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Overview of Rural Utilities Service Programs

Utah Broadband Alliance

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Telecommunications Program

Program Updates

ReConnect Round 5

- NOFO should be published February 2024
- ReConnect 5 Application Workshop February 27-29, 2024 Reno, NV

Community Connect

- Application window closed February 20, 2024

Distance Learning and Telemedicine

- NOFO should be published March 2024

ReConnect Program

Funding Type	Rural Focus	Funding Thresholds	Matching Requirement	Broadband Service Speeds		How to Apply	When Applications are Accepted
Loan/Grants/Loan-Grant Combinations	Areas with populations ≤ 20K	≤$50 million for loans & loan-grant combinations ≤$25 for grants	For grant-only: 25% of requested grant amount*	Broadband Service: <100/20 Mbps Broadband Buildout Speed: ≥100/100 Mbps		Submit through the **RUS** online application system	Applications are not accepted at this time

Available Funding	Program Updates
FY2019 **$550 million** available **FY2020** **$655 million** available in FY2020 (includes CARES funding) **FY2021** **$635 million** available **FY2022** **$2.3 billion** received in appropriations • **$1.9 billion** received in the Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act (IIJA) • **$436.6 million** received in annual appropriations **FY2023** **$1.15 billion** received in appropriations	**FY2019 – "Round One"** 146 Applications submitted: **$1.4 billion requested** **FY2020/FY2021 – "Round Two"** 172 Applications submitted: **$1.57 billion requested** **FY2022 – "Round 3"** 305 Applications submitted: **$4.8 billion requested** **FY2022 – "Round 4"** 258 Applications submitted: **$4.3 billion requested** **354 active awards: $4.7 billion**/42 States and 4 Territories impacted

https://www.usda.gov/reconnect

Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grant Program

Funding Type	Rural Focus	Funding Thresholds	Matching Requirement	DLT System	How to Apply	When Applications are Accepted
Grants	Primarily benefits rural areas	$50,000 - $1,000,000	15% of requested grant amount	Must include hub and end-user sites	Submit through the **Grants.gov**	Applications are not accepted at this time

Available Funding	Program Updates
FY2019 **$64 million** available **FY2020** **$95 million** available **FY2021** **$57 million** available **FY2022** **$62.5 million** received in appropriations **FY2023** **$64.9 million** received in appropriations	**FY2019** 147 grants approved for **$45.9 million** **FY2020** **FOA #1: 116** grants approved for **$71.5 million** **FOA #2 (obligated in FY2021): 87** grants approved for **$42.8 million** **FY2021** 107 grants approved for **$49.9 million** **FY2022** 9 grants approved for **$4.3 million** **FY2023** 288 Applications submitted: **$170.6 million** requested

https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/distance-learning-telemedicine-grants

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