



GENERAL INFORMATION

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Funding Opportunity Number:	RUS-REC-2022-2
Funding Opportunity Title:	The Rural eConnectivity Program
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary
Opportunity Category Explanation:	
Funding Instrument Type:	Other
Category of Funding Activity:	Business and Commerce Community Development Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Regional Development
Category Explanation:	
Expected Number of Awards:	
CFDA Number(s):	10.752 -- Rural eConnectivity Pilot Program
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	Yes
Version:	Synopsis 1
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Original Closing Date for Applications:	Nov 02, 2022 Beginning on September 6, 2022, applications can be submitted through the RUS on-line application portal until 11:59 a.m. Eastern on November 2, 2022. Applications will not be accepted after November 2, 2022 until a new application opportunity has been opened with the publication of an additional FOA in the Federal Register.
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Archive Date:	Dec 02, 2022
Estimated Total Program Funding:	
Award Ceiling:	\$35,000,000
Award Floor:	\$100,000

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Applicants:

County governments
Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)
Special district governments
City or township governments
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
Small businesses
Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
For profit organizations other than small businesses
Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)
Private institutions of higher education
Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities
Independent school districts
Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
State governments

Additional Information on Eligibility: Cooperatives or Mutual Organizations and Limited Liability Partnerships are eligible to apply.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Agency Name: Rural Utilities Service

Description:

The Rural eConnectivity Program (ReConnect) Program provides loans, grants, and loan/grant combinations to facilitate broadband deployment in rural areas. In facilitating the expansion of broadband services and infrastructure, the program will fuel long-term economic development and opportunities in rural America.

The ReConnect Program is authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Pub. L. 115-141), which directs the program to be conducted under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 901 et seq). The policies and procedures for the ReConnect Program are codified in a final rule, [7 CFR part 1740](#), that was published in the Federal Register on February 26, 2021 (86 FR 11603).

The Rural Utilities Service (RUS), a Rural Development agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), is issuing a [Funding Opportunity Announcement \(FOA\)](#) to announce that it is accepting applications for the ReConnect Program. In addition, the FOA defines requirements that are determined at the time a funding announcement is published, as outlined in the regulation. This FOA will use funds appropriated for ReConnect under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) ([Pub. L. 117-58](#)).

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The Agency encourages applicants to consider projects that will advance the following key priorities:

- Assisting Rural communities recover economically from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly disadvantaged communities.
- Ensuring all rural residents have equitable access to Rural Development programs and benefits from Rural Development funded projects.
- Reducing climate pollution and increasing resilience to the impacts of climate change through economic support to rural communities.

All applicants should carefully review and prepare their applications according to instructions in the ReConnect Program Application Guide and program resources. This Application Guide and program resources can be found at <https://www.usda.gov/reconnect/forms-and-resources>. Applications must be submitted through the RUS on-line application system available on the program web site at <https://www.usda.gov/reconnect/>.

Please submit any ReConnect questions or comments using our [Contact Us Form](#).

Link to Additional Information: ReConnect Program Website

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