

Broadband Funding Opportunities



Source	Opportunity	Eligible Applicant	Brief Description	Application Timeline
Virginia Funding Opportunities				
Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)	Community Development Block Grant Planning Grant http://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/index.php/community-partnerships-dhcd/79-community-development-block-grant-cdbg-planning-grant.html	Units of local government in non-entitlement localities.	Funds available for 3 areas: planning grants, local innovation grants, implementation and economic development, and large scale local level projects ~ 700K.	January - September
Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)	Virginia Telecommunication Initiative http://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/index.php/business-va-assistance/telecommunications/254-virginia-telecommunication-planning-initiative-vatpi.html	A unit of government (Towns, Cities, Counties, EDA/IDA, Broadband/Wireless Authorities, Planning District Commissions, etc.) with a private sector provider(s) as a co-applicant.	To provide financial assistance to supplement construction costs by private sector providers to extend services to areas that are presently unserved. Unserved areas are defined as having broadband speeds of 10 Mbps download and 1Mbps upload or less. In addition, a proposed project area is considered eligible if less than 10% of serviceable units are served from any other service provider as of the date of the application for the proposed project areas.	Fall and Spring
Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission	TRRC Revolving Loan Fund https://www.revitalizeva.org/grant-loan-program/loan-programs/	Public or incorporated non-profit private organizations located in and/or providing economic revitalization programs, services, or facilities in the tobacco region.	The objective is to create a long-term mechanism to fund revenue-generating economic revitalization projects in the tobacco region, and to recycle loan repayments to assist future projects.	Announced annually

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<p>Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission</p>	<p>Economic Development Grant Program</p> <p>https://www.revitalizeva.org/grant-loan-program/grant-programs/southwest-and-southside-economic-development-grant-program/</p>	<p>Public or incorporated non-profit private organizations located in and/or providing economic revitalization programs, services, or facilities in the tobacco region.</p>	<p>The purpose of the Commission’s Economic Development Grant Program is to promote economic growth and development in tobacco-dependent communities in an equitable manner throughout the Southwest region of the Commonwealth in order to assist such communities in reducing their dependency on tobacco and tobacco-related business.</p>	<p>Announced annually</p>
<p>Virginia Resources Authority (VRA)</p>	<p>Virginia Pooled Financing Program</p> <p>http://www.virginiaresources.org/page/virginia-pooled-financing-program/</p>	<p>Local governments</p>	<p>VRA provides financing for essential projects. All VRA’s authorized project areas are eligible for financing in the Virginia Pooled Financing Program (VPFP). Since inception in 2003, over 100 local governments in Virginia have utilized this program to finance or refinance over \$2 billion in infrastructure projects.</p>	<p>Fall and Spring</p>
<p>Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS)</p>	<p>Agriculture and Forestry Development Fund</p> <p>http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/agriculture-afid-facility-grants.shtml</p>	<p>Political subdivision or alliance of subdivisions.</p>	<p>Agriculture and Forestry Development (AFID) Fund is a discretionary, performance-based economic development incentive specifically for agriculture and forestry value-added or processing projects. Broadband projects are eligible, however there has not been any broadband-related projects approved for AFID funding yet.</p>	<p>Applications are accepted on a continuing basis</p>
<p>Federal Funding Opportunities</p>				

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<p>United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)</p>	<p>Community Connect Grant program</p> <p>https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-connect-grants</p>	<p>Most State and local governments, federally-recognized tribes, non-profits and for-profit corporations.</p>	<p>This program helps fund broadband deployment into rural communities where it is not yet economically viable for private sector providers to deliver service.</p>	<p>Announced periodically</p>
<p>United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)</p>	<p>Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee</p> <p>https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-broadband-access-loan-and-loan-guarantee</p>	<p>A non-profit or for-profit organization, and must take one of the following forms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporation; • Limited liability company (LLC); • Cooperative or mutual organization; • A state or local unit of government • Indian tribe or tribal organization • Individuals and Partnerships are not eligible 	<p>This program offers financial assistance to construct, improve, or acquire facilities and equipment needed to provide service at the broadband lending speed as defined in the most recent funding announcement in eligible rural areas.</p>	<p>Announced periodically</p>
<p>United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)</p>	<p>Telecommunications Infrastructure Loans & Loan Guarantees</p> <p>https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-infrastructure-loans-loan-guarantees</p>	<p>Most entities that provide telecommunications in qualified rural areas including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State and local governmental entities • Federally Recognized Tribes • Non-profits, including Cooperatives, and limited dividend or mutual associations 	<p>This program provides financing for the construction, maintenance, improvement and expansion of telephone service and broadband in rural areas.</p>	<p>Applications are accepted on a continuing basis</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For-profit businesses (must be a corporation or limited liability company) 		
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)	ReConnect Program https://www.usda.gov/reconnect	Non-profit entities, for-profit corporations, limited liability companies, cooperative or mutual organizations, states, local governments, or any agency, subdivision, instrumentality, or political subdivision, a territory or possession of the United States, and Indian tribes.	This pilot program offers unique federal financing and funding options in the form of loans, grants, and loan/grant combinations to facilitate broadband deployment in areas of rural America that don't currently have sufficient access to broadband, defined as 10 megabits per second (Mbps) downstream and 1 Mbps upstream.	Spring-Summer
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/distance-learning-telemedicine-grants	Most entities that provide education or health care through telecommunications including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most State and local governmental entities Federally-recognized Tribes Non-profits For-profit businesses Consortia of eligible entities 	This program helps rural communities use the unique capabilities of telecommunications to connect to each other and to the world, overcoming the effects of remoteness and low population density.	Announced periodically
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)	Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program	Public bodies, community-based non-profit corporations, federally-recognized tribes	This program provides affordable funding 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, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings.	Applications are accepted on a continuing basis

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Federal Communications Commission (FCC)	Connect America Fund https://www.fcc.gov/general/connect-america-fund-caf	Eligible telecommunications providers	Provider funding for FCC eligible areas only. Eligible areas map: https://www.fcc.gov/reports-research/maps/connect-america-phase-ii-initial-eligible-areas-map/	N/A
Federal Communications Commission (FCC)	FCC Mobility Fund Phase II https://www.fcc.gov/mobility-fund-phase-2	Eligible telecommunications providers	The FCC plans to make up to \$4.53 billion in funding available to mobile operators that are building out 4G LTE networks to underserved rural markets. The funding will be made available over a 10-year period. Operators that receive the support from the auction will build out 4G LTE mobile service that will deliver at least 10 Mbps to customers in markets that lack access to unsubsidized 4G LTE.	N/A
Federal Communications Commission (FCC)	E-Rate Funding http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/e-rate-schools-libraries-usf-program	Eligible schools, school districts and libraries.	The schools and libraries universal service support program, commonly known as the E-Rate program, helps schools and libraries to obtain affordable broadband.	Winter-Spring
Universal Service Administration Co. (USAC)	Lifeline Support https://www.usac.org/li/	Customers can qualify for Lifeline if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Their income is 135% or less than the federal poverty guidelines, • They participate in federal assistance programs. 	Lifeline is a federal program that lowers the monthly cost of phone and internet for eligible customers. Here is a list of companies in Virginia: http://www.lifelinesupport.org/ls/companies/CompanyListing.aspx?state=VA&stateName=Virginia	Applications are accepted on a continuing basis

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<p>Universal Service Administration Co. (USAC)</p>	<p>Rural Health Care – Healthcare Connect Fund</p> <p>https://www.usac.org/rhc/healthcare-connect/default.aspx</p>	<p>A public or nonprofit healthcare provider in a rural area. See website for further eligibility information.</p>	<p>This program provides a 65 percent discount on eligible expenses related to broadband connectivity to both individual rural health care providers (HCPs) and consortia, which can include non-rural HCPs, if the consortium has a majority of rural sites.</p>	<p>Winter - Summer</p>
<p>Universal Service Administration Co. (USAC)</p>	<p>Rural Health Care – Telecommunications Program</p> <p>https://www.usac.org/rhc/telecommunications/default.aspx</p>	<p>A public or nonprofit healthcare provider in a rural area. See website for further eligibility information.</p>	<p>This program provides reduced rates to rural health care providers (HCPs) for telecommunications services related to the use of telemedicine and telehealth.</p>	<p>Winter - Summer</p>
<p>US Economic Development Administration (EDA)</p>	<p>Planning Program and Local Technical Assistance Program</p> <p>https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=301936</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special district governments • Public and State controlled institutions of higher education • Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education • State governments • Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education • City or township governments • Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized) • County governments 	<p>This program assists eligible recipients in developing economic development plans and studies designed to build capacity and guide the economic prosperity and resiliency of an area or region.</p>	<p>Applications are accepted on a continuing basis</p>

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<p>US Economic Development Administration (EDA)</p>	<p>Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=294771</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education • County governments • Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized) • City or township governments • Public and State controlled institutions of higher education • Private institutions of higher education • Special district governments • Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments) • Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education • State governments 	<p>Grants made under this program will leverage regional assets to support the implementation of regional economic development strategies designed to create jobs, leverage private capital, encourage economic development, and strengthen America's ability to compete in the global marketplace.</p>	<p>Applications are accepted on a continuing basis</p>
<p>Department of Education (DOE)</p>	<p>Promise Neighborhoods Competition http://www2.ed.gov/programs/promiseneighborhoods/index.html</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nonprofit organization that meet the definition of a nonprofit under 34 CFR 77.1(c), which may include a faith-based nonprofit organization; • Institutions of higher education as defined by 	<p>This program provides funding to support eligible entities to significantly improve the educational and developmental outcomes of children and youth in our most distressed communities.</p>	<p>Spring</p>

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		<p>section 101(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indian tribes 		
Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)	<p>ARC Project Grants https://www.arc.gov/funding/arcprojectgrants.asp</p>	<p>Public and private nonprofit organizations within the Appalachian region.</p>	<p>ARC funds a number of telecommunications activities, including strategic community planning, equipment acquisition, and hardware and software for network building. ARC funds can be used for strategic telecommunications planning activities, telecommunication service inventory and assessment activities, aggregation of demand projects, among other activities.</p>	Announced annually
U.S. Department of the Treasury	<p>Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) https://www.occ.gov/topics/compliance-bsa/cra/index-cra.html</p>	<p>A variety of entities may apply for CRA financing. Contact your local banking institution.</p>	<p>Banks financing certain broadband development initiatives can receive Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) consideration for promoting economic development in certain rural communities and helping to revitalize distressed and low- and moderate income communities across the nation.</p>	Ongoing
Tribal-Only Funding Opportunities				
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)	<p>Indian Community Development Block Grant http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih/grants/icdbg</p>	<p>Any Indian tribe, band, group, or nation(including Alaska Indians, Aleut, and Eskimos) or Alaska Native village which has established a relationship to the Federal government as defined in the program regulations. In certain</p>	<p>Provides funds to eligible grantees for housing rehabilitation, land acquisition, community facilities, infrastructure construction, and economic development activities. Eligible applicants for assistance</p>	Winter

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		instances, tribal organizations may be eligible to apply.	include any Indian tribe, band, group, or nation.	
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)	Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) program http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih/grants/ihbg	Federally recognized Indian tribes or their tribally designated housing entity (TDHE), and a limited number of state recognized tribes who were funded under the Indian Housing Program authorized by the United States Housing Act of 1937 (USHA). With the enactment of NAHASDA, Indian tribes are no longer eligible for assistance under the USHA.	The provision of broadband is eligible under this program. Eligible IHBG recipients are Federally recognized Indian tribes or their tribally designated housing entity (TDHE), and a limited number of state recognized tribes who were funded under the Indian Housing Program authorized by the United States Housing Act of 1937 (USHA).	Winter
Universal Service Administration Co. (USAC)	Tribal Lifeline Support https://www.usac.org/li/	If you live on Tribal lands, you can qualify for Lifeline if you or someone in your household participate in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal assistance programs • Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance • Head Start (only households meeting the income qualifying standard) • Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (Tribal TANF) • Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations 	Lifeline is a federal program that lowers the monthly cost of phone and internet for eligible customers. Tribal Lifeline takes up to an extra \$25 off your monthly bill, for a total Lifeline discount of up to \$34.25 per month. Here is a list of companies in Virginia: http://www.lifelinesupport.org/ls/companies/CompanyListing.aspx?state=VA&stateName=Virginia	Applications are accepted on a continuing basis
Institute of Museum and Library Services	Native American Library Services https://www.ims.gov/nof/native-american-library-services-basic-grants-fy16-	Indian tribes, meaning any tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community, including any Alaska native village, regional corporation, or village corporation.	Basic Grants are available to support existing library operations and to maintain core library services. Indian tribes, Alaska native villages, regional corporations, and village corporations are eligible to	Spring

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	notice-funding-opportunity		apply for funding under the Native American Library Services grant program.	
Department of Justice (DOJ)	Community Oriented Policing Services Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (COPS/CTAS) http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2489	Federally-recognized tribes and tribal consortia	Funding could include technology such as computer hardware and software, mobile data terminals, narrow-band radio upgrades, and dispatch and communication systems. NG911 is not specifically mentioned. However, emergency communications funds may be applied to purchasing communications systems, computer hardware and software, and mobile data computers/laptops/terminals.	N/A
Public Safety Funding opportunities listed here explicitly include broadband within the list of eligible activities. However, there are other funding sources that allow funds to be applied to communications purchases. For a full list of public safety funding opportunities, please visit https://www.911.gov/federal_grants_opportunities.html .				
National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)	911 Grant Program https://www.911.gov/project_911grantprogram.html	Any State, the District of Columbia, U.S. Territory or Tribal Organization.	The 911 Grant Program provides grant funding to support state and local efforts to deliver optimal 911 services. The funding may be used for the implementation and operation of 911 services, E911 services, migration to an IP-enabled emergency network, and adoption and operation of Next Generation 911 services and applications.	Spring