

RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE



LEARN
DESIGN
APPLY INC.



DISTANCE LEARNING AND TELEMEDICINE GRANT

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE



DEADLINE

June 30, 2026



FUNDING AVAILABLE

\$27,000,000



AWARD AMOUNTS

Expected Award Size

Range:

\$50,000-\$750,000

**Cost Share: 15% Match
on Federal Request**



APPLICANTS

- State and local governmental entities
- Federally-recognized Tribes
- Nonprofit organizations
- For-profit businesses
- Consortia of eligible entities

ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

This program provides grants to encourage and improve telemedicine and distance learning services in rural areas through the use of telecommunications, computer networks, and related advanced technologies to be used by students, teachers, medical professionals, and rural residents. Grants are for projects where the benefit is primarily delivered to end users that are not at the same location as the source of the education or healthcare service.

Eligible Use of Funds:

- Audio and video licensing and interactive video equipment whose primary function is interactive distance learning or telemedicine
- Terminal and data terminal equipment
- Computer hardware, network components, and software
- Patient monitoring equipment with interactive capabilities
- Headsets, including virtual reality headsets
- Training simulators, including smart manikins
- Devices that will transmit images to a hub for reading or diagnosis
- Protective items that will be for end-user equipment
- Inside wiring and similar infrastructure that supports DLT services
- Broadband transmission facilities
- Instructional programming
- Technical assistance and instruction for using eligible equipment
- Cybersecurity