

Attachment A Broadband Initiative Funding Sources

Agency	Grant or Loan	Purpose	Eligibility	Amounts	Timing	Contacts	Comments
USDA Rural Development Utilities Programs	Community- Oriented Connectivity Broadband Grant Program	Construction, acquisition, or lease of facilities to deploy broadband; Construction of community centers; equipment; operating expenses; land or building acquisition	Pop'n: Must be a rural area of 20,000 people or less, where no broadband service currently exists. Applicants: Incorporated organizations, Indian tribes, state or local government, cooperatives, private corporations, LLCs, for profits and non- profits. Each community must submit separate application.	Min: \$ 50,000 Max: none 15% match required Total FY2006 funding: \$8.9 MM	Applications accepted annually in mid May.	Stephen McKenzie USDA Rural Development P.O. Box 474 Exeter, NH (603) 895-8433 (603) 494-0496 (cell) stephen.mckenzie@wdc.usda.gov www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/comm connect.htm	Must offer basic broadband transmission service to residential and business customers within the Service Area. Must provide a community center with 10 computer access points, free from charges for two years. Must offer free broadband to all critical community facilities for two years. Highly competitive
USDA Rural Development Utilities Programs	Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program	Provision of broadband service through construction or improvement of facilities or equipment, acquisition, or refinance.	For 4% loan: Must be rural community of max. 2,500 people; no broadband service; county per capita income of 65% of national median or less; and max. pop'n density of 20/sq.mi.. Applicants: same as grant program. Service area: Cannot be serving more than 2% of telephone subscriber lines in the US. Can submit an application for multiple communities at once.	Min: \$100,000 Max: Only for 4% direct loan program Also offers: direct cost-of-money loans and private loan guarantees	Applications must be postmarked by January 31 st for state allocation; July 31 st for national allocation	Stephen McKenzie USDA Rural Development P.O. Box 474 Exeter, NH (603) 895-8433 (603) 494-0496 (cell) stephen.mckenzie@wdc.usda.gov www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/broad band.htm	Applicant must provide credit support in an amount equal to 20% of the requested loan amount. This can be in the form of: cash, net tangible assets, licenses, LOCs. Income and .
USDA Rural Development Utilities Programs	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program	Telecommunication, computer networks and related advanced technologies that provide educational or medical benefits. Also: instructional programming and technical assistance.	Pop'n: City or town of 10,000 or fewer people Applicants: Schools, libraries, hospitals, medical centers, or other organizations.	Grants: Max. 70% of the eligible costs up to \$500,000 Loans: Max: 100% of the eligible costs up to \$3MM. \$20 MM available in 2006	Applications accepted annually in late spring.	Stephen McKenzie USDA Rural Development P.O. Box 474 Exeter, NH (603) 895-8433 (603) 494-0496 (cell) stephen.mckenzie@wdc.usda.gov www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/dlt/dlt	Funding for equipment and training but not connectivity.
Beaumont Foundation	Equipment grants	Provides state-of- the-art wireless laptops and technology equipment.	Schools, community- based organizations, and individuals in low-income communities. 29 states currently eligible (not MA)			1-866-546-2667	Foundation is dedicated to principle of digital inclusion. Provides grants of equipment only, not connectivity.

