

## STAKEHOLDER ANNOUNCEMENT

### **USDA Accepts Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Applications to Improve Access to Remote Education and Health Care in Rural Communities**

**(Washington, D.C., May 5, 2026)** – U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development invites grant applications to improve access to remote education and health care in rural communities.

USDA is making approximately \$27 million in funding available under the [Distance Learning and Telemedicine \(DLT\) Grant Program](#).

This program funds distance learning and telemedicine equipment, including audio and video equipment, to improve access to educational and health care opportunities in rural communities. These funds will help digitally connect people to education, training and healthcare resources that are otherwise unavailable or limited in remote parts of the country.

For example, DLT funding expands opportunities for:

- Students to participate in classes that may be in locations too far to access in person;
- Teachers to provide their expertise, trainings and educational services to students across the country; and
- Patients to seek specialized care and treatment from medical professionals without needing to leave their homes or communities.

Eligible applicants include state and local governmental entities, federally recognized Tribes, nonprofits and for-profit businesses.

Applications must be submitted electronically through [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) no later than June 30, 2026. Additional program information is available on the [DLT Program website](#). Interested applicants are encourage to contact their [Telecom Program General Field Representative \(GFR\)](#) and may submit questions using the [Contact Us Form](#).

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