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Funding Amount: \$60 million

Program Details

Program Name: Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) program

Administrator: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Utilities Service (RUS)

Authorizing Legislation: Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990

Funding Details

Award: Grants of \$50,000 (minimum) - \$1,000,000 (maximum)

Match Requirement: 15% minimum

Key Dates

April 15, 2024 – Applicant Technical Assistance window closes

April 29, 2024 – **Application deadline**

September 30, 2024 – Anticipated Award Date

Eligible Applicants

- State and Local Governments
- Federally recognized Tribes
- Nonprofits
- Incorporated, for-profit businesses
 - Groups of eligible entities can work together to apply

Eligible Areas

- Rural communities with population less than 20k

Eligible Projects

- Audio, video and interactive video equipment
- Broadband facilities used for distance learning or telemedicine (DLT) (limited to 20% of grant amount)
- Computer hardware, network components and software
- Instructional programming

Selection Criteria

Scoring (maximum of 110 points):

- **Rurality – up to 40 points**
 - Population size of end user site
 - Relativeness of an urbanized end-user site to a city or town with a population of more than 50K
- **Economic Need - up to 30 points**
 - County poverty percentage of end-user site locations as determined by the US Census Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE) program
- **Service Needs and Benefits – up to 30 points**
 - Meet the need for DLT in the project area
 - Benefits derived from proposed services
 - Involvement of the local community in planning, implementation and financial participation
 - Identification of local economic, education or health care challenges
- **Special Consideration – up to 10 points**
 - Projects that enable and improve DLT services to communities with a distressed score over 80
 - Projects serving rural communities with a Social Vulnerability Index score over 75%
 - Projects that enable and improve DLT services on Tribal Lands
 - Projects proposed by a federally recognized Tribe

Application Process

- Applications must be submitted through [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)

Links & Contacts

- [DLT Grant Program Details](#)
- [DLT Fact Sheet](#)
- [DLT Application Guide](#)
- [Grant submission portal](#)
- For questions use the [Contact Us Form](#) and select "Distance Learning & Telemedicine Program" as the subject

- Opportunity Evaluation
- Effective Grant Writing
- A Track Record of Success