We Should Write A Grant

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A Little About Your Presenter

- **Community Health Center’s (CHC)**
  - Managed and wrote grants (ORHP)
  - Later life ~ Board of Directors

- **Larger Health Care System**
  - Rural Health Outreach Coordinator
  - Founder and Developer of telemedicine network in ND
    - DLT Grant Program

- **Community Development**
  - Charitable Gaming Funds

- **Start Up Company**
  - USDA Broadband Loan

- **Consulting Firm**
  - Multiple grants and loans for many Federal agencies, state, local and foundation funding
Roles I Have Played

- Grant Recipient
- Grant Partner
- Grant / Loan Writer
- Grants / Loan Management
- Grant / Loan Consultant
- Grant Reviewer
- Grant / Loan Compliance
- Congressional Outreach/Liaison
- Facilitator / Coach
We Have An Idea

- What’s Next?
- How Do We Get Started?
- Who Can Help Us?
What’s Next / Who Are We?

- Define the project;
- Research agencies and programs that may fund projects like yours?
- Where do we find funding?

- Define the Potential Partners & Roles They Will Play:
  - The Recipient
  - The Partner’s

- What are the Commitments?
  - Writing the grant;
  - Resources:
    - Financially and human resources

Step’s to Take

Who Am I?
The Guidelines for the Programs are On-line
Grant Writing Strategy
  ◦ Point person with dedicated time and resources
Partners and Commitments
  ◦ Resources and financially
Budget
  ◦ Cash & in kind
  ◦ Do you have the matching funds?
Support & Commitment for the Project
  ◦ Will it be sustained when grants dollars would cease
  ◦ Have a plan for longer term (after grant funds ceases)
Read & Understand the Application
  ◦ Understand the requirements completely, call and ask it you don’t!
Rural Development (USDA)

- Utilize the website(s)
  - Program information and NOFA’s;
  - Guidelines and toolkits;
  - Deadlines;
  - Eligibility and match requirements;
  - Frequently asked questions & fact sheets;
  - Past projects, awards made, success stories;
  - Standard forms and grant agreements;
  - Budget forms;
  - Contact information; and
  - More...............
Rural Development (USDA)

- RECOVERY ACT BROADBAND INITIATIVE PROGRAM (BIP);
- COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROGRAM;
- FARM BILL BROADBAND LOAN PROGRAM;
- DISTANCE LEARNING AND TELEMEDICINE PROGRAM:
  - 100 % Grant
  - 100 % Loan
  - Combination Loan and Grant
- COMMUNITY CONNECT BROADBAND GRANT PROGRAM
DISTANCE LEARNING AND TELEMEDICINE

- **DLT 100% grant applications** are accepted through a competitive process. The application window is announced annually (typically after the first of the year) through a Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) in the *Federal Register*. Applicants are required to provide a minimum 15% match. Awards can range from $50,000 to $500,000.

- **DLT 100% loan applications** are accepted year-round, are non-competitive and do not require the applicant to provide matching funds. Loan awards range from $50,000 to $10,000,000.

- **DLT combination loan/grant applications** are accepted year-round, are non-competitive and do not require that applicant to provide matching funds. Loan awards range from $50,000 to $10,000,000.
COMMUNITY-ORIENTED CONNECTIVITY BROADBAND GRANT PROGRAM

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Notice of Funds Available (NOFA)

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Rural Utilities Service
Announcement of Grant Application Deadlines and Funding Levels

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.
ACTION: Notice of funds availability and solicitation of applications.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Rural Utilities Service (RUS) announces its Community Connect Grant Program application window for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009. In addition, RUS announces the minimum and maximum amounts for Community Connect grants applicable for the fiscal year. The Community Connect Grant Program regulations can be found at 7 CFR 1739, subpart A.

DATES: You may submit completed applications for grants on paper or electronically according to the following deadlines:
- Paper copies must carry proof of shipping no later than June 19, 2009 to be eligible for FY 2009 grant funding.
- Late applications are not eligible for FY 2009 grant funding.
- Electronic copies must be received by June 19, 2009 to be eligible for FY 2009 grant funding. Late applications are not eligible for FY 2009 grant funding.
Federal Register

- Notice of Funds Available (NOFA)
  - Summary, what to submit, how to submit;
  - Funding opportunity;
  - Award information (the money available);
  - Eligibility Information including matching funds;
  - Application and submission information;
  - Application review information;
  - Award administration information; and
  - Agency contacts.
Rural Development (USDA)

RURAL DEVELOPMENT
Telecommunications Program

Community Connect
Broadband Program
Grant Application Guide

USDA
Committed to the future of rural communities
Post Where You Will See!

!! BEFORE YOU GET STARTED !!

You must read:


And

♦ Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) published in the Federal Register on April 20, 2009.

The regulation MUST be used in conjunction with this application guide. Should any differences result in the interpretation of this Application Guide and the regulation, the regulation takes precedence over information contained in this Application Guide.

When and Where to Submit your Application:

GRANT applications must be postmarked by:

June 19, 2009

An original and two copies of a completed application must be posted, shipped, or hand-delivered by the deadline date. Applications must be submitted to:

Director, Broadband Division
Rural Development
STOP 1599, Room 2868
1400 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-1599

For additional information concerning this grant program, please contact:

Kenneth Kucho, Director, Broadband Division, Telecommunications Program, (202) 690-4673 or Email: community.connect@wdc.usda.gov. Further information and this application/guide can be retrieved via the internet at:

http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/commconnect.htm

Due to the possible disruptions in mail delivery service, applicants are strongly encouraged to submit applications via express mail or hand delivery to our office.
Know Your State Director & GFR

- **State Directors**

- **General Field Representative (GFR)**
  - [http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UTP_GFRContact.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UTP_GFRContact.html)
Congressional Members

- Congressional District
  - http://www.govtrack.us/congress/findyourreps.xpd

Ohio's 5th Congressional District

Go to another state: Ohio

The two senators from Ohio are:

- Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]
- Sen. Voinovich, George [R-OH]

The representative for Ohio's 5th congressional district is:

- Rep. Latta, Robert [R-OH]

View all of the districts in this state.
Application Components

- Standard Forms & Budget Forms;
- Executive Summary;
  - Community description, application description, goals of the project, overview of telecommunications to used including facilities, determination of unavailability of existing broadband and description of participating community organization;
- Scoring Criteria Documentation:
  - Rurality ~ Up to 40 points;
  - Economic need ~ Up to 30 points;
  - Benefits ~ Up to 30 points
- System Design;
- Scope of Work;
- Community–Oriented Connectivity Plan;
- Financial Information & Sustainability;
- Statement of Experience;
- Evidence of Legal Authority & Existence;
- Funding Commitment for Other Sources; and
- Compliance with Other Federal Statues and Regulations.
Web Links Community Connect

Web Links DLT Grant Program

Web Links – Other

- www.grants.gov
- http://www.usdla.org/
- http://www.nces.ed.gov/ccd/
- http://www.fcc.gov/learnnet/
- http://www.fcc.gov/ccb/apd/ruralhealth/
- http://www.americantelemed.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=1
- http://usac.org/rhc/
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It appears that I am DC based but with high speed broadband I can work anywhere ~~

- Center, ND ~ Population 537;
- Survived our first blizzard on Tuesday;
- Temperature today: 26° with calms winds;
- Ms. Milissa Meckle is our librarian ~ She’s a STAR!

U.S. Census Bureau American FactFinder

The 2009 population estimate for Center, North Dakota is 537.

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