Inventory of Federal Programs and Points of Contact

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The following table provides an inventory of federal agencies and programs that do or could play a role in funding, regulating, or otherwise significantly impacting the deployment and provision of communications infrastructure and services, including information technologies, on Tribal lands. *See also* **BroadbandUSA:** Guide to Federal Funding of Broadband Projects (June 2017), available at https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/sites/default/files/resource-files/ntia_guidetofedfunding_062317.pdf.

Agency	Program	Type	Description	Website	Point of Contact
Appalachian Regional Commission					
	Telecommunications and Technology Program	Grant	ARC, through its Information Age Appalachia (IAA) program, is engaged in helping make advanced communications systems a reality in all of Appalachia. IAA is built around four main pillars: access to infrastructure, training and education, e-commerce, and tech job creation. The program is also geared toward assisting in the uses of an advanced telecommunications infrastructure, including: • distance learning applications for rural school systems; • advanced telemedicine applications for rural health clinics; • high-speed internet access for business applications; and • access to training curricula for workforce training.	Telecommunications: Information Age Appalachia https://www.arc.gov/program_areas/index.asp?PROGRAM_AREA_ID=18 Grants and Funding: https://www.arc.gov/about/ARCProjects.asp	

Federal Communications Commission					
	Lifeline	Provider Subsidy	The Lifeline Program provides a discount of up to $9.25 per month on phone service for qualifying low-income consumers to ensure all Americans have the opportunities and security phone service brings. Some consumers living on rural Tribal lands are eligible for an enhanced discount of up to $34.25 per month.	https://www.fcc.gov/general/lifeline-program-low-income-consumers#block-menu-block-4	
	E-Rate	Provider Subsidy	The schools and libraries universal service support program, commonly known as the E-rate program, helps qualifying schools and libraries obtain affordable broadband service.	https://www.fcc.gov/general/e-rate-schools-libraries-usf-program#block-menu-block-4	
	Rural Healthcare	Provider Subsidy	The Rural Healthcare Program provides financial support to qualifying rural healthcare providers for critical communications services.	https://www.fcc.gov/general/rural-health-care-program#block-menu-block-4	
	Mobility Fund Phase II	Provider Subsidy	Mobility Fund Phase II (MF-II) will make up to $4.53 billion in support available over 10 years to providers who commit to serve primarily rural areas that currently lack unsubsidized 4G Long Term Evolution (LTE) service.	https://www.fcc.gov/mobility-fund-phase-2	
	Connect America Fund Phase II	Provider Subsidy	CAF-II will use competitive bidding to efficiently support deployment of networks providing both voice and broadband service, thereby expanding broadband availability to millions more unserved Americans.	https://www.fcc.gov/connect-america-fund-phase-ii-auction-auction-903	
	Tribal Radio Priority	Licensing Preference	The Tribal Radio Priority is an FCC rule through which Tribes or Tribally owned or controlled entities may more easily obtain broadcast radio licenses in both the AM and FM bands.	None	Tom Nessinger thomas.nessinger@fcc.gov

	Disaster Information Reporting System (DIRS)	Emergency Communications	DIRS is a voluntary, efficient, web-based system that communications companies, including wireless, wireline, broadcast, and cable providers, can use to report communications infrastructure status and situational-awareness information during times of crisis.	https://www.fcc.gov/general/disaster-information-reporting-system-dirs-0#block-menu-block-4	
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Services					
	Community Connect Grants	Grant	This program helps fund broadband deployment in rural communities where it is not yet economically viable for private-sector providers to deliver service.	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-connect-grants	Email community.connect@wdc.usda.gov, or call the Loan Origination and Approval Division at (202) 720-0800.
	Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grants	Grant	The Distance Learning and Telemedicine program helps rural communities use the unique capabilities of telecommunications to connect to each other and to the world, overcoming the effects of remoteness and low population density	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/distance-learning-telemedicine-grants	For DLT questions, please contact: **dltinfo@wdc.usda.gov,** or call the Loan Origination and Approval Division at (202) 720-0800.
	Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee	Loan	The Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program (Broadband Program) furnishes loans and loan guarantees to provide funds for the costs of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment needed to provide service at the broadband lending speed in eligible rural areas.	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-broadband-access-loan-and-loan-guarantee	Loan Origination and Approval Division at (202) 720-0800
	Telecommunications Infrastructure Loans & Loan Guarantees	Loan	This program provides financing for the construction, maintenance, improvement and expansion of telephone service and broadband in rural areas.	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-infrastructure-loans-loan-guarantees	Loan Origination and Approval Division at (202) 720-0800.

	Substantially Underserved Trust Areas Provisions	Loan	The purpose of these provisions is to improve the availability of eligible programs in communities in substantially underserved trust areas (SUTA). Qualified applicants may request individually or in combination the following: interest rates as low as 2%; waivers of non-duplication requirements, matching or credit support requirements; extended repayment terms; and funding priority.	https://www.rd.usda.gov/about-rd/initiatives/substantially-underserved-trust-area-suta	Tedd Buelow, Native American Coordinator, tedd.buelow@wdc.usda.gov. (720) 544-2911
	Rural Business Development Grants	Grant	This program is a competitive grant designed to support targeted technical assistance, training and other activities leading to the development or expansion of small and emerging private businesses in rural areas that will employ 50 or fewer new employees and have less than $1 million in gross revenue. Programmatic activities are separated into enterprise- or opportunity-type grant activities.	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-business-development-grants	Applications are accepted through USDA Rural Development's local or State offices once per year. Applicants are advised to view program information specific to your local or State office to learn about local application timelines, concept paper requirements, etc. Grant awardees will need to complete required paperwork and comply with the terms and conditions of the award. Contact your local or State office for details.
	Tribal College Initiative Grants	Grant	This program provides funding to 1994 Land Grant Institutions (Tribal Colleges) to make capital improvements to their educational facilities and to purchase equipment	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/tribal-college-initiative-grants	Rural Business-Cooperative Service 1-800-670-6553 Rural Housing Service 1-800-670-6553 Rural Utilities Service 1-800-670-6553

	All programs	Program and Services for Tribes	Information on all USDA programs and services available for tribes	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/programs-services-tribes	
Department of Commerce					
National Telecommunications and Information Administration					
	State and Local Implementation Grant Program 2.0	Grant	The State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP) was created under the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Act). SLIGP is designed to provide resources to assist regional, state, local and tribal government entities as they plan for the nationwide public safety broadband network (PSBN) being developed by the **First Responder Network Authority** (FirstNet). In 2018, NTIA will award a second round of grants to U.S. states and territories. This funding will provide recipients with the resources to work with stakeholders throughout the state or territory to identify needs, gaps, and priorities for public safety wireless broadband.	https://www.ntia.doc.gov/category/state-and-local-implementation-grant-program-20	General E-mail: **sligp@ntia.doc.gov** SLIGP Director: Michael Dame, **mdame@ntia.doc.gov** SLIGP Federal Program Officers: Yuki Miyamoto, **ymiyamoto@ntia.doc.gov** Natalie Romanoff, **nromanoff@ntia.doc.gov**
	BroadbandUSA	Assistance and Training	BroadbandUSA provides online and direct, one-to-one and group assistance and training, hosts regional workshops and webinars, and offers field-tested guides and toolkits to help communities assess local broadband needs, identify funding and other resources, engage critical partners, and plan network infrastructure projects and digital inclusion programs. The audiences we assist range from state and local government to federal agencies to community organizations.	https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/funding-list	If you are interested in receiving technical assistance or training from BroadbandUSA, please contact us at **BroadbandUSA@ntia.doc.gov** and share a brief summary of the broadband-related issue. 202-482-2048

| | 911 Grant Program | Grant | The 911 Grant Program provides Federal funding to grantees to help 911 call centers nationwide upgrade equipment and operations so that citizens, first responders, and 911 call-takers can use digital, IP-based, broadband-enabled technologies to coordinate emergency responses. The 911 Grant Program application is a two-step process.

Step 1: Applicants must identify a designated 911 coordination. In addition, applicants must submit the certification in either Appendix A or Appendix B of the NOFO signed by the 911 Coordinator, certifying that the applicant has complied with the required statutory and programmatic conditions in submitting its application, including the statutory non-diversion requirement. Specific information can be found in the NOFO. After receipt of the initial applications, the Agencies will publish preliminary funding allocations for each of the States or Tribal Organizations meeting the certification requirements on www.grants.gov.

Step 2: After the Agencies publish the preliminary funding allocations, eligible applicants must submit a complete application packet by the deadline established on www.grants.gov. | https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html

Enter in the "Opportunity Number" search: NHTSA-NTIA-911-GRANT-PROGRAM-2018 | Jennifer Duane

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	U.S. Economic Development Administration				
	Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance programs	Grant	Under the Economic Development Assistance programs (EDAP) Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), EDA will make construction, non-construction, and revolving-loan-fund investments under the Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) programs.	https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html Enter in the "Opportunity Number" search: EDAP2018	If you have difficulty accessing the full announcement electronically, please contact: the EDA representative for your state. A complete list of EDA representatives is available on EDA's website at: http://www.eda.gov/contact/
	Planning and Local Technical Assistance Programs	Grant	Through its Planning and Local Technical Assistance programs, EDA helps eligible recipients prepare economic-development plans and studies designed to build capacity and guide the economic prosperity and resiliency of an area or region.	https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html Enter in the "Opportunity Number" search: EDA-2018-DISASTER	If you have difficulty accessing the full announcement electronically, please contact the EDA representative for your state. A complete list of EDA representatives is available on EDA's website at http://www.eda.gov/contact/
	FirstNet Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network				
	Spectrum Relocation Grant Program	Grant	The FirstNet Band 14 Incumbent Spectrum Relocation Grant program will provide financial assistance to eligible public-safety entities in relocating their radios and systems from Band 14 in advance of the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN) development and deployment.	https://www.firstnet.gov/about/board/resolutions/board-resolution-03-grant-program-consultation-process	First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive Mail Stop 243 Reston, Virginia 20192 (571) 665-6100 info@firstnet.gov

Department of the Interior					
Bureau of Indian Affairs					
	Indian Highway Safety Law Enforcement Grants	Grant	The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Office of Justice Services (OJS), Indian Highway Safety Program (IHSP) solicits proposals for implementing traffic-safety programs and projects designed to reduce the number of traffic crashes, deaths, injuries and property damage within these populations. Indian Highway Safety Grants are reimbursable grants available to federally recognized tribes.	https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html Enter in the "Opportunity Number" search: BIA-IHSP-2019-0005	Kimberly Belone Program Analyst at (505) 563-3780 ojs_indian_highway_safety@bia.gov Indian Highway Safety Grants
	Indian Highway Safety Occupant Protection Grant	Grant	The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Office of Justice Services (OJS), Indian Highway Safety Program (IHSP) solicits proposals for implementing traffic-safety programs and projects designed to reduce the number of traffic crashes, deaths, injuries and property damage within these populations. Indian Highway Safety Occupant Protection Grants are reimbursable grants available to federally recognized tribes.	https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html Enter in the "Opportunity Number" search: BIA-IHSP-2019-0006	Kimberly Belone Program Analyst at (505) 563-3780 ojs_indian_highway_safety@bia.gov Indian Highway Safety Grants
	Native American Business Development Institute (NABDI) Grant	Grant	The objective of the NABDI economic development feasibility study programs is to enable any Indian tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community, including any Alaska Native village or regional or village corporation as defined or established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (85 Stat. 688) [43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.], that is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians, or any authorized Indian organization, to conduct a feasibility study on the viability of an economic development project, opportunity, enterprise, business or technology.	https://www.bia.gov/as-ia/ieed/division-economic-development/nabdi	Contact Telephone: (202) 219-0740 Telefax: (202) 208-4564

	Programs and Services	Programs and Services	Within the government-to-government relationship, Indian Affairs provides services directly or through contracts, grants, or compacts to 573 federally recognized tribes with a service population of about 1.9 million American Indians and Alaska Natives.	https://www.bia.gov/programs-services	
Department of Justice					
Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)					
	DOJ's Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation, which includes COPS' Tribal Resources Grant Program	Grant	The Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) responds to Tribal Leaders' request to improve and simplify the US Department of Justice (DOJ) grant-making process. Since Fiscal Year (FY) 2010, DOJ has combined existing Tribal Government–specific competitive solicitations into one solicitation and required only one application from each tribe or tribal consortium under CTAS. This approach provides federally recognized tribes and tribal consortia the opportunity to develop a comprehensive approach to public-safety and victimization issues.	Details about the program: https://cops.usdoj.gov/grants https://www.justice.gov/tribal/grants FAQ https://cops.usdoj.gov/pdf/2018AwardDocs/ctas/CTAS_FAQ.pdf	Matthew Lysakowski Senior Advisor for Tribal Affairs COPS Office U.S. Department of Justice 145 N Street, NE Washington, DC 20530 Ph: (202) 514-6392 Mobile: (202) 598-0727 matthew.lysakowski@usdoj.gov
	COPS Technical Assistance and Tribal Training and Technical Assistance.	Training and Technical Assistance	The COPS Office provides assistance to law enforcement agencies looking for ways to implement the principles of community policing. Some agencies may be looking for best practices or peer-to-peer advice in dealing with a specific issue, while others may be looking for a more comprehensive, hands-on engagement process through collaborative reform technical assistance. The COPS Office partners with law enforcement executives to assess agency needs and tailor an effective technical assistance approach. The COPS Office supports training and technical assistance that is specifically geared toward tribal community policing.	https://cops.usdoj.gov/tribalpolicing	Matthew Lysakowski Senior Advisor for Tribal Affairs COPS Office U.S. Department of Justice 145 N Street, NE Washington, DC 20530 Ph: (202) 514-6392 Mobile: (202) 598-0727 matthew.lysakowski@usdoj.gov

Department of Health and Human Services					
Indian Health Services					
	Office of Tribal Self-Governance Negotiation Cooperative Agreement	Grant	The purpose of this Negotiation Cooperative Agreement is to provide Tribes with resources to help defray the costs associated with preparing for and engaging in Tribal Self-Governance Program (TSGP) negotiations.	https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html Enter in the "Opportunity Number" search: HHS-2019-IHS-TSGN-0001	Paul Gettys, Grant Systems Coordinator, (301) 443-2114
	Tribal Management Grant Program	Grant	The Tribal Management Grant Program is designed to enhance and develop health-management infrastructure and help Tribes/Tribal Organizations assume all or part of existing Indian Health Service Programs, Services, Functions, and Activities.	https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html Enter in the "Opportunity Number" search: HHS-2019-IHS-TMD-0001	Paul Gettys, Grant Systems Coordinator, (301) 443-2114 Click Division of Grants Management to send an email.
Department of Housing and Urban Development					
	Indian Community Development Block Grants	Grant	The Indian Community Development Block Grants Program provides eligible grantees with direct grants for use in developing viable Indian and Alaska Native Communities, including decent housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities, primarily for low and moderate-income persons. Project funding by the ICDBG program must principally benefit low-and-moderate-income persons (24 CFR § 1003.208). The program regulations provide for two categories of grants: Single Purpose and Imminent Threat	https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih/grants/icdbg	Please contact your local Office of Native American Programs - Area ONAP office with questions.
	Indian Housing Community Block Grants	Grant	The Indian Housing Block Grant Program (IHBG) is a formula grant that provides a range of affordable housing activities on Indian reservations and Indian areas.	https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih/grants/ihbg	Please contact your local Area Office of Native American Programs office with questions

	Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grants	Grant	The Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant (NHHBG) program was authorized by the American Homeownership and Economic Opportunity Act of 2000 (PL 106-569). This Act amends the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA) of 1996 and creates a new Title VIII - Housing Assistance for Native Hawaiians.	https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih/codetalk/onap/nhhbgprogram	Please contact Claudine Allen, Native Hawaiian Program Specialist, in the HUD Honolulu Field Office: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 1132 Bishop Street, Suite 1400 Honolulu, HI 96813 Phone: (808) 457-4674 Fax: (808) 457-4694
	Tribal Housing Activities Loan Guarantee Program (Title VI)	Loan	Title VI is an effective public investment tool that HUD offers to federally recognized tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs). It provides an additional source of financing for affordable tribal housing activities. It may be used to: Create new housing Rehabilitate housing Build infrastructure Construct community facilities Acquire land to be used for housing Prepare architectural & engineering plans Fund financing costs	https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih/homeownership/titlevi	Title VI Program Contacts https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih/homeownership/titlevi/contacts
Institute of Museum and Library Services, Office of Library Services					
	Native Hawaiian Library Services	Grant	Native Hawaiian grants are competitive grants available to carry out activities, described in 20 U.S.C. § 9141, that enhance existing library services or implement new library services. Funding up to $150,00 over two years.	https://www.imls.gov/grants/available/native-hawaiian-library-services	Dr. Sandra Toro, Senior Program Officer (202) 653-4662 storo@imls.gov

	Native American Library Services Basic Grants	Grant	The goal of the FY 2018 Native American Library Services Basic Grants Program is to support existing library operations and maintain core library services. Effective for this FY 2018 Native American Library Services Basic Grants Program, there is no separate Education/Assessment Option. Funding for tribal library staff to: attend library-related continuing education courses or training workshops; attend or give presentations at conferences related to library services; and/or hire a consultant for an onsite professional library assessment. No more than $3,000 may be allotted for education/assessment activities or travel. For this FY 2018 Native American Library Services Basic Grants Program, Basic Grants are only available for a one-year period. You need this one to get the enhancement grant.	https://www.imls.gov/grants/available/native-american-library-services-basic-grants	https://www.imls.gov/grants/available/native-american-library-services-basic-grants
	Native American Library Services Enhancement Grant	Grant	Enhancement Grant projects may enhance existing library services or implement new library services. You must have applied for the basic grant to apply for this grant.	https://www.imls.gov/grants/available/native-american-library-services-enhancement-grants	https://www.imls.gov/grants/available/native-american-library-services-basic-grants
	Museums Empowered: Professional Development Opportunities for Museum Staff	Grant	The goal of the Museums for America (MFA) program is to support projects that strengthen the ability of an individual museum to serve its public. Museums Empowered: Professional Development Opportunities for Museum Staff is a special Museums for America initiative with the goal of strengthening the ability of an individual museum to serve its public through professional development activities that cross-cut various departments to generate systemic change within the museum.	https://www.imls.gov/grants/available/museums-empowered-professional-development-opportunities-museum-staff	Sandra Narva Senior Program Officer snarva@imls.gov (202) 653-4667 Jill Connors-Joyner Museum Program Specialist jconnors-joyner@imls.gov (202) 653-4791

Department of Energy					
	Energy Infrastructure Deployment on Tribal Lands - 2018	Grant	DOE's Office of Indian Energy is charged by Congress under the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self Determination Act of 2005 (EPAct 2005), to "provide, direct, foster, coordinate, and implement energy planning, education, management, conservation, and delivery programs that – (1) Promote Indian tribal energy development, efficiency, and use; (2) Reduce and stabilize energy costs; (3) Enhance and strengthen Indian tribal energy and economic infrastructure relating to natural resource development and electrification; and (4) Bring electric power and service to Indian land and homes for tribal members located on Indian lands or acquired, constructed, or improved (in whole or in part) with Federal funds." 42 USC § 7144e(b). The infrastructure grant program is to install energy generating systems, energy efficiency, and/or systems to power essential tribal loads for emergency or community resilience.	https://www.energy.gov/indianenergy/funding/current-funding-opportunities	Please contact: Indian Energy Help Desk: Phone: (240) 562-1352 Email: indianenergy@hq.doe.gov
National Endowment for the Humanities					
	Preservation and Access Education and Training Program	Grant	The Preservation and Access Education and Training program supports the development of knowledge and skills among professionals responsible for preserving and establishing access to humanities collections.	https://www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/preservation-and-access-education-and-training	Division of Preservation and Access, National Endowment for the Humanities, 400 Seventh Street, SW Washington, DC 20506 (202) 606-8570 preservation@neh.gov Link to Additional Information: https://www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/preservation-

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	Digital Humanities Advancement Grants	Grant	Digital Humanities Advancement Grants (DHAG) support digital projects throughout their lifecycles, from early start-up phases through implementation and long-term sustainability. Experimentation, reuse, and extensibility are hallmarks of this program, leading to innovative work that can scale to enhance scholarly research, teaching, and public programming in the humanities. This program is offered twice per year.	https://www.neh.gov/grants/odh/digital-humanities-advancement-grants	Division of Preservation and Access, National Endowment for the Humanities, 400 Seventh Street, SW Washington, DC 20506 (202) 606-8570 preservation@neh.gov Link to Additional Information: https://www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/preservation-assistance-grants-smaller-institutions
	Research and Development	Grant	The Research and Development program supports projects that address major challenges in preserving or providing access to humanities collections and resources. These challenges include the need to find better ways to preserve materials of critical importance to the nation's cultural heritage—from fragile artifacts and manuscripts to analog recordings and digital assets subject to technological obsolescence—and to develop advanced modes of organizing, searching, discovering, and using such materials.	https://www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/research-and-development	Division of Preservation and Access National Endowment for the Humanities, 400 Seventh Street, SW Washington, DC 20506 (202) 606-8570 preservation@neh.gov Link to Additional Information: https://www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/preservation-assistance-grants-smaller-institutions