



Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Program

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<http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/dlt/dlt.htm>

The purpose of this award is to provide improved educational and medical services to residents of 38 states.

DEADLINE: The deadline has passed. The application due date was March 24, 2009. Guidance for the next competitive cycle is not yet available.

Eligibility	Funding	Requirements	Additional Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entities must be legally organized as one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporated organization or partnership • Indian tribe or tribal organization, as defined in 25. U.S.C. 450 b(b) and (c) • State or local unit of government • A consortium as defined in 7 CFR 1703.102 • Other legal entity, including a private corporation organized on a for-profit or not-for-profit basis • Purposes for funding include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquiring eligible equipment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer hardware/software • Audio and video equipment • Computer network components • Terminal equipment • Data terminal equipment • Inside wiring • Interactive video equipment • Any other facilities that further DLT services • Acquiring instructional programming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This project has funded 534 projects in 44 states and four US territories totaling \$171 million • In FY 2008, the amount of \$29,790,000 is available for all grants • Max amount of an application for a 100% grant is \$500,000 and the minimum amount is \$50,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competitive scoring criteria include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rurality of the Project Service Area • Economic Need as Estimated by the National School Lunch Program • Ability to Leverage Resources • Innovativeness • Cost Effectiveness of the System • Project Participation in EZ/ECs, and Champion Communities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The application deadline for Fiscal Year 2009 DLT grants was March 24, 2009. • A 2009 grant toolkit can be found here: http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/dlt/2009-program/2009%20DLT%20Toolkit%20.pdf • Contact dltinfo@wdc.usda.gov for more information.

