



GENERAL INFORMATION

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| Document Type: | Grants Notice |
| Funding Opportunity Number: | RDRUS-CC-2023 |
| Funding Opportunity Title: | Community Connect Grant Program |
| Opportunity Category: | Discretionary |
| Opportunity Category Explanation: | |
| Funding Instrument Type: | Grant |
| Category of Funding Activity: | Business and Commerce Community Development Regional Development |
| Category Explanation: | |
| Expected Number of Awards: | 50 |
| CFDA Number(s): | 10.863 -- Community Connect Grant Program |
| Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: | Yes |

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| Version: | Synopsis 3 |
| Posted Date: | Mar 20, 2023 |
| Last Updated Date: | Mar 20, 2023 |
| Original Closing Date for Applications: | Jun 20, 2023 |
| Current Closing Date for Applications: | Jun 20, 2023 |
| Archive Date: | Jul 20, 2023 |
| Estimated Total Program Funding: | \$79,000,000 |
| Award Ceiling: | \$5,000,000 |
| Award Floor: | \$100,000 |

ELIGIBILITY

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| Eligible Applicants: | City or township governments Small businesses Special district governments State governments County governments Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education For profit organizations other than small businesses Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments) Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized) |
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Additional Information on Eligibility:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Agency Name:

Rural Utilities Service

Description:

The Community Connect Grant Program provides financial assistance to eligible applicants that will provide service at or above the Broadband Grant Speed to all premises in rural, economically-challenged communities where broadband service does not exist. The deployment of broadband services on a “community-oriented connectivity” basis stimulates economic development and provides enhanced educational and health care opportunities in rural areas. RUS will give priority to rural areas that demonstrate the greatest need for broadband services, based on the criteria contained herein.

The regulation for the Community Connect Grant Program can be found at 7 CFR part 1739.

All applicants should carefully review and prepare their applications according to instructions in the FY 2023 Community Connect Grant Program Application Guide (Application Guide) and program resources. This Application Guide can be found at <https://www.rd.usda.gov/community-connect>. Expenses incurred in developing applications will be at the applicant’s own risk. Applications will be submitted through the Community Connect Portal application system available on the program web site.

The Agency encourages applications that will help improve life in rural America. See information on the Interagency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity found at www.usda.gov/ruralprosperity. Applicants are encouraged to consider projects that provide measurable results in helping rural communities build robust and sustainable economies through strategic investments in infrastructure, partnerships and innovation. Key strategies include:

- Achieving e-Connectivity for Rural America
- Developing the Rural Economy
- Harnessing Technological Innovation
- Supporting a Rural Workforce
- Improving Quality of Life

Link to Additional Information: [USDA Community Connect Program Website](#)

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