The Rural Coworking and Innovation grant provides funding for facilities that serve individuals working in rural communities with infrastructure and equipment to participate in the online workforce.

The state allocated $250,000 this fiscal year (July 1 through June 31) for this program. The Rural Online Working Hubs Grant Advisory Committee, will review applications, advise and make recommendations to the Office of Rural Development on grant awards.

**Qualifying Activities of this Grant are:**

- Construction or renovation of a facility to create a Coworking and Innovation Center
- Extending and/or improving utilities and broadband service connections to a Coworking and Innovation Center
- Purchasing equipment, furniture, and security systems as part of a Coworking and Innovation Center

**Qualifying Entities and Counties**

Qualifying entities for this grant include a county, city, institution of higher education or a private company that is within a defined county designated as a “Rural Area.”

Qualifying “Rural Area” Counties are:
Beaver, Box Elder, Carbon, Daggett, Duchesne, Emery, Garfield, Grand, Iron, Juab, Kane, Millard, Morgan, Piute, Rich, San Juan, Sanpete, Sevier, Uintah, Wasatch, Wayne

Non-Qualifying Counties are:
Cache, Davis, Salt Lake, Summit, Tooele, Utah, Washington, Weber

**Application Priority**

Priority will be given to applicants:
- Who serve underprivileged or under-served communities, including communities with high unemployment and/or low median incomes (compared to State of Utah averages)
- That demonstrate comprehensive planning of a project but has limited access to financial resources, including financial resources from local or county government
- That maximize economic development opportunities in collaboration with the economic development needs or plans of an educational institution, a county, and a municipality

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