fewer inhabitants. See 7 CFR Part 1942, Subpart A and 7 CFR Part 3570, Subpart A for additional requirements.
19	Grant Beneficiaries (if different from eligible recipients)	Eligible grant recipients must be located in a rural area with a population of 20,000 or fewer inhabitants and a project service area with median household income (MHI) of 90 percent or less of statewide nonmetropolitan MHI. Grant assistance is provided on a graduated scale. Smaller communities with the lowest MHI will be eligible for projects with a higher proportion of grant funds, up to 75 percent of total project costs.

20	Publicly-available programmatic data	N/A – no publicly-available programmatic data specific to broadband
21	Contact information	For more information, contact your local Rural Development State Office: https://rd.usda.gov/about-rd/state-offices .
22	Additional Information	The Community Facilities Direct Loan Program Guidance Book for Applicants offers a step by step guide to help Applicants apply for a Community Facilities Direct loan. This guide book outlines the application process, financial feasibility requirements, construction and closing of an essential community facility for small towns and rural areas.
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