

Rural Infrastructure Study: Preliminary Funding Results

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Broadband Prospects													
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service (RUS): <i>Community Connect Grant Program</i>	Provides financial assistance to eligible applicants that will provide broadband service in rural, economically challenged communities where service does not exist.	<div><div>■ State government</div><div>■ Local government</div><div>■ Tribal government</div><div>■ Tribal agencies</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Utilities companies</div><div>■ Nonprofit organizations</div><div>■ For-profit organizations</div></div>	Awards range from \$100,000 - \$3,000,000 for at least two years. Match: 15%	Grant				Eligibility is limited to rural areas that lack any existing broadband speed of at least 10 Mbps downstream and 1 Mbps upstream.				*	Annual release Most recent deadline: 23-Dec-20
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service: <i>Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Grant Program</i>	Helps rural residents tap into the enormous potential of modern telecommunications and the Internet for education and health care, two of the keys to economic and community development.	<div><div>■ State government</div><div>■ Local government</div><div>■ Tribal government</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Tribal agencies</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Utilities companies</div><div>■ Nonprofit organizations</div><div>■ For-profit organizations</div></div>	Awards range from \$100,000 - \$3,000,000 for at least two years Match: 15%	Grant				Rural areas with populations of 20,000 or less.		*			Annual release Most recent deadline: 04-June-21
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service: <i>Rural Placemaking Innovation Challenge (RPIC)</i>	Supports entities that provide planning support, technical assistance, and training to foster placemaking activities in rural communities. Funds can be used to create plans to enhance capacity for broadband access.	<div><div>■ State government</div><div>■ Local government</div><div>■ Tribal government</div><div>■ Tribal agencies</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Utilities companies</div><div>■ Nonprofit organizations</div><div>■ For-profit organizations</div></div>	Awards range up to \$250,000. Match: 15%	Grant				Recipients must be located in rural areas (population less than 50,000) and must not be contiguous and adjacent to a non-rural city.				*	Deadline: 26-July-21 One previous competition was held in 2020.

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service: <i>Telecommunications Infrastructure Loans & Loan Guarantees</i>	Financing is available for the construction, maintenance, improvement and expansion of telephone service and broadband in rural areas.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tribal government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tribal agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities companies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit organizations <input type="checkbox"/> For-profit organizations	Direct loans range \$2,183,000 - \$13,659,000 and average \$7,921,000. Guaranteed loans range \$2,183,000 - \$20,360,000 and average \$11,271,500.	Loan	Eligible service areas must: be completely contained within a rural area or composed of multiple rural areas; at least 15 percent of households in the area are unserved; no part of the area has three or more "incumbent service providers"; no part of the area overlaps with the service area of current RUS borrowers or service areas funded by RUS.	*	*	*	*	Rolling application period
U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, American Rescue Plan Act: <i>Build Back Better Regional Challenge</i>	Grants help regions develop economic development strategies and implement those strategies to create regional growth clusters, helping economies recover from the pandemic, including telecommunications infrastructure (e.g., broadband) and water and sewer system improvements.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tribal government <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities companies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit organizations <input type="checkbox"/> For-profit organizations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inst. of Higher Education	Phase 1: grants of up to \$500,000 will be awarded; Phase 2: finalist coalitions will receive awards ranging from \$25,000,000 - \$75,000,000.	Grant	Eligibility is limited to regional coalitions composed of a combination of the listed eligible entities.				*	19-Oct-21
U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, American Rescue Plan Act: <i>Economic Adjustment Assistance Program</i>	Grants support communities as they respond to, and recover from, the economic impacts of the pandemic, including water and sewer system improvements and telecommunications infrastructure (e.g., broadband).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tribal government <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities companies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit organizations <input type="checkbox"/> For-profit organizations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inst. of Higher Education	Awards range from \$500,000 - \$5,000,000. Project periods range from 12 - 48 months. Match: Awards are expected to fund at least 80%, and up to 100%, of project costs.	Grant	Under the EAA program, EDA is not authorized to provide grants or cooperative agreements to individuals or to for profit entities. Requests from such entities will not be considered for funding.		*			15-Mar-22

U.S. Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration: <i>Broadband Infrastructure Program</i>	Grants support covered partnerships for covered broadband projects, defined as competitively and technologically neutral projects for the deployment of fixed broadband service that provides qualifying broadband service in an eligible service area.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local government <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal government <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal agencies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Utilities companies <input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit organizations <input type="checkbox"/> For-profit organizations	Awards typically range from \$5,000,000 - \$30,000,000 for a one-year period.	Grant			Eligible applicants are covered partnerships, defined as a partnership between: (A) a State, or one or more political subdivisions of a state; and (B) a provider of fixed broadband service.			17-Aug-21
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Electric Prospects													
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service (RUS): Electric Infrastructure Loan & Loan Guarantee	Finances construction of electric distribution, transmission, and generation facilities, including system improvements to improve electric service in rural areas; and demand side management, energy efficiency programs, and on-grid and off-grid renewable energy.	■ State government ■ Local government ■ Tribal government ■ Tribal agencies ■ Utilities companies ■ Nonprofit organizations <input type="checkbox"/> For-profit organizations	The average Federal Financing Bank loan guarantee is \$32,668,948. Other ranges are not specified.		Loan			Limited to rural areas. In general, a rural area is defined as a town, or unincorporated area that has a population not greater than 20,000. Check with the NM General Field Representative to confirm eligibility.	*	*	*	*	Rolling application period
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Loan Program (EECLP)	Loans finance energy efficiency and conservation projects for commercial, industrial, and residential consumers.	■ State government ■ Local government ■ Tribal government ■ Tribal agencies ■ Utilities companies ■ Nonprofit organizations ■ For-profit organizations	Past awards have ranged from \$4,000,000 - \$46,000,000.		Loan			Limited to rural areas. In general, a rural area is defined as a town, or unincorporated area that has a population not greater than 20,000. Check with the NM General Field Representative to confirm eligibility.	*	*	*	*	Rolling application period

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service: <i>High Energy Cost Grant Program</i>	Provides assistance for energy facilities, including renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements, serving extremely high energy cost communities.	<div>■ State government</div> <div>■ Local government</div> <div>■ Tribal government</div> <div>■ Tribal agencies</div> <div>■ Utilities companies</div> <div>■ Nonprofit organizations</div> <div>■ For-profit organizations</div>	Awards range from \$100,000 - \$3,000,000.		Loan		Eligible areas must qualify as extremely high-cost energy communities, meeting one or more of the following energy cost eligibility benchmarks (see solicitation for definitions): * Extremely High Average Annual Household Expenditure for Home Energy * Extremely High Average per unit Energy Costs		*	*		Most recent deadline: 06-Jul-21 Annual release (during spring / summer in recent years)
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service: <i>Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Energy Audit & Renewable Energy Development Assistance</i>	Grants or loan guarantees assist rural small businesses and agricultural producers by conducting and promoting energy audits and providing renewable energy development assistance.	<div>■ State government</div> <div>■ Local government</div> <div>■ Tribal government</div> <div>□ Tribal agencies</div> <div>■ Utilities companies</div> <div>□ Nonprofit organizations</div> <div>□ For-profit organizations</div>	The maximum aggregate amount of an energy audit and REDA grant in a federal fiscal year is \$100,000.	Grant	Loan		Eligible small businesses must be located in rural areas. Rural areas are any areas other than: (1) a city or town that has a population of greater than 50,000 inhabitants; and (2) the urbanized area contiguous and adjacent to such a city or town.	*	*	*	*	Deadline: 31-Jan-22 Applications accepted throughout the year.
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service: <i>Rural Energy Savings Program (RESP)</i>	Loans support entities who provide energy efficiency services in rural areas to help consumers implement cost effective, energy efficiency measures.	<div>■ State government</div> <div>■ Local government</div> <div>■ Tribal government</div> <div>■ Tribal agencies</div> <div>■ Utilities companies</div> <div>■ Nonprofit organizations</div> <div>■ For-profit organizations</div>	Awards range from \$200,000 - \$13,000,000 and average \$3,034,147.		Loan		Limited to rural areas. Rural, for this program, is generally any area that has a population of 50,000 or fewer inhabitants, or any other area designated eligible by statute. Contact the program officer to confirm eligibility.	*	*	*	*	Rolling application period Applications accepted on a first come first serve basis until funding is no longer available.

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Water Prospects													
New Mexico Environment Department, Construction Programs Bureau: Clean Water State Revolving Fund	Provides low-interest loans to eligible entities for a wide range of wastewater and storm water projects that protect surface water and groundwater resources.	<input type="checkbox"/> State government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tribal government <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal agencies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Utilities companies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit organizations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For-profit organizations	Loans available for up to 100% of eligible costs; interest rates of 0% to 1% for public entities, and 2.375% for private entities.		Loan			Private entities are eligible only for limited types of projects.	*	*	*	*	Rolling application period
New Mexico Finance Authority: Colonias Infrastructure Fund	Helps certain communities in southern New Mexico that lack basic infrastructure for water and wastewater, solid waste disposal, flood and drainage control, roads and housing.	<input type="checkbox"/> State government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local government <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal government <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities companies <input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit organizations <input type="checkbox"/> For-profit organizations	Awards range from \$50,000 - \$2,500,000	90% Grant	10% Loan			Limited to communities in southern New Mexico.		*			Annual release Most recent deadline: 03-Mar-21
New Mexico Finance Authority: Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (DWSRLF)	Provides low-cost financing for the construction of and improvements to drinking water facilities throughout New Mexico to protect drinking water quality and the public health.	<input type="checkbox"/> State government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local government <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal government <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities companies <input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit organizations <input type="checkbox"/> For-profit organizations	Loans of up to 30 years at fixed, below-market rates; ranges not specified.		Loan			Loans are limited to local government entities.	*	*	*	*	Rolling application period

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service (RUS): <i>Water and Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program</i>	Provides funding for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses in eligible rural areas.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tribal government <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities companies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit organizations <input type="checkbox"/> For-profit organizations	Loans average \$2,354,392; Grants average \$1,284,000; Guaranteed loans average \$1,415,325.	Grant	Loan		Areas that may be served include: * Rural areas and towns with populations of 10,000 or fewer - - check eligible addresses * Tribal lands in rural areas * Colonias	*	*	*	*	Rolling application period
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U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation: <i>WaterSMART Grants: Drought Contingency Planning Grants</i>	Grants support entities to leverage their money and resources by cost sharing drought contingency planning to build resilience to drought in advance of a crisis.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tribal government <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal agencies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Utilities companies <input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit organizations <input type="checkbox"/> For-profit organizations	Awards range up to \$200,000 over a two-year period. Match: 50%	Grant			Applicants must be located in a western U.S. state or territory.			*	Most recent deadline: 06-Jan-21 Typically released annually (anticipated in winter of 2022).
U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation: <i>WaterSMART Grants: Drought Resiliency Projects</i>	Supports projects that build long-term resilience to drought and reduce the need for emergency response actions.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tribal government <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal agencies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Utilities companies <input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit organizations <input type="checkbox"/> For-profit organizations	Award options: * Group I: Up to \$500,000 over two years. * Group II: Up to \$1,500,000 over three years.	Grant			Applicants must be located in a western U.S. state or territory.			*	Most recent deadline: 05-Aug-20 Typically released annually (anticipated in summer / early fall of 2021).
U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation: <i>WaterSMART Grants: Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects (SWEP)</i>	Supports small-scale water efficiency projects that conserve and use water more efficiently, mitigate conflict risk in areas at a high risk of future water conflict, and accomplish other benefits that contribute to water supply reliability.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tribal government <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal agencies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Utilities companies <input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit organizations <input type="checkbox"/> For-profit organizations	Awards range up to \$75,000 over a two-year period. Match: 50%	Grant			Applicants must be located in a western U.S. state or territory.			*	Most recent deadline: 18-Mar-21 Annual release (anticipated in spring of 2022)
U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation: <i>WaterSMART Grants: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants</i>	Grants support (1) Water conservation projects resulting in quantifiable and sustained water savings or improved water management; and (2) Projects that increase the use of hydropower in managing and delivering water.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tribal government <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal agencies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Utilities companies <input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit organizations <input type="checkbox"/> For-profit organizations	Awards range up to \$500,000 for Funding Group I; \$2,000,000 for Funding Group II. Match: 50%	Grant			Applicants must be located in a western U.S. state or territory.			*	Most recent deadline: 17-Sept-20 Annual release (anticipated fall / winter of 2021)

