**Representative Suzan K. DelBene (WA-01)**

**FY 2022 Community Project Funding Requests**

**Rural Utilities Service, ReConnect Grants Account**

Submit this form to Shanta Katipamula ([shanta.katipamula@mail.house.gov](mailto:shanta.katipamula@mail.house.gov)) no later than **April 19, 2021.**

**Submission Guidelines:**

Please read the eligibility criteria and selection guidance carefully before submitting a request. Submission of this information does not create a binding commitment on any party nor a guarantee that any organization or program will be awarded funding from any federal agency. Once submitted, this request may be made publicly available.

For-profit entities are not eligible to apply for Community Project Funding. Only the following entities may apply:

* State, local and tribal governments
* Publicly owned entities (e.g. ports, universities, PUDs, etc.)
* Certain non-profit entities with a quasi-government purpose (e.g. Special Districts)
* Non-profit organizations

Please note that each Appropriations Subcommittee has account specific questions that must accompany each request. The first section of this form is information required by our office for all requests. The second section of this form includes questions that are required by each subcommittee for each account. Please be sure to answer all questions.

**Rural Utilities Service, ReConnect Grants:**

ReConnect broadband pilot grants facilitate broadband deployment in rural areas. Grants funds can be used for the costs of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment needed to 4 provide broadband service to rural areas without sufficient broadband access, defined as 10 Mbps downstream and 1 Mbps upstream.

The area must be rural and lack sufficient access to broadband service. A rural area is any area which is not located within: (1) A city, town, or incorporated area that has a population of greater than 20,000 inhabitants; or (2) an urbanized area contiguous and adjacent to a city or town that has a population of greater than 50,000 inhabitants. Sufficient access to broadband is defined as greater than 90% of any rural area in which households have fixed, terrestrial broadband service delivering at least 10 Mbps downstream and 1 Mbps upstream. Mobile and satellite services will not be considered in making the determination of sufficient access to broadband.

Stand-alone middle-mile projects are not eligible under the ReConnect Program. However, middle-mile facilities are eligible if they are needed to bring sufficient broadband service to all premises in the area.

Requesters are strongly encouraged to include information in their requests, such as the number of households, businesses, or farms will be served in the area, what the performance of the service to be offered will be, and whether healthcare or educational facilities will be served.

Additional guidance with specific information about these accounts is [attached](https://appropriations.house.gov/sites/democrats.appropriations.house.gov/files/Ag%20Request%20Guidance.pdf).

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**Questionnaire:**

Requesting Organization:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| Name  Mailing Address  City, State Zip  Phone Number  Fax Number  E-Mail Address | Name  Mailing Address  City, State Zip  Phone Number  Fax Number  E-Mail Address |

**All Requests**

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|  | **Agency** | **Account** |

1. This is request **x of x** submitted to this office.
2. Are you making this request to other offices?
3. If yes, please list other offices receiving this request:
4. Briefly but specifically, how does this project or program impact the 1st Congressional District of WA?
5. Eligibility of requesting entity or organization (please highlight the one applicable to your organization)
   1. State, local, or tribal government
   2. Publicly owned entity (e.g. port, university, PUD, etc.)
   3. Non-profit entity with a quasi-governmental purpose (e.g. Special District)
   4. Non-profit organization
6. Name of the project or program to be funded
7. Physical location of the project or program (including street name, city, and zip code)
8. Amount requested
9. Detailed breakdown of the total cost of the project or program that includes all prior sources (both public and private) and any amounts that remain unfunded
10. Have you previously applied for federal funds for this project or program? If yes, to which programs have you applied and what and what has been the outcomes of those applications.
11. If this project or program has previously been awarded federal funds, please list the total amount of federal funds previously awarded
12. Detailed breakdown of how the requested funds would be spent
13. Once completed, will the project or program require continued funding to maintain operation? If so, where will that funding come from?
14. Provide a detailed description of the project or program to be funded including data and/or evidence that demonstrates the public benefit.
15. Justification for why this project represents a good use of taxpayer dollars.
16. Describe any long-term job creation that will result from this project.
17. Will this project have a revenue-generating component that would have community and state economic benefit? If so, please describe and quantify.
18. Detailed timeline and anticipated start date and completion date for the project or program.
19. Federal agency that would administer this funding.
20. List any public or private entities that have been identified as project sponsors in prior funding requests and/or that will help determine how the requested funds will be spent.
21. List any stakeholders that support this request.
22. Please provide any letters of support from local stakeholders, press articles and editorials, project listed on state use or planning documents, local resolutions passed in support, or other documents that demonstrate community support and commitment to this request.
23. Are there any known or anticipated community concerns associated with this project or program (e.g. conflict with land use, neighborhood concerns, etc.) that could prevent it from moving forward?

**Subcommittee/Account Specific Questions:**

**Agriculture:**

1. The website address of the proposed recipient
2. If there are additional costs necessary to complete the project, have those been secured?
3. For rural development projects, is the project for an eligible purpose and does it meet all eligibility requirements under current law?
4. Does the entity plan to make grants to other entities from the funds provided and if so, to which entities?
5. Why is the project a priority for the district? Briefly explain the community benefits.
6. Has any funding for the project been included in any presidential budget and if so, how much, in which fiscal year, and in which agency or agencies and program(s)?
7. Has the project received federal funding before and if so, how much, when, and from which agency or agencies and program(s)?
8. Please provide relevant information, such as the number of households, businesses, or farms that would be served, what the performance of the service to be offered will be, and whether healthcare or educational facilities will be served.