

**Infrastructure
Grant
Opportunities**

USDA Rural Utility Service: FY Community Connect Grants Available

RUS is now accepting applications for FY 2019 for the Community Connect Grants Program. This program helps fund broadband deployment into rural communities where it is not yet economically viable for private sector providers to deliver service. Rural areas that lack any existing broadband speed of at least 10 Mbps downstream and 1 Mbps upstream are eligible. Applications available at community.connect@wdc.usda.gov
Applications Due by April 15

USDA ReConnect Rural Broadband Program

<http://reconnect.usda.gov>

USDA has extended its deadlines for the Rural eConnectivity Pilot Program (reconnect Program) to May 31.

Emergency Loan Program, Public Works Board

<http://www.commerce.wa.gov/building-infrastructure/pwb-financing/>

The Emergency Construction Loan Program focuses on the activities that repair, replace, and/or reconstruct a facility that will restore essential services. Applications are accepted continuously until loan funds are expended.

**Water Quality
Grant
Opportunities
and
Assistance**

Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)

<http://www.rcac.org/>

<http://www.rcac.org/lending/environmental-loans/>

RCAC is nonprofit organization that provides training, technical and financial resources to rural communities. The loan program is for feasibility, pre-development, and construction of water and waste projects.

Rural Water Loan Fund (RWLF)

<http://nrwa.org/initiatives/revolving-loan-fund/>

The RWLF provides low-cost loans for short-term repair costs, small capital projects, or pre-development costs associated with larger projects to small water and wastewater utilities.

Evergreen Rural Water of Washington (ERWoW)

<http://www.erwow.org/Home.aspx>

ERWoW provides training and technical assistance to water and wastewater systems. The staff works directly with systems to solve operational, regulatory, administrative and financial challenges faced by water systems.

USDA Rural Development

<http://www.rd.usda.gov/wa>

Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities%20direct-loan-grant-program/wa>

Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program

<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-wastedisposal-loan-grant-program/wa>

Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities, population under 2,500, water & waste disposal projects.

<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/search-specialevaluation-assistance-rural-communities-and-households>

Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/emergencycommunity-water-assistance-grants>

Washington State Contacts:

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices/wa>

<p><u>Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)</u></p>	<p><u>Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)</u> http://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/currentopportunities/community-development-block-grants/ Assist local governments in carrying out community and economic development projects that principally benefit LMI persons. Economic Opportunity Grants Application accepted year-round on a funds available basis. Public Services Grants Apr 1: Application due, opens February General Purpose Grants Jun 3: Application due, opens March</p>
<p><u>Cultural Program Grant Opportunities</u></p>	<p><u>Cultural Opportunities – Humanities Washington</u> https://www.humanities.org/program/grants/ Communities around Washington have important stories to tell and issues to discuss. Humanities Washington’s grants program provides the financial resources for people to come together to talk, discuss, debate, feel, think, and tell stories through the lens of the humanities. They support existing efforts as well as new opportunities for grassroots projects conceived and implemented locally.</p> <p>Opportunity grants: Are available to small or rural organizations for public humanities presentations. Opportunity grants do not require a funding match, and organizations may request up to \$1,000. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year, and until all funds are distributed.</p> <p><u>Main Street Program – Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation</u> https://dahp.wa.gov/local-preservation/main-street-program Since 1984, the Washington State Main Street Program has been helping communities revitalize the economy, appearance, and image of their downtown commercial districts using the successful Main Street Four-Point Approach®. Main Street is a comprehensive, incremental approach to revitalization built around a community’s unique heritage and attributes. Using local resources and initiative, the state program helps communities develop their own strategies to stimulate long term economic growth and pride in the heart of the community-downtown.</p> <p><u>Art Works & Challenge America & Our Town & Research: Art Works Program, National Endowment for the Arts</u> https://www.arts.gov/grants/apply-grant/grants-organizations \$10,000 to \$100,000 matching grants that strength communities through the arts. Submittal Dates: April 11 - Challenge America July 11 - Art Works Second</p>
<p><u>Recreation Grant Opportunities</u></p>	<p><u>National Parks Service - Rivers, Trails, & Conservation Assistance (RTCA)</u> http://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/rtca/contactus/cu_apply.html RTCA provides guidance to communities so they can conserve waterways, preserve open space, and develop trails and greenways. Jun 30: Application deadline, contact NPS prior to submission.</p> <p><u>No Child Left Inside</u> https://www.rco.wa.gov/grants/ncli.shtml The No Child Left Inside program is designed to provide underserved youth with opportunities to experience the natural world. Funding is for natural resource-based education and recreation programs serving youth. Does not fund facilities, festivals, or organized sports. Application Due: April 1 **Must meet planning eligibility to apply for funding. Check if your agency is eligible to apply.</p> <p><u>Recreation</u> http://www.grants.gov/ Recreation and Conservation Office https://www.rco.wa.gov/grants/schedules.shtml</p>
<p><u>Grant Opportunities</u></p>	<p><u>Community Connect Grants</u> https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-connect-grants This program helps fund broadband deployment into rural communities where it is not yet economically viable for private sector providers to deliver service. Rural areas that lack any existing broadband speed of at least 10 Mbps downstream and 1 Mbps upstream is eligible. Funds can be used for: the construction, acquisition, or leasing of facilities, spectrum, land or buildings used to deploy broadband service; and the cost of providing</p>

broadband service free of charge to the critical community facilities for 2 years. Less than 10% of the grant amount or up to \$150,000 may be used for the improvement, expansion, construction or acquisition of a community center that provides online access to the public.

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**Funding
Resource
Websites**

Public Works Board: Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF)

PWTF provides financial and technical assistance to communities for critical public health, safety, and environmental infrastructure.

<http://www.pwb.wa.gov/>

Transportation Improvement Board Urban and Rural Programs (TIB)

The TIB distributes grant funding to cities and counties for transportation projects.

<http://www.tib.wa.gov/>

Community Planning Assistance Teams (CPAT) – American Planning Association WA Chapter

<http://www.washington-apa.org/community-planning-assistance-teams>

CPAT members include planners with expertise in land use, transportation, economic development, urban design, natural resources, parks and recreation, and historic preservation.

Transportation Programs (WSDOT & FHA)

WSDOT administers funding for the following programs: Bridge, Transportation Enhancement, Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety, Safe Routes to School, Public Transportation and Mobility, and other transportation related programs.

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/localprograms/ProgramMgmt/funding.htm>

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (RCFB)

RCFB helps finance recreation and conservation projects throughout the state, improving the state's quality of life through its investment of public funds in parks, trails, beaches, boating facilities, wildlife habitat, and natural areas.

<http://www.rco.wa.gov/>

USDA Rural Development

USDA Rural Development is dedicated to improving the quality of life and expanding the economic opportunity for rural American by providing various loan and grant programs to help meet the diverse needs of small rural communities for housing, businesses, and critical infrastructure.

Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program

<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program/wa>

Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program

<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program/wa>

Business & Industry Loan Guarantees

<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-industry-loan-guarantees/wa>

Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council (IACC)

The IACC is a resource for locating infrastructure funding or technical assistance in Washington State.

<http://www.infracfunding.wa.gov/index.html>

Washington Department of Commerce

<https://www.commerce.wa.gov/open-grants-loans/>

Building Infrastructure

Commerce web page portal to infrastructure building resources.

<http://www.commerce.wa.gov/building-infrastructure/>

Serving Rural Communities

Resources supporting rural community needs.

<http://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/serving-rural-communities/>

Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund

Commerce's Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (BRLF) helps local and regional governments, non-profit agencies and private businesses cleanup and redevelop brownfields sites. The website provides information about redeveloping brownfields sites and links you to the loan information and application forms.

<http://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/current-opportunities/brownfields-revolving-loan-fund/>

Energy Saving Performance Contracting (ESPC)

Washington General Administration program that assists colleges, cities and towns, counties, school districts, hospital districts, library districts, port districts, and more with selecting and financing solutions for building energy upgrades for energy saving projects such as: energy management systems, interior and exterior lighting, boiler replacement and repair of steam distribution systems, high efficiency HVAC systems, LED traffic systems, wastewater treatment plant pumps and motors.

<http://www.des.wa.gov/services/facilities/Energy/ESPC/Pages/default.aspx>

Municipal Research and Service Center (MRSC)

Much of the funding for larger city and county capital transportation projects comes from grants and loans made by federal and state agencies. Almost all federal funds are 'passed through' a state agency filter. Major agencies involved in funding transportation grants and loans are listed on this page.

<http://mrsc.org/Home/Explore-Topics/Transportation/Transportation-Funding/State-and-Federal-Transportation-Grants-and-Loans.aspx>

Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB)

Administers funds for the protection and restoration of salmon habitat.

https://www.rco.wa.gov/salmon_recovery/index.shtml

Washington Department of Ecology

Ecology grants and loans include funding for: air quality, coastal zone management, environmental education, flood control, shoreline management, spill response, waste management, water quality, and watershed management.

<https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/How-we-operate/Grants-loans>

Washington Military Department, Emergency Management Division

Homeland security, hazard mitigation, disaster assistance, and emergency management preparedness assistance grants.

<http://mil.wa.gov/grants>

Grants.gov

Federal grants resource.

<http://www.grants.gov/>

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance

Tracks over \$10 million federal dollars obligated to domestic assistance programs and provides links to Federal grant programs web sites. Type in a keyword to see what is available.

<https://www.cfda.gov/>

Secretary of State – Washington State Library

Provides opportunities for Competitive/Criteria Grants, the Association for Rural and Small Libraries Conference Scholarships, and Professional Development Grants.

<https://www.sos.wa.gov/library/libraries/grants/>

Grant Writing Resource Websites and Learning Opportunities

Proposal Writing

Build the essential knowledge and skills to craft effective grant proposals.

<http://grantspace.org/topics/proposal-writing/>

Growing Your Business: A Guide to Grant Writing

This site provides a short overview of the most important items to include with a grant proposal.

<http://www.businessinsurance.org/guide-to-grant-writing/>

A to Z Grant Writing

This invigorating and informative course will teach you how to raise needed funds. This course speaks mainly to nonprofit organizations, schools, religious institutions, and municipalities seeking grants from foundation, corporate, government, and individual donors. It's also an excellent primer for individuals wishing to become grant writing consultants or community grant writing volunteers.

<https://www.ed2go.com/lccbic/SearchResults.aspx?SearchTerms=a+to+z+grantwriting>

Get Grants

Over the 6-week on-line course you'll be shown step-by-step the process of grant proposal writing, whether you are tackling a federal grant, one from a national private foundation or a smaller grant from your local foundation.

<https://www.ed2go.com/lccbic/online-courses/get-grants?tab=detail>

Writing Effective Grant Proposals

Preparing successful grant proposals to receive funding from corporations or foundations requires careful research, meticulous preparation, and graceful writing. Grant administrators tell us that many grant requestors have no real understanding of the proposal writing process and as a result, their worthy causes lose out.

<https://www.ed2go.com/lccbic/online-courses/writing-effective-grant-proposals>

Grant writing resource information

<https://www.ruralcenter.org/resource-library/federal-grant-writing-manual>

Disclaimer:

Program availability and deadlines were collected from information available as of March 2019.

If you have questions about these funding opportunities, please feel free click the link. If you find an opportunity and would like CWCOG support or assistance in applying for funding, please feel free to contact Bill Fashing at bfashing@cwkog.org or (360) 577-3041.

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