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2019 Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program

Opioid DLT FY2019

2019 DLT Webinar

Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grant Program - Opioid

Program Purpose

- The program provides or improves Distance Learning and/or Telemedicine Services in Rural America by funding equipment that allows rural residents to access distance learning or telemedicine services from hub sites located in larger urban or suburban areas
- Overcoming the effects of remoteness and low population density.

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Distance learning

- Distance Learning means the synchronous delivery of curriculum via telecommunications and promotes the connection of students and teachers at remote sites.
 - Provide educational programs, instruction, or information originating in one area, whether rural or not, to students and teachers who are located in rural areas; or
 - Connect teachers and students, located in one rural area with teachers and students that are located in a different rural area.

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Telemedicine

Telemedicine is a synchronous telecommunications link to an end user from medical professionals at separate sites in order to exchange health care information for the purpose of providing improved health care services to residents of rural areas.

Telemedicine shows benefit to rural residents either in reduced travel or improved access to service.

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Available Funding

FY 2018

- **\$29.0 million** available in FY 2018
- **\$10.0 million** additional available in FY 2018 in rural areas to help address the opioid epidemic in rural America

FY 2019

- **\$TBD** available for Traditional DLT FY 2019
- **\$10.0 million** available for Opioid DLT FY 2019 in rural areas to help address the opioid epidemic in rural America
- Grants fund equipment needed to provide Distance Learning and Telemedicine services
- 15% Matching Requirement
- Minimum Grant amount: \$50,000
- Maximum Grant Amount: \$500,000
- Only grants are available-no loans or combo loan/grants

Program Updates

FY 2018

- **224** applications received by June 4, 2018
- **132** applications approved for **\$40.8 million**:

DL	TM	Overall
67 awards	65 Awards	132 awards
849 sites	758 sites	1,607 sites
32 States	39 states	45 states & Territories represented
\$22.7 million	\$18.1 million	\$40.8 million

STEM & Opioid Special Consideration Point Projects

63 STEM	51 Opioid	18 None	132 awards
\$17.9 million	\$18.6 million	\$4.4 million	Tot: \$40.8 million

FY2019

- **FOA Released** on February 14 , 2019
- Opioid DLT FY2019 - Submissions must be received no later than April 15, 2019
- Traditional DLT FY2019 – Submissions must be received no later than May 15, 2019

<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/distance-learning-telemedicine-grants>

Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Program - Opioid Changes for 2019

Changes to the Program Application Guide

Scoring Categories

- There are 4 scoring categories for 2019, 3 objective and one subjective, with a maximum of 145 points.
 - Rurality (30 points) – Minimum score of 15 points required for eligibility
 - Economic Need (30 points)
 - Special Consideration (30 points) – 220 CDC identified at-risk counties
 - Service Need and Benefits (55 points)
- Section J – Applicants must provide acceptable evidence of legal existence along with SAM.gov print out.

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Project Purposes:

- Only applications with Opioid Treatment as the primary purpose will be considered during this funding period.
- Funding amount for this funding window will be \$10 million
- Minimum Grant Request is: \$50,000
- Maximum Grant Request is: \$500,000

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Environmental Requirements for Broadband Facilities

- Complete project description, including ALL aspects
 - (be very clear if all aspects of project are equipment purchases and within existing facilities or expanding outside of existing facilities)
- Project location (Lat/long or address preferred)
- Were Broadband Facilities proposed? If so see National Historic Preservation Act and Endangered Species Act
- **Questions:** contact Lauren Cusick, Lauren.Cusick@wdc.usda.gov or 202-720-1414

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Applicant Assistance

- Prior to official submission of applications, applicants may request technical assistance or other application guidance from RUS, as long as such requests are made 15 days prior to the final application due date.

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Applicant Eligibility

- The following entity types are eligible to apply:
 - Incorporated organization;
 - Indian tribe or tribal organization, as defined in 25 U.S.C. 450b (e);
 - State or local unit of government;
 - Consortium as defined in 1734.3; or
 - Other legal entity, including a private corporation organized on a for-profit or not-for-profit basis.

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Consortium

- A consortium is a combination or group of entities formed to undertake the purposes for which the distance learning and telemedicine financial assistance is provided.
- If the applicant is an existing established consortium with the legal ability to contract with the Federal Government, that organization can apply in the name of the formal consortium.
- If the applicant is an informal consortium, which by itself lacks the legal capacity to contract, the consortium must have a fiscal agent from the consortium apply on its behalf. If awarded, one of the following will be required:
 1. Fiscal Agent from consortium may assume sole responsibility and contract with RUS with all awardee responsibilities.
 2. Each individual entity must contract with RUS on its own behalf, confirm legal existence and authority and each entity, of the informal consortium; must sign grant documents.

See the DLT Application Guide for more detail.

Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Program-Opioid Eligible Purposes

Categories of eligible grant purposes

- Acquiring, by lease or purchase eligible equipment.
 - If leased, the cost of the lease during the three year life of the grant is eligible.
- Constructing Broadband Facilities to serve DLT purposes.
 - Costs may not exceed 20% of the grant amount
 - Applicant must own the facilities
- Acquiring instructional programming that is a capital asset.
 - Including the purchase or lease of instructional programming already on the market
- Providing technical assistance and instruction for using eligible equipment.
 - The costs for this category cannot exceed 10% of the grant amount requested

See the DLT Application Guide for more detail.

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Select Ineligible purposes:

- To pay for medical or educational equipment not having telemedicine or distance learning as its essential function
- To pay for Electronic Medical Record Systems
- Medical equipment not used primarily for telemedicine (50%+)
- Salaries or administrative expenses (including recurring Broadband Connection Fees)
- Application preparation costs
- Purchase of land, buildings, building construction, site development, or destruction or alteration of buildings.

See the DLT Application Guide for more detail.

Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Program – Opioid Eligible Equipment

The following are examples of eligible equipment

- Computer hardware and software
 - Computer network components
 - Data terminal equipment
 - Inside wiring
 - Audio and video equipment
 - Telecommunications terminal equipment
 - Interactive audio/video equipment
 - Broadband facilities, **if owned by the applicant**
- ✓ The application must demonstrate that the predominant purpose (50% or more of use) of every line-item in the grant and match budget meets the DLT Grant definition of distance learning and/or telemedicine.
- ✓ All equipment must be new and non-depreciated

Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Program – Opioid Additional Eligibility Criteria

Matching Contribution:

- The grant applicant's minimum matching contribution must equal 15 percent of the grant amount requested and be used for eligible grant purposes.
 - There are special matching provisions for American Samoa, Guam, Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands for eligibility purposes.
 - Matching Contributions cannot include any financial assistance from federal sources unless there is a federal statutory exception.

See the DLT Application Guide for more detail.

Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Program – Opioid Matching Funds

Matching Contribution (15% required)

- Matching funds can either be cash or equipment used for the project or may be in-kind contributions from a third party.
- Matching funds must be for a purpose that would be otherwise eligible for grant funding (i.e., No salaries, administrative expenses, or other items prohibited from grant funding) and must be integral to the overall DLT project and have a predominant DLT purpose.
- The value of in-kind contributions must be supported.
- Vendor discounts or supplied equipment is not an eligible in-kind contribution.
- Only new equipment may be used in a DLT project; donations or use of partially or fully depreciated equipment are not allowable as match.

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Objective Criteria

- **Rural Area (Rurality):** This criterion measures rural benefit. The minimum score threshold for eligible application is 15 points.
 - This category is based on Census data (up to 30 Points).
- **Economic Need (SAIPE):** Economic Need is measured by the latest County SAIPE, poverty percentage, all ages, data found at US Census SAIPE data.
 - This criterion will be used to evaluate the relative financial need of the applicant, community, and project. Applicants are required to provide the applicable SAIPE percentage based on the county where the hub and end user sites (as defined in §1734.3) are located (up to 30 Points).
 - Hub/End-users and End-user sites located within geographic areas, for which no SAIPE data exists; will be determined to have an average SAIPE poverty percentage of 30%.

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Special Consideration

Applications will receive 5 additional points for each hub/end-user or end-user site that is located within the 220 at-risk counties identified by the CDC. The at-risk counties are listed below. They are also available in the Application Guide and the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/pwid/vulnerable-counties-data.html>. The maximum number of points available in this category is 30, but applicants are encouraged to connect as many sites in the at-risk counties as possible.

Application guide provides list of applicable counties.

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Subjective Criteria

- **Need for Services and Project Benefits (Needs & Benefits)**
 - This criterion compares the specific need for the technology in the proposed service territory, and how the proposed project will address those needs and benefit the residents of the area affected. (up to 55 Points)

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Subjective Criteria – Needs and Benefits Criteria

The Agency is seeking applications that use DLT technologies to facilitate the following opioid-related services:

- Specialized medical, dental, psychiatric, or pharmaceutical services
- Group counseling and other peer support services
- Family therapy and support services
- Home monitoring applications to support patients in between medical visits
- School-based or community-based health centers

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Subjective Criteria – Needs and Benefits Criteria (Continued)

- Peer-to-peer or mentor-led training between workers in the same professional sector or across sectors (e.g., nurse-to-nurse, judge-to-judge, teacher-to-teacher exchange and/or doctor-to-teacher, judge-to-counselor, nurse-to-judge, doctor-to-police exchange, etc.)
- Advanced training classes or “virtual clinics” led by specialty care providers to train primary or rural care providers
- Recovery support or workforce training for people with substance use disorder

Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Program – Opioid Completing the Grant Application

- A. Standard Form 424 w/Site Worksheet
- B. An Executive Summary of the Project
- C. Scoring Criteria Documentation
- D. Matching Requirements
- E. Scope of Work
- F. Financial Information and Sustainability
- G. Statement of Experience
- H. Telecommunications Systems Plan
- I. Compliance with other Federal Statutes w/ **Checklist**
- J. Evidence of Legal Authority and Existence
- K. Environmental Impact & Historic Preservation
- L. Consultation with USDA State Director

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DLT Application Checklist

Application checklist available on the DLT website should be inserted under Section I signed by an authorized representative.

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Overview of Worksheets (Appendix A)

- Site Worksheet
- Rurality Worksheet
- Economic Need Worksheet (SAIPE)
- Matching Worksheet
- Special Consideration Worksheet
- Budget Worksheet

Overview of Worksheets (Appendix A, Cont.)

Site Worksheet

(Insert additional rows as needed)

Site Number	Site Name	Site Designation (Hub; Hub/End-User; End-User)	Street Address	Town	County	State	Congressional District

Overview of Worksheets (Appendix A, Cont.)

Rurality Worksheet

(insert additional rows as needed)

Site Number	Site Name	Site Designation (Hub; Hub/End-User; End-User)	Town or Place Name	Census Population	Rurality Score

Rurality Score – Input the Rurality Score for each End-User or Hub/End-User site according to the following table:

CATEGORY	POPULATION	POINTS
EXCEPTIONALLY RURAL AREA – Any area of the USA NOT included within the boundaries of any incorporated or unincorporated city, village, or borough having a population <u>in excess of 5,000</u> inhabitants.	5,000 or Less	30
RURAL AREA – Any area of the USA included within the boundaries of any incorporated or unincorporated city, village, or borough having a population over 5,000 and NOT <u>in excess of 10,000</u> inhabitants.	5,001 – 10,000	22.5
MID-RURAL AREA – Any area of the USA included within the boundaries of any incorporated or unincorporated city, village, or borough having a population over 10,000 and NOT <u>in excess of 20,000</u> inhabitants.	10,001 – 20,000	15
URBAN AREA - Any area of the USA included within the boundaries of any incorporated or unincorporated city, village, or borough having a population <u>in excess of 20,000</u> inhabitants.	20,001 or More	0

Overview of Worksheets (Appendix A, Cont.)

Economic Need Worksheet

(Insert additional rows as needed)

Site Number	Site Name	Site Designation (Hub; Hub/End-User; End-User)	County	SAIPE Percent Poverty, All Ages
Average SAIPE (Sum of % Poverty ÷ Number of Sites)				

Applicant's Estimated Economic Need Score (Enter Points from Scoring Table)		Economic Need Score (For Agency Use)	
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Scoring Table	
<u>SAIPE County Percentage:</u>	<u>Points</u>
SAIPE < 10%	0
10% ≤ SAIPE < 20%	10
20% ≤ SAIPE < 30%	20
30% ≤ SAIPE	30

NOTE: Enter the hub and end user sites in the same order as shown on the Site Worksheet. Enter the SAIPE percentage associated with each hub and end user site. Do not include the hub site percentage in the final calculation of the Economic Need score. The hub information is required should we determine that a hub site is actually an end user site or a combination hub/end user site where it would be scored. See section C2 – Economic Need within Application Guide for additional instructions.

Overview of Worksheets (Appendix A, Cont.)

Matching Worksheet

(insert additional rows as needed)

Donor (must provide Documentation Letter from each donor)	Proposed Match (\$)
1. Total Proposed Matching Contribution (must equal Line B + Line C in the Budget Worksheet)	\$ -
2. Total DLT Grant Request (Must equal Line D in the Budget Worksheet)	
Match Percent (Line 1 ÷ Line 2), must equal 15% of Grant Request	#DIV/0!

Overview of Worksheets (Appendix A, Cont.)

Section C-3: Special Consideration Worksheet (sample)

(For more information about Special Consideration, see Section C-3 of the *Application Guide*.)

Applicant is requesting Special Consideration for each end user site located within the 220 at-risk counties identified by the CDC and requests 5 points for each site listed below. (Maximum of 30 points)

Number of End-User Sites to be considered for Special Consid _____

Please list the Site Number as listed in Site, Rurality and SAIFE worksheets to clearly indentify the sites you are listing for Special Consideration Points.

NUMBE R	SITE NAME

I hereby request Special Consideration Points and have adequately supported the request in the appropriate application sections.

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

Special Consideration Points (for Agency Use)	
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Overview of Worksheets (Appendix A, Cont.)

Budget Worksheet

(Insert additional rows as needed)

Line Item #	Site Name	Description	Unit Cost	# of Units	Extended Cost		
					Grant or Cash Match funds	In-Kind Match	
1					\$ -		
2					\$ -		
3					\$ -		
4					\$ -		
5					\$ -		
6					\$ -		
7					\$ -		
Totals					\$ -	\$ -	
A	Overall DLT Project Budget (Sum of Total Grant/Cash column and In-Kind Match column)					\$ -	
B	Less Proposed Cash Match (as documented on Leveraging Worksheet)						
C	Less Proposed In-Kind Match (From Total of In-Kind Match Column)					\$ -	
D	DLT Grant Request (A-B-C)					\$ -	
Grant to Match % check (15% minimum req'd)						#DIV/0!	

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Additional Registration Requirements

Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System Registration – As required by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), all applicants for grants must supply a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number when applying. The Standard Form 424 (SF-424) contains a blank to enter your DUNS number. The DUNS number can be obtained free of charge by calling Dun & Bradstreet. Please see <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/organization-registration/step-1-obtain-duns-number.html> for more information on how to obtain a DUNS number or how to verify your organization's number.

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Additional Registration Documents

- **System for Award Management Registration** – Applicants, whether applying electronically or by paper, also must register in the System for Award Management (SAM) PRIOR to submitting an application. Applicants may register for the SAM at <https://www.sam.gov/>. Applicants should keep in mind that it can take up to ten (10) business days to register with SAM. Applicants should plan accordingly and begin the process well in advance of the application deadline.
 - The SAM registration must remain active with current information at all times while RUS is considering an application or while a Federal Grant Award or loan is active. To maintain the registration in the SAM database the applicant must review and update the information in the SAM database annually from date of initial registration or from the date of the last update. The applicant must ensure that the information in the database is current, accurate, and complete.

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2 CFR 200 – Procurement and Audit Requirements for Federal Grant Recipients

- Awards under the program are covered by this regulation.
- 2 CFR 200.319 (a), contractors that develop or draft specifications, requirements, statements of work, and invitations for bids or requests for proposals **must be excluded from competing for such procurements.**
- Please review this CFR for procurement and other administrative requirements that apply to the DLT program.

Link: http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title02/2cfr200_main_02.tpl

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- **Application Submission**

Electronically via www.grants.gov

Or

Postmarked, shipped, or hand-delivered 2 paper copies of a completed application, one with original signatures, accompanied by an electronic version in the form of a USB Flash Drive.

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Application Submission (Con't)

The paper applications and the USB Flash Drive must be submitted to:

Deputy Assistant Administrator
Loan Origination and Approval Division
Rural Utilities Service
STOP 1597, Room 2844
1400 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-1597

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Additional Links

DLT Program Website

<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/distance-learning-telemedicine-grants>

Questions?

DLTinfo@wdc.usda.gov | Office: 202-720-0800



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