**Facility, Community Development, and Broadband Resources**

*This list contains programs from the Department of Agriculture, Economic Development Administration, Department of Housing and Urban Development,  
 the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, and  
 the Federal Communications Commission.*

**Agriculture—Rural Development**

*For a list of New Mexico USDA-RD contacts, click* [*here*](https://www.rd.usda.gov/contactpage/new-mexico-contacts)*.*

[**Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program**](https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program)

Provides loans and grants to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area.

*For a fact sheet, click* [*here*](https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/fact-sheet/508_RD_FS_RHS_CFDirect.pdf)*.*

[**Rural Community Development Initiative Grants**](https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities/rural-community-development-initiative-grants)

Helps non-profit housing and community development organizations, low-income rural communities, and federally recognized tribes to support housing, community facilities and community and economic development projects in rural areas.

*For a fact sheet, click* [*here*](https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/fact-sheet/508_RD_FS_RHS_RuralCommunityDevInitiatives.pdf)*.*

*For your State RCDI contact, click* [*here*](https://www.rd.usda.gov/files/CF_State_Office_Contacts.pdf)*.*

[**Economic Impact Initiative Grants**](https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities/economic-impact-initiative-grants)

Assists in the development of essential community facilities in rural communities with extreme unemployment and severe economic depression. An essential community facility is one that provides an essential service to the local community, is needed for the orderly development of the community, serves a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings.

*For a fact sheet, click* [*here*](https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/fact-sheet/508_RD_FS_RHS_EconomicIIGrants.pdf)*.*

[**Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grants**](https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-programs/distance-learning-telemedicine-grants)

Helps rural communities acquire the technology and training necessary to connect educational and medical professionals with students, teachers, and patients in rural areas.

*For a fact sheet, click* [*here*](https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/fact-sheet/508_RD_FS_RUS_DLTGrant.pdf)*.*

*For the telecommunication contact for New Mexico, click* [*here*](https://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/telecom-gfr)*.*

[**ReConnect Loan and Grant Program**](https://www.usda.gov/reconnect)

Offers loans and grants to provide funds for the costs of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment needed to provide broadband service in eligible rural areas.

*For a fact sheet, click* [*here*](https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/usda_rus_reconnectfactsheet.pdf)*.*

*For an eligible service area map, click* [*here*](https://ruraldevelopment.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=e0876d9cc9ef458ea00c199b9680c59b)*.*

**Economic Development**

[**Economic Development Administration Grants**](https://eda.gov/funding-opportunities/)

Invests in planning, technical assistance, and infrastructure construction designed to leverage existing regional assets to support the implementation of economic development strategies that make it easier for communities to grow.

*For COVID-19 recovery resources, click* [*here*](https://eda.gov/arpa/economic-adjustment-assistance/)*.*

*For a fact sheet on the Economic Adjustment Assistance program, click* [*here*](https://eda.gov/pdf/about/Economic-Adjustment-Assistance-Program-1-Pager.pdf)*.*

**Housing and Urban Development**

[**Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)**](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/cdbg#:~:text=The%20Community%20Development%20Block%20Grant,%2D%20and%20moderate%2Dincome%20persons.)

Provides annual grants on a formula basis to states, cities, and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.

*For a list of frequently asked questions, click* [*here*](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/CDBG/faqs)*.*

*To see the CDBG economic development toolkit, click* [*here*](https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2376/cdbg-economic-development-toolkit/)*.*

[**Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program**](https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/section-108/section-108-program-eligibility-requirements/#overview)

Provides communities with access to competitive, low-cost, long-term financing that can fund economic development, housing, public facilities, infrastructure, and other physical development projects, including improvements to increase their resilience against natural disasters.

*For an application tool, click* [*here*](https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Section-108-Application-Tool.pdf)*.*

*For a list of staff contacts, click* [*here*](https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/HUD-Section-108-Points-of-Contact.pdf)*.*

**Telecommunications**

[**Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program**](https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/enabling-middle-mile-broadband-infrastructure-program)

Funds the construction, improvement, or acquisition of middle mile infrastructure to reduce the cost of connecting areas that are unserved or underserved to the internet backbone. Eligible applicants include States, political subdivisions, Tribal governments, technology companies, electric utilities, utility cooperatives, public utility districts, telecommunications companies and cooperatives, nonprofits, regional planning councils, or economic development authorities.

*For a fact sheet, click* [*here*](https://www.internetforall.gov/sites/default/files/2022-05/MM%20Info%20Sheet%20-%20IFA%20Launch%20-%20Final.pdf)*.*

*For application guidance, click* [*here*](https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/sites/default/files/2022-06/Middle%20Mile%20Broadband%20Infrastructure%20Grant%20Program%20Application%20Guidance%206-21-2022%20FINAL.pdf)*.*

[**Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program**](https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/resources/grant-programs/digital-equity-programs)

Funds digital equity projects. Eligible applicants include specific types of political subdivision, agency, or instrumentality of a state; tribal governments; nonprofit entities; community anchor institutions; local educational agencies; and entities that carry out workforce development programs.

*For a list of frequently asked questions, click* [*here*](https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/sites/default/files/2022-06/DE-FAQs.pdf)*.*

*For application guidance, click* [*here*](https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/sites/default/files/2022-05/Digital-Equity-Planning-Application-Guidance-FINAL_0.pdf)*.*

[**E-Rate**](https://www.usac.org/e-rate/)

Provides discounts to schools and libraries in obtaining internet access, telecommunications services, and related equipment. Discounts for support depend on the level of poverty and whether the school or library is located in an urban or rural area. The discounts range from 20 percent to 90 percent of the costs of eligible services.

*For a list of eligible services, click* [*here*](https://www.usac.org/e-rate/the-process/before-you-begin/eligible-services-list/)*.*