**Community Connect Grants:** Funds to deploy broadband in rural areas where sufficient broadband does not yet exist. We also make free broadband service available to critical community facilities, such as public schools, fire stations, and libraries.

**Distance Learning and Telemedicine:** Funds medical and educational equipment for telemedicine and distance learning for eligible rural areas.

USDA’s telecommunications loans, grants, and technical assistance are available for areas that are predominantly rural. Eligibility requirements vary for each program.

More information on these programs is available online on USDA’s broadband information page at [usda.gov/broadband](https://usda.gov/broadband). The ReConnect program has resources available at [reconnect.usda.gov](https://reconnect.usda.gov). You may also contact the telecommunications General Field Representative serving your State to learn more.

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We also offer help to bring state-of-the-art medical and educational resources to rural areas.

Telecommunications Programs

ReConnect Loans and Grants: Direct loans, grants, and loan/grant combinations provide funding to construct, improve, and expand broadband service to rural and Tribal areas lacking sufficient broadband service.

Telecommunications Infrastructure Loans: Direct and guaranteed loan financing to help construct, improve, and expand telecommunications service, including broadband, in rural areas.

Rural Broadband Access Loans: Direct and guaranteed loan financing to help construct, improve, and expand broadband service, including voice and video services, in eligible rural areas.