



The **USDA's Rural Utilities Services Division** is in the process of announcing the opening of two technology and broadband focused grant programs benefiting rural and underserved communities. Please join us to learn about these grant opportunities and tips and tricks to securing this funding. Grant consulting firm, Learn Design Apply Inc., in partnership with the Southwest Telehealth Resource Center, are providing this informational webinar to help spread the word and offer guidance about these important programs.

USDA Grant Funding Webinar

Wednesday, May 20, 2020 ~ 12:00 pm PDT/3:00 pm EDT

How to Prepare a Successful USDA-DLT Grant Application Round 2: DUE July 13, 2020

At the end of this session, the learner will:

1. Learn about the grant opportunities available that are relevant to improving Bandwidth and Telehealth in Arizona
2. Define the elements of the USDA-DLT Grant and ask questions/interact with our AZ/NM USDA field representative
3. Acquire some solid grant writing tips from an professional grant writer with expertise in the USDA-DLT grant program

Presenters:

Jeff Sobotka, Vice President & State Broadband Director, Arizona Commerce Authority

Brian Smith, Arizona New Mexico Field Representative for the USDA Telecom Plan

Dana Satterwhite, Regional Grants Manager, West Territory for Learn, Design, Apply, Inc

Moderator:

Janet Major, Associate Director, Distance Education and Facilities, Arizona Telemedicine Program and the Southwest Telehealth Resource Center

About the grant programs:

The RUS Distance Learning & Telemedicine (DLT) Grant is arguably one of the most popular and impactful grant programs. This unique grant is rumored to provide up to \$1 Million in federal funds per application in this funding cycle and aims to fund Distance Learning and Telemedicine initiatives targeted at rural communities.

The USDA's Broadband ReConnect Program furnishes 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. This is the SECOND round of USDA DLT Grants and applications are due July 13, 2020. Please join to learn more about it as well as answer any questions you may have. Our panelists would like to help you write a successful grant!loan applications.

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