

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **BROADBAND TECHNOLOGY OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM - Infrastructure Grants**

**Description:** Provides funding to improve broadband service in underserved and unserved areas.

**Funding Mechanism:** This program is administered by the National Telecommunications and Information Agency (NTIA) under the U.S. Department of Commerce. Funding will be made available competitively as matching grants to eligible entities. Detailed program information and application materials are not yet available. At the federal level, the Rural Utility Service, under the USDA, shares responsibility for broadband implementation with the NTIA and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). These agencies are currently working to develop common approaches to implementation of broadband funding under the Recovery Act. As the next step in this effort, USDA, NTIA and the FCC are hosting the first of several Public Meetings on March 10, 2009. In addition, the agencies will publish guidance in the Federal Register on how the public can provide input into the delivery of our programs. More information will be available on <http://www.recovery.gov>.

**Eligible Entities:** Businesses Individuals Local Government Non-Profit Organizations Other  
State Government Tribal Government Universities

**Responsibility for Implementation:** Federal

**Federal Agency:** Commerce, Dept. of

**Federal Contact Name:** National Telecommunications and Information Agency

**Federal Web Site:** [http://www.ntia.doc.gov/](http://www.ntia.doc.gov)

### **BROADBAND TECHNOLOGY OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM - Sustainable Adoption Grants**

**Description:** Provides funding for innovative programs to encourage sustainable adoption of broadband service.

**Funding Mechanism:** This program is administered by the National Telecommunications and Information Agency (NTIA) under the U.S. Department of Commerce. Funding will be made available competitively as matching grants to eligible entities. Detailed program information and application materials are not yet available. At the federal level, the Rural Utility Service, under the USDA, shares responsibility for broadband implementation with the NTIA and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). These agencies are currently working to develop common approaches to implementation of broadband funding under the Recovery Act. As the next step in this effort, USDA, NTIA and the FCC are hosting the first of several Public Meetings on March 10, 2009. In addition, the agencies will publish guidance in the Federal Register on how the public can provide input into the delivery of our programs. More information will be available on <http://www.recovery.gov>.

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## **BROADBAND TECHNOLOGY OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM - Public Computing Centers**

**Description:** Provides funding for public computer centers at community colleges and libraries.

**Funding Mechanism:** This program is administered by the National Telecommunications and Information Agency (NTIA) under the U.S. Department of Commerce. Funding will be made available competitively as matching grants to eligible entities. Detailed program information and application materials are not yet available. At the federal level, the Rural Utility Service, under the USDA, shares responsibility for broadband implementation with the NTIA and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). These agencies are currently working to develop common approaches to implementation of broadband funding under the Recovery Act. As the next step in this effort, USDA, NTIA and the FCC are hosting the first of several Public Meetings on March 10, 2009. In addition, the agencies will publish guidance in the Federal Register on how the public can provide input into the delivery of our programs. More information will be available on <http://www.recovery.gov>.

**Eligible Entities:** Local Government Schools or School Districts State Government Technical Colleges Universities

**Responsibility for Implementation:** Federal

**Federal Agency:** Commerce, Dept. of

**Federal Contact Name:** National Telecommunications and Information Agency

**Federal Web Site:** <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/>

## **BROADBAND TECHNOLOGY OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM - State Broadband Data and Development Grants**

**Description:** Provides funding for developing and maintaining a statewide broadband inventory and map, as authorized in the Broadband Data Services Improvement Act (P.L. 110-385). State maps will be incorporated into a national broadband inventory within two years.

**Funding Mechanism:** Funding for this program will be distributed through competitive grants to state governments or to a single entity designated by a state government to complete a comprehensive map and inventory of broadband availability. Detailed program information and application materials are not yet available.

At the federal level, the Rural Utility Service, under the USDA, shares responsibility for broadband implementation with the NTIA and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). These agencies are currently working to develop common approaches to implementation of broadband funding under the Recovery Act.

As the next step in this effort, USDA, NTIA and the FCC are hosting the first of several Public Meetings on March 10, 2009. In addition, the agencies will publish guidance in the Federal Register on how the public can provide input into the delivery of our programs. More information will be available on <http://www.recovery.gov>.

**Eligible Entities:** Businesses Local Government Non-Profit Organizations State Government

**Responsibility for Implementation:** State

**Federal Agency:** Commerce, Dept. of

**Federal Contact Name:** National Telecommunications and Information Agency

**Federal Web Site:** <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/>

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) - Entitlement Communities Program**

**Description:** Provides continuing community development block grant funding for community and economic development projects, including housing.

**Funding Mechanism:** Block grant formula to entitlement cities and counties.

**Eligible Entities:** Local Government

**Responsibility for Implementation:** Federal Local

**Federal Agency:** Housing and Urban Development, Dept. of

**Federal Web Site:** <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/>

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS - Tribal**

**Description:** Provides financial assistance, technical assistance, training and outreach programs designed to benefit Native American, Native Hawaiian, and Alaskan Native communities. Programs are provided primarily through qualified community development lender organizations with experience and expertise in community development banking and lending in Indian country, Native American organizations, tribes and tribal organizations and other suitable providers.

**Funding Mechanism:** Funding is in the US Department of Treasury.

**Eligible Entities:** Businesses Other Tribal Government

**Responsibility for Implementation:** Federal

**Federal Agency:** Treasury, Department of

**Federal Web Site:** [http://www.cdfifund.gov/what\\_we\\_do/programs\\_id.asp?programID=3](http://www.cdfifund.gov/what_we_do/programs_id.asp?programID=3)

## **DISTANCE LEARNING, TELEMEDICINE & BROADBAND GRANTS**

**Description:** Provides funding for broadband projects in rural areas. Priority is given to projects that benefit areas that do not have broadband service and that would result in more choices in providers for rural areas. Projects must be located in an areas where at least 75 percent of the area is without sufficient access to broadband service, as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture.

**Funding Mechanism:** This program is administered by USDA Rural Utilities Service through a competitive selection process. Detailed program information and application materials are not yet available. At the federal level, Rural Utility Service, under the USDA, shares responsibility for broadband implementation with the NTIA and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). These agencies are currently working to develop common approaches to implementation of broadband funding under the Recovery Act. As the next step in this effort, USDA, NTIA and the FCC are hosting the first of several Public Meetings on March 10, 2009. In addition, the agencies will publish guidance in the Federal Register on how the public can provide input into the delivery of our programs. More information will be available on <http://www.recovery.gov>.

**Eligible Entities:** Businesses Individuals Local Government Non-Profit Organizations State Government Tribal Government

**Responsibility for Implementation:** Federal

**Federal Agency:** Agriculture, Dept. of

**Federal Contact Name:** Rural Utilities Service

**Federal Web Site:** <http://www.usda.gov/rus/>

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (EDA) FUNDING - Economic Adjustment Assistance Program**

**Description:** Provides funding for a wide range of technical, planning and infrastructure assistance in regions experiencing adverse economic changes that may occur suddenly or over time.

**Funding Mechanism:** Competitive grants through the US Department of Commerce.

**Eligible Entities:** Businesses Local Government Non-Profit Organizations State Government Tribal Government Universities

**Responsibility for Implementation:** Federal

**Federal Agency:** Commerce, Dept. of

**Federal Web Site:** <http://www.eda.gov>

## **INDIAN GUARANTEED LOAN PROGRAM**

**Description:** The bill creates a guaranteed loan program through the Bureau of Indian Affairs for construction projects.

**Eligible Entities:** Other Tribal Government

**Responsibility for Implementation:** Federal

**Federal Agency:** Interior, Dept. of the

**Federal Web Site:** <http://www.doi.gov/bia/>

## **INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BONDS**

**Description:** Tax-exempt private activity bonds for manufacturing. Expands definition of manufacturing to production of intangible property. Also clarifies what is in a manufacturing facility.

**Funding Mechanism:**

**Eligible Entities:** Businesses

**Responsibility for Implementation:** Federal State

**Federal Agency:** Internal Revenue Service

**Federal Web Site:** <http://www.irs.gov>

## **RECOVERY ZONE BONDS - Facility Bonds**

**Description:** New category of tax-exempt private activity bonds that can be used by qualified business for property located in a designated Recovery Zone.

**Funding Mechanism:** \$15 billion total. Allocation same as Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds. Does not apply to regular volume cap allocation. Bonds must be issued in 2009 or 2010. Allocation amounts not yet available.

**Eligible Entities:** Local Government

**Responsibility for Implementation:** Federal

**Federal Agency:** Internal Revenue Service

## **SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION - 7(a) Loan Program**

**Description:** Helps small businesses obtain financing where they might not be eligible through normal lending channels-changes to program are reduction/elimination of fees; increase in loan guarantee to as much as 90%.

**Funding Mechanism:** For-profit businesses that meet SBA standards apply through an SBA-approved lender.

**Responsibility for Implementation:** Federal

**Federal Agency:** Small Business Administration

**Federal Web Site:** <http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/7a/index.html>

## **SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION - Business Stabilization Loans**

**Description:** Provides deferred payment loans of up to \$35,000 to make payments on existing, qualifying loan for up to six months. 100% guaranteed by SBA. Repayment begins 12 months after loan is disbursed.

**Funding Mechanism:** For-profit businesses that meet SBA standards may apply.

**Eligible Entities:** Businesses

**Responsibility for Implementation:** Federal

**Federal Agency:** Small Business Administration

**Federal Web Site:** <http://www.sba.gov>

## **SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION - Microloans**

**Description:** Provides loans of \$500 to \$35,000 to businesses and not for profit child care centers.

**Funding Mechanism:** Loans are made by nonprofit intermediaries - six microlenders statewide may take applications.

**Eligible Entities:** Businesses Non-Profit Organizations

**Responsibility for Implementation:** Federal

**Federal Agency:** Small Business Administration

**Federal Web Site:** [http://www.sba.gov/localresources/district/wi/financing/WI\\_WIMICRO.html](http://www.sba.gov/localresources/district/wi/financing/WI_WIMICRO.html)

## **SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION - 504 Program**

**Description:** Provides long term, fixed rate financing for real estate, or machinery and equipment. Changes to program are allowing refinancing and reduction of fees.

**Funding Mechanism:** For-profit businesses that meet SBA standards apply through a certified development corporation.

**Eligible Entities:** Businesses

**Responsibility for Implementation:** Federal

**Federal Agency:** Small Business Administration

**Federal Web Site:** <http://www.sba.gov/localresources/district/wi/financing/index.html>

## **STATE STABILIZATION FUND**

**Description:** Provides grants to states to support: (1) elementary, secondary, and higher education (81.8% of allocation); and (2) to support public safety and other government services, which may also include education (18.2% of allocation).

**Funding Mechanism:** Funds allocated to states based on state population. Funds may be used in State fiscal years 2009, 2010, and 2011. Governors must submit an application that includes assurances. A portion of the funds may be reserved for a new state Incentive Fund at the Secretary of Education's discretion. Governors may also seek fiscal and regulatory relief from other federal education programs.

**Eligible Entities:** State Government

**Responsibility for Implementation:** State

**Federal Agency:** Education, Dept. of

## **USDA FARM SERVICE AGENCY LOANS - Direct Farm Operating Loans**

**Description:** Provides funding for direct farm operating loans.

**Funding Mechanism:** Formula allocation.

**Eligible Entities:** Businesses Individuals

**Responsibility for Implementation:** Federal

**Federal Agency:** Agriculture, Dept. of

## **USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT - Business and Industry Loan Program**

**Description:** Provides loan guarantees to rural business and industry to bolster existing private credit structure through the guarantee of quality loans to improve, develop, or finance business, industry, and employment, and to improve the economic and environmental climate in rural communities. Loan purposes include purchase and expansion of land, equipment, buildings, working capital, aquaculture, commercial nurseries, tourist and recreation facilities, hotels, motels, community facility projects, housing development sites, apartment buildings and the purchase of stock in a cooperative where commodities are being produced by the members for processing by the cooperative. Loan funds cannot be used for lines of credit, gambling, golf courses, and agricultural production over \$1 million or more than 50% of a project and when not part of an integrated agriculture processing business. Projects must be located in rural areas or in cities or villages with populations less than 50,000.

**Funding Mechanism:** USDA Rural Development allocates funds to states based on historical use of the program.

**Eligible Entities:** Businesses Individuals

**Responsibility for Implementation:** Federal

**Federal Agency:** Agriculture, Dept. of