Agency/Branch	Program Name	Program Description	Total Funding	Individual Funding Awards	Eligible Recipients	Program Type	Spending Deadline
USDA – RUS	Reconnect Loan and Grant	Provides loans and grants to cover broadband construction costs in eligible rural areas	$635 million (FY2021) $100 million (CARES)	Loan up to $50 million, with 2 percent interest. Combo loan/grant $25 million each. Grants available up to $25 million with a 25 percent match	State/Local, Tribe	Existing Program with additional COVID-related funding	Program renewed annually
USDA – RUS	Distance Learning and Telemedicine	Helps remote learning and telehealth telecommunications needs in rural areas	$57 million (FY2021) $25 million (CARES)	Grants are awarded with a 15 percent match requirement. Awards range from $50,000 to $1 million	State/Local, K-12, Higher Ed, Tribe, Library, Hospital	Existing Program with additional COVID-related funding	Program renewed annually. Current applications due June 4, 2021.
USDA – RUS	Telecommunications Infrastructure Loans and Loan Guarantees	Provides financing support to expand telephone and broadband access in rural areas with fewer than 5,000 people	$690 million (FY2021)	Cost-of-Money loans available directly, as well as loan guarantees to private lenders to connect local borrowers	State/Local, Tribe	Existing Program	Applications accepted year-round
FCC - USF	Connect America Fund – High Cost	The program funds broadband service in unserved and underserved areas by funding ISP connection plans	$4.5 billion (FY2020)	103 bidders are splitting the awards to serve more than 700,000 locations in 45 states	ISPs	Existing Program	NA - not for states
FCC – USF	Lifeline – Low Income	Assists low income individuals to help pay phone and connections charges	$2.385 billion (FY2020)	Allocates $9.25 per household in broadband support per month	Consumer Direct	Existing Program	NA - not for states
FCC – USF	Schools and Libraries – E-Rate	Eligible schools and libraries receive discounts on costs of telecommunications services	$4.15 billion (FY2019) $7.2 billion (ARP)	Discounts range from 20 to 90 percent, based on the poverty level of the school, with rural schools and libraries potentially receiving higher discounts	K-12, Library	Existing Program with additional COVID-related funding	NA - not for states
FCC – USF	Rural Health Care	Reduces costs for rural health care providers to make telecommunication services more competitive with urban provider costs	$605 million (FY2020) $200 million (CARES)	Eligible providers may receive a 65 percent flat discount on telecommunications services	Rural health care providers, including schools, community care centers, local health depts; full eligibility details in link.	Existing Program with additional COVID-related funding	NA - not for states
FCC	Rural Digital Opportunity Fund	Targets completely unserved areas to be followed by partially served areas by funding ISP broadband deployment in eligible census blocks	$20.4 billion over 10 years	The first auction to award up to $16 billion for unserved areas was held in October 2020	ISPs	Existing Program	NA - not for states
FCC	5G Fund for Rural America	Deploying 5G services to eligible rural communities	$9 billion	Currently seeking public comment on how to distribute project funds	ISPs	Existing Program	NA - not for states
FCC	Secure and Trusted Communications Reimbursement Program	Requires ISPS to "Rip and Replace" covered equipment and services to secure the network. Any funding recipient must remove and replace covered equipment and services.	$1.6 billion	Program will reimburse costs reasonably incurred for the removal, replacement, and disposal of covered equipment.	ISPs with 10 million or fewer customers	Newly Created Program	NA - not for states
FCC	COVID-19 Telehealth Program	Provides immediate support to eligible health care providers by funding telecommunications services, information services, and connected devices.	$200 million (CARES) $249.95 million (CRRSA)	The first round of funding supported over 500 health care facilities. Applications for the second round will be due on May 6th and opening April 26th.	Health Care Providers	New COVID Program	Closed May 6, 2021
FCC	Emergency Broadband Benefit	Provides discounts to eligible low-income families on broadband services	$3.2 billion (CRRSA)	Eligible families may receive up to $50 per month, $75 per month on Tribal lands, and a one-time discount of $100 on a computer or tablet.	Individual Families	New COVID Program	NA - not for states
FCC	Emergency Connectivity Fund	Provides funding to schools and libraries for laptops, Wi-Fi hotspots or other internet devices.	$7.17 billion (ARP)	Reimburses 100% of the costs to purchase eligible internet equipment for a school or library.	Libraries and Schools	New COVID Program	NA - not for states
NTIA	Tribal Broadband Connectivity Grant	Program to expand broadband deployment on Tribal lands, targeted at telehealth, remote learning, affordability, and digital inclusion	$1 billion (CRRSA)	Tribal governments and other eligible entities can apply for funding, with grant awards between $50,000 and $50 million.	Tribe	New COVID Program	Apply by September 1, 2021
NTIA	Broadband Infrastructure Deployment	Program to promote partnerships for state subdivisions and fixed broadband service providers, targeted at rural areas.	$300 million (CRRSA)	Awards to be made between $5 million and $30 million. There is no cost sharing requirement and projects need to be implemented within one year.	Partnerships between a state, or one or more political subdivisions of a state and providers of fixed broadband service. ETC designation is not required.	New COVID Program	Apply by August 17, 2021
NTIA	Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program	Grant program targeted at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Tribal Colleges and Universities and Minority Serving Institutions to purchase internet equipment or hire IT personnel.	$285 million (CRRSA)	This program provides grants directly to students to pay for internet services or equipment.	Schools	New COVID Program	NA
U.S. Department of Education	Elementary and Secondary Relief Fund	K-12 emergency funding to respond to COVID crisis growing need for remote learning	$13.2 billion (CARES) $54.3 billion (CRRSA) $122 billion (ARP)	States are awarded funds in proportion to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)	State	New COVID Program	CARES funding available for obligation through September 2021, CRRSA funding available for obligation through September 2022, ARP funding available for obligation through September 2023
U.S. Department of Education	Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund	Reimburses students and teachers for technology needs	$14.25 billion (CARES) $21.2 billion (CRRSA)	The funds will be awarded to higher education institutions on a formula outlined by Congress	Schools, Students	New COVID Program	CARES funding available for obligation through September 2022, CRRSA funding available for obligation through September 2023
U.S. Department of Education	Governor's Emergency Relief Fund	Block grants for educational entities most impacted by COVID. The grants are largely flexible to cover current student and school needs.	$3 billion (CARES) $4.053 billion (CRRSA)	Funds are awarded to Governors' offices 60 percent based on relative school-aged population and 40 percent based on children counted under ESEA	State	New COVID Program	CARES funding available for obligation through September 2022, CRRSA funding available for obligation through September 2023
U.S. Department of Education	Title I, Part A	Provides financial assistance to schools with high percentages of low-income students.	$16.31 billion (FY2020)	States are awarded funds on a formula basis	State	Existing Program	Renewed annually
U.S. Department of Education	Title IV, Part A	Improves technology accessibility and digital literacy for all students	$1.21 billion (FY2020)	States are awarded funds on a formula basis	State	Existing Program	Renewed annually
HUD	Community Development Block Grants	Block grants are provided annually on a formula to states for primarily low- and moderate-income assistance projects. Funds may be used to install broadband infrastructure to benefit eligible communities.	$3.4 billion (FY2020) $5 billion (CARES)	While funds are not exclusively focused on broadband infrastructure, states may flexibly allocate funding toward broadband. West Virginia has utilized these funds toward broadband expansion.	State	Existing Program with additional COVID-related funding	Also see FAQs
U.S. Department of the Treasury	Capital Projects Fund	Funding will assist governments to carry out capital projects that directly enable work, education, and health monitoring, including remote options.	$10 billion (ARP)	Additional guidance to come, applications will be accepted during the summer of 2021.	States/Local, Tribe	New COVID Program	Funds available in Summer 2021, no deadline known
U.S. Department of the Treasury	Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund	The ARP provided flexible funding to states to aid economic impacts, with one investment use to be in broadband infrastructure.	$350 billion (ARP) $195 billion going to states	Additional guidance to come	States/Local, Tribe	New COVID Program	Available one year after pandemic declared over

Existing Program
Existing Program added to with COVID funds
COVID Program
No real funding stream

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U.S. Department of the Treasury	Homeowner Assistance Fund	To be distributed to states, territories, and local governments by the Treasury Department, which includes payment for broadband services as one of the several qualified expenses eligible for relief.	$10 billion (ARP)	Additional guidance to come	State/Local, Tribe	New COVID Program	Funds request deadline was April 25, 2021.
U.S. Department of Commerce	Economic Development Administration Grants	Distribute under the under the Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance programs, of which include broadband projects as an eligible expense for economically distressed communities.	$1.5 billion (CARES) $3 billion (ARP)	Applicants will be awarded on an ongoing basis until a new award is published or all funds have been expended	State/Local, Tribe	Existing Program with additional COVID-related funding	Applications accepted until funds have been expended
Delta Regional Authority	States Economic Development Assistance Program	Provides direct investment into community based projects, 75 percent of which must go to economically distressed counties and parishes. Half of these funds must be allocated to basic public infrastructure which includes broadband.	$12.35 million (FY2020)	States receive formula balance to be designated for eligible projects meeting program criteria.	8 states in Delta region	Existing Program	Program renewed annually. Current applications due June 6 to local development districts.
Delta Regional Authority	Community Infrastructure Fund	Targets physical infrastucture projects to build more resilient communities in the region. Investments include basic public infrastructure development such as broadband.	$15 million (FY2020)	States receive formula balance to be designated for eligible projects meeting program criteria.	8 states in Delta region	Existing Program	Program renewed annually
Appalachian Regional Commission	Area Development Program	Makes investments in critical infrastrucutre and business and workforce development. Broadband is a prioirity investment area withing the critical infrastrucutre investments.	$40,945 million (FY2020)	Applicants should reach out to state grant managers. Matches are required and vary by counties' economic status.	13 States in Appalachian Region	Existing Program	Program renewed annually

Terms	Abbreviations
United States Department of Agriculture	USDA
Rural Utilities Service	RUS
Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act	CARES Act
Federal Communications Commission	FCC
Universal Service Fund	USF
Internet Service Provider	ISP
National Telecommunications and Information Administration	NTIA
United States Department of Housing and Urban Development	HUD
Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act	CRRSA