

Rural Development

You Are Invited

Telecommunication Programs

USDA offers a variety of loan and grant programs to finance the construction and expansion of broadband networks serving rural areas.

<u>https://www.rd.usda.gov/</u> <u>programs-services/all-</u> <u>programs/telecom-programs</u>

ReConnect Program

USDA's new ReConnect Program offers loans and grants to facilitate high-speed broadband deployment in rural areas that currently lack sufficient access.

https://www.usda.gov/ reconnect

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Oregon ReConnect Broadband Workshops

Sharing Best Practices on Delivering Broadband to Rural Communities

Join us to learn about the planning process and resources available to help expand broadband infrastructure in your community.

These one-day workshops to inform and engage civic leaders, businesses, and community champions will feature industry experts and provide:

- A discussion of cutting-edge broadband applications that will reshape our communities and help drive rural prosperity
- An overview of relevant USDA Rural Development programs
- An interactive session to support local teams as they evaluate and develop local broadband projects

These are free events and open to the public, but space is limited. **Participants must pre-register by August 14**.

Wednesday, August 28 8:30 am —3:30 pm

Thursday, August 29 8:30 am —3:30 pm

Independence Event Center 555 S Main Street Independence, OR 97351

Register: <u>https://broadband-</u> workshop1.eventbrite.com

Central Oregon Community College 1170 E Ashwood Road

Madras, OR 97741

Register: <u>https://broadband-</u> workshop2.eventbrite.com

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