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USDA Opens Second Application Window for Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program Funding

WASHINGTON, April 14, 2020 – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development Bette Brand today announced that USDA has opened a second application window for funding under the [Distance Learning and Telemedicine](#) (DLT) grant program.

This window includes an additional \$25 million that Congress recently provided to the program under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, USDA is providing this additional window for those who were not able to complete applications prior to the first application deadline for the DLT program. Any money not awarded under the first application window will be made available in addition to the \$25 million.

Electronic applications for the second application window may be submitted through [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) beginning today and are due no later than July 13, 2020. Paper applications will not be accepted. Additional information on how to apply is now available on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

Applicants eligible for DLT grants include most state and local governmental entities, federally recognized tribes, nonprofits, and for-profit businesses.

USDA Rural Development has taken many immediate actions to help rural residents, businesses and communities affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. To learn more about Rural Development's COVID-19 response, visit www.rd.usda.gov/coronavirus.

USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas. For more information, visit www.rd.usda.gov.

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