# e-Connectivity for Rural America
*Partnering to bring modern opportunities to rural communities*

Reliable and affordable broadband e-Connectivity, or electronic connectivity, is vital for economic development and quality of life in the 21st Century. USDA has a website to assist leaders with resources, program information, and best practices for bringing broadband infrastructure to rural communities.

Visit **www.usda.gov/broadband** for more information.

# Technical Assistance Webinars Available for ReConnect Program

## About the ReConnect Program

The ReConnect Program offers loans, grants, and loan/grant combinations to facilitate broadband deployment in areas of rural America without sufficient access to broadband.

- The awards made under this program will bring high-speed broadband to rural areas that lack sufficient access to broadband.

- The delivery of broadband connection and high-quality service will enable technologies critical to rural communities, such as precision agriculture.

- The pilot program will fuel long-term economic development and opportunities in rural America.

## Stakeholder Outreach

USDA Rural Development will host a series of informational webinars and workshops to provide more information on the ReConnect Program.  Please visit https://reconnect.usda.gov for up-to-date information on these events.

**Informational Webinar:**     **Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 2:00 pm EST**
**Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 2:00 pm EST**

This hour-long technical assistance webinar will provide a high-level overview of the funding opportunity available under the ReConnect Program.  USDA Rural Development staff will discuss types of funding available, eligibility provisions, notice of proposed service area, and evaluation factors.  It will be offered twice. You may pre-register for either the February 7 or the February 13 webinar. The webinar link and event details will be emailed to you after registration.

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