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**GENERAL INFORMATION**


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<b>Document Type:</b>	Grants Notice
<b>Funding Opportunity Number:</b>	RUS-21-01-DLT
<b>Funding Opportunity Title:</b>	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants
<b>Opportunity Category:</b>	Discretionary
<b>Opportunity Category Explanation:</b>	
<b>Funding Instrument Type:</b>	Grant
<b>Category of Funding Activity:</b>	Business and Commerce Community Development Education Employment, Labor and Training Health Regional Development
<b>Category Explanation:</b>	
<b>Expected Number of Awards:</b>	90
<b>CFDA Number(s):</b>	10.855 -- Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans and Grants
<b>Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:</b>	Yes
<b>Version:</b>	Synopsis 4
<b>Posted Date:</b>	Apr 05, 2021
<b>Last Updated Date:</b>	Apr 05, 2021
<b>Original Closing Date for Applications:</b>	Jun 04, 2021
<b>Current Closing Date for Applications:</b>	Jun 04, 2021
<b>Archive Date:</b>	Jul 04, 2021
<b>Estimated Total Program Funding:</b>	\$44,500,000
<b>Award Ceiling:</b>	\$1,000,000
<b>Award Floor:</b>	\$50,000

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**ELIGIBILITY**


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<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	County governments For profit organizations other than small businesses Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education Small businesses Public and State controlled institutions of higher education State governments Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized) Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education Private institutions of higher education City or township governments Special district governments Independent school districts
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**Additional Information on Eligibility:**

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**


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**Agency Name:** Utilities Programs

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**Description:**

Authorized by 7 U.S.C. 950aaa, the DLT Program provides financial assistance to enable and improve distance learning and telemedicine services in rural areas. DLT grant funds support the use of telecommunications-enabled information, audio and video equipment, and related advanced technologies by students, teachers, medical professionals, and rural residents. These grants are intended to increase rural access to education, training, and health care resources that are otherwise unavailable or limited in scope.

The regulation for the DLT Program can be found at 7 CFR part 1734. All applicants should carefully review and prepare their applications according to instructions in the FY 2021 DLT Grant Program Application Guide (Application Guide) and program resources. This Application Guide can be found in this entry on grants.gov as well as at <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/distance-learning-telemedicine-grants>. Expenses incurred in developing applications will be at the applicant's own risk.

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**Link to Additional Information:** [DLT Web Site](#)

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