

FY23 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	 ☑ 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): Loan and 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	☐ Initial ☐ Modification ☑ Reissue/Renewal ☐ Other (i.e. one-time funding):
10	Important Dates (if applicable)	Applications are accepted year-round.
12	FY2023 Appropriations Amount	Total Amount:\$2,800,000,000 CF Direct Loans and \$25,300,000 CF Grants Amount Available Towards Broadband (if specified):





13	Matching Requirement	 ☑ Yes If yes, what is the matching requirement: Dependent on population and median household income. ☐ No ☐ Other (i.e. if match is beneficial to an application but not required): 	
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)	 □ 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): Telehealth equipment 	
16	Speed/Technical Requirement for Broadband Infrastructure	Not Applicable	
17	Eligible Recipients (check all that apply)	☑ Libraries ☑ K-12 Schools ☑ Healthcare Facilities ☑ Higher Education Institutions ☐ For-Profit Organizations (including Internet Service Providers) ☑ Local Government ☑ Non-Profit Organizations ☑ Territorial Governments ☐ Electric Utilities/Co-ops ☑ Tribal/Native American Government, ☐ Financial Institutions Alaska Native Controlled Organizations, ☐ Individuals/Households ☑ Other: ☐ 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	Programmatic Resources	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program
21	Reporting Requirements	Not Applicable
22	Publicly-available programmatic data	Not Applicable-Not specific to broadband
23	Contact information	For more information, contact your local Rural Development State Office: https://rd.usda.gov/about-rd/state-offices .
24	Additional Information	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program
25	Updated	March 2023

