



2023 Community Grant Program

Funding That Supports Important Projects In Our Community

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) is a nonprofit organization that works in cooperation with NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association to sustain and enhance the quality of life in America by advancing an understanding of rural issues.



The FRS Community Grant Program is offered annually through NTCA members, like us, to support local efforts to build and sustain a high quality of life in rural America.

The Program supports projects in these categories:

- Business and economic development
- Community development
- Education
- Telecommunications applications

DO YOU HAVE A COMMUNITY PROJECT THAT NEEDS FUNDING?

We are accepting grant requests from \$250 to \$5,000. Ten percent of the total grant award comes from the NTCA member sponsor:

Rainbow Communications

APPLYING IS EASY

Grant proposals must contain all of the items listed below. Incomplete proposals will not be considered.

Your grant proposal must include:

1. Cover letter indicating project leader or person responsible for funds (include all contact information: address, telephone number and project leader email address).
2. Organizational overview (mission of organization, your programs and major activities).
3. General description of project (no more than three to five pages) that includes:
 - a. Problem statement (Why are you doing this project? What is the need within the community?)
 - b. Goals and objectives
 - c. Project activities
 - d. Target population (demographics)
 - e. Listing of other partners in the community (if applicable)
 - f. Estimation of project start and end dates
4. Project budget and amount requested.
 - a. Listing of other funding sources for the project (include financial commitment)
5. W-9 form with a tax ID number and 501c(3) certificate (if applicable).

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: **August 25, 2023**

Send your proposal to:

COMPANY: Rainbow Communications

CONTACT NAME: Julie Bergman

ADDRESS: 513 Main Street

CITY / STATE / ZIP: Seneca, KS 66538

EMAIL: community@rainbowtel.com

PHONE: 800-892-0163 ext. 3103

Note: Grants are a one-time only award. FRS will not fund grants to the following:

- Individuals
- Scholarship programs
- International organizations
- Lobbying and political activities
- Ticketed events
- Capital campaigns
- Infrastructure/building campaigns
- Endowments
- Event sponsorships
- Community food programs
- Loan programs
- Religious-based activities





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Sponsoring Telco Name: Rainbow Communications

Sponsoring Telco Point of Contact: Julie Bergman

Sponsoring Telco Point of Contact Email: community@rainbowtel.com

Sponsoring Telco Point of Contact Phone Number: (800) 892-0163 ext. 3103

Organization Name:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Postal Code:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Point of Contact's First/Last Name:

Point of Contact's Title:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Brief explanation of organization's history, goals, and objectives.



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Community Grant Application Guide (continued)

Which category does your application fall under?

Business and Economic Development

Community Development

Education

Telecom Application

Provide a one-sentence executive summary of the project.

Identify the problem to be addressed and the needs to be met by the project.

Describe the goals and overall impact of the project.



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Why is your organization the best to address the challenge? Are you working with other organizations in your community to complete the project?

What is the estimated number of people your project will affect?

What is the timeline for your project? (When will you project start and end? Please use MM/YYYY – MM/YYYY format.)



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What is the end goal and how will you measure success?

Is the project sustainable? Will the project continue after year one? How?

Funding Request – We suggest using a separate document for the fund request information. This will make it easier for your NTCA sponsor to submit.

- Requested grant amount (grant amount maximum is \$5,000)
- How much is the total project? If the project is more than \$5,000, how will the project be fully funded?
- Provide a budget for the project, outlining what the funds will be sent on with as much detail as possible (you will not be required to purchase identified materials if alternatives are identified that complete the task). List other financial contributors to the project or other financing sources or strategies that you are developing. Please upload file for this question.
- Upload a file.

Upload your 501 (c)(3) documents.

Upload any additional supporting documents.

*Awards are made at the end of the year, normally around Thanksgiving.