

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

(as of 2/18/2009)

Broadband Stimulus Summary

\$7,200,000,000

Allocated between the Department of Agriculture and NTIA, as follows:

Agency	Amount	Stipulations	Meaning
RUS	\$ 2,500,000,000	anywhere in US	
		1) 75% of area to be served shall be rural w/o sufficient access to high speed broadband service to facilitate rural economic development	Must be rural as defined by RUS
		2) Priority given to projects that will deliver to end users a choice of more than one service provider	Open Access
		3) Priority given to projects that provide service to the highest proportion of rural residents that do not have access to broadband service	Most rural, underserved first
		4) Priority given to projects from or including borrowers or former borrowers under Title II of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936	Existing, former RUS borrowers preferred
		5) Priority given to projects that demonstrate that, if the application is approved, all project elements will be fully funded	Financial viability, no additional funding requirement
		6) Priority for applications that can be completed if the requested funds are provided	Achievability of project
		7) Priority for applications that can commence promptly upon approval	"Shovel ready"
		8) May not receive funding under the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	No Double-dipping with the NTIA Program
		9) Secretary must report on planned spending and actual obligations describing use of funds within 90 days of Enactment, and quarterly thereafter until all funds exhausted	Pressure on DoA to assign funds quickly.

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NTIA	\$ 4,700,000,000	distributed as follows:	
	\$ 4,350,000,000	Distributed pursuant to Division B of Act:	
	\$ 200,000,000	minimum amount for grants to expand public computer center capacity	
	\$ 250,000,000	minimum amount for grants for innovative programs to encourage sustainable adoption of Broadband service	
	\$ 10,000,000	transferred to Dept. of Commerce Office of Inspector General for audits and oversight of funds provided	
	\$ 3,890,000,000	NTIA may consult a State to identify unserved and underserved areas.	
		1) NTIA may consult with a state regarding the allocation of grant funds within the State	
		2) NTIA shall disburse money as grants	
		3) NTIA shall disburse all funds by 9/30/10	
		4) NTIA shall seek assurances from grantees that the projects will be completed on time and not to exceed 2 years from award of grant	
		5) NTIA shall report on the status of the program every 90 days	
		6) Applicant must be a State, Indian Tribe, Non-Profit or other entity, including a broadband service or infrastructure provider.	
		7) Applicant shall submit an Application	to be developed
		8) provide a detailed explanation of how any amount received under the program will be used to carry out the purposes of this section in an efficient and expeditious manner, including a showing that the project would not have been implemented during the grant period without Federal grant assistance.	
		9) demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Assistant Secretary, that it is capable of carrying out the project or function to which the application relates in a competent manner in compliance with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws	
		10) disclose to the Assistant Secretary the source and amount of other Federal or State funding sources from which the applicant receives, or has applied for, funding for activities or projects to which the application relates	
		11) provide such assurances and procedures as the Assistant Secretary may require to ensure that grant funds are used and accounted for in an appropriate manner.	
		12) The Federal share in any project may not exceed 80%, unless the applicant petitions NTIA for a waiver and NTIA determines the petition demonstrates financial need.	

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		13) NTIA will award not less than 1 grant in each State	to the extent practicable
		Considerations	Prioritizations
		1) Project will, if approved, increase the affordability of, and subscribership to, service to the greatest population of users in the area	
		2) Project will, if approved, provide the greatest broadband speed possible to the greatest population of users in the area	
		3) will, if approved, enhance service for health care delivery, education, or children to the greatest Project population of users in the area	
		4) Project will, if approved, not result in unjust enrichment as a result of support for non-recurring costs through another Federal program for service in the area	
		5) NTIA will consider whether the applicant is a socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern as defined under section 8(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637)	
	\$ 350,000,000	For Developing and maintaining a broadband inventory map May be transferred to FCC to administer if House and Senate Appropriations Committees are notified not less than 15 days prior to transfer <= 3% of funds may be used for administrative costs	

NTIA Grant Uses:

- 1) acquire equipment, instrumentation, networking capability, hardware and software, digital network technology, and infrastructure for broadband services
- 2) construct and deploy broadband service related infrastructure
- 3) ensure access to broadband service by community anchor institutions
- 4) facilitate access to broadband service by low-income, unemployed, aged, and otherwise vulnerable populations in order to provide educational and employment opportunities to members of such populations
- 5) construct and deploy broadband facilities that improve public safety broadband communications services
- 6) undertake such other projects and activities as the Assistant Secretary finds to be consistent with the purposes for which the program is established