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# New Mexico Tribal Broadband News & Updates

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## New Mexico Broadband Collective Technical Assistance Grant DUE TODAY

The New Mexico Broadband Collective Technical Assistance Grant, managed by Groundworks New Mexico, will award grants of up to \$7,000 to nonprofit organizations, Tribes, Nations, and Pueblos, organizations with a fiscal sponsor, and eligible local government entities to support technical assistance needs related to development and improvement of broadband connectivity. The New Mexico Broadband Collective encourages applications from rural communities, tribes, nations, and pueblos, and hard-to-connect communities. The deadline to apply is **November 11, 2022**.

Here is a link to the application: [New Mexico Broadband Collective Technical Assistance Grant Application](#). The application is a simple one-page process.

For any questions about applying for funding, please contact Danielle LaJoie ([danielle@groundworksnm.org](mailto:danielle@groundworksnm.org)). For any questions about the New Mexico Broadband Collective please contact Kimball Sekaquaptewa ([kimball@sfis.k12.nm.us](mailto:kimball@sfis.k12.nm.us)) or JoAnn Melchor ([jmelchor@newmexicofoundation.org](mailto:jmelchor@newmexicofoundation.org)).

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## National Tribal Broadband Grant (NTBG)

The Office of Indian Economic Development (OIED) is soliciting proposals from federally recognized Indian Tribes listed as Indian Entities Recognized by and Eligible to Receive Services from the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs at 87 FR 4636 (January 28, 2022) for NTBG grants.

The purpose of the NTBG is to improve the quality of life, spur economic development and commercial activity, create opportunities for self-employment, enhance educational resources and remote learning opportunities, and meet emergency and law enforcement needs by bringing broadband services to Native American communities that lack them. Feasibility studies funded through NTBG will assist Tribes to make informed decisions regarding deployment or expansion of broadband in their communities.

The deadline for the NTBG is **November 17, 2022**. Click [here](#) for the grant opportunity.



# E-Rate Tribal Libraries Pilot Program

The FCC's **E-Rate Program** makes telecommunications and information services more affordable by providing discounts to eligible schools and libraries, including Tribal libraries.

**Who is eligible for E-Rate funding?** Public or private schools (K-12), libraries, and groups of schools and libraries, such as consortia, districts, and systems, are eligible to apply for discounts on eligible services.

**What services are eligible for E-Rate discounts?** Category one provides connectivity to a school or library building, which includes telecommunications services and internet access. Category two provides internet access within schools or libraries, which includes internal connections, basic maintenance of internal connections, and managed internal broadband services.

**How does the E-Rate program work?** The process starts with identifying the services you need and then submitting a request for competitive bids (**FCC Form 470**) for those services to USAC. USAC will then post these requests on its website for service providers to bid on.

How to apply for **E-Rate Funding**

**Apply now** to participate in the E-Rate Tribal Libraries Pilot Program! Applications are due by Friday, **November 18, 2022**.

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