

BROADBAND PROVISIONS - AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

Program	New or Existing Program	Competitive or Formula (if formula what is it?)	Funding Level	Funding Timeframe	General conditions/ requirements for obtaining funds	Matching requirements	Other
<p>Broadband - Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service (RUS)</p> <p>For distance learning, telemedicine and broadband program</p>	Existing Program - New Funding.	Competitive - grants, loans and loan guarantees.	\$2.5 billion	<p>Available the day of enactment.</p> <p>Preference is to use 50% of funding for activities that can be started within 120 days of enactment.</p>	<p>- 75% of funding must go to rural areas that lack sufficient broadband speed</p> <p>- certain priorities must be met</p> <p>1) projects must give users choice of more than one service provider.</p> <p>2) priority to unserved areas.</p> <p>3) priority to projects that demonstrate ability to fully fund</p> <p>4) priority to projects that can commence promptly.</p>	None.	Projects cannot also get funding from NTIA's TOP.
<p>Broadband - Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA)</p> <p>For broadband access to unserved and underserved areas, training and equipment, improving access to and use of broadband by public safety.</p>	<p>Technology Opportunities Program.</p> <p>New Program, New Funding.</p>	Competitive.	\$4.7 billion.	<p>Available the day of enactment.</p> <p>Preference is to use 50% of funding for activities that can be started within 120 days of enactment.</p>	<p>-Grants available to all parts of U.S.</p> <p>-At least 1 per state, if not more</p> <p>-NTIA provides 80% of funding, states provide 20%</p> <p>- NTIA expected to seek advice of states in awarding grants</p> <p>- States can enter in to public/private partnerships</p> <p>- States are encourage to coalesce stakeholders and partners, assess community needs, aggregate demand for services and evaluate demand for technical service</p> <p>- States also must provide post-grant monitoring</p> <p>NTIA Allocation -</p> <p>1) \$350 M for Broadband Mapping</p>	- 80% NTIA, 20% state.	- \$650 M to NTIA for DTV Converter Box Program.

Source: National Conference of State Legislatures, February 17, 2009.