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Good Afternoon,

The Office of Congressman Tom Rice would like to inform you that USDA Rural Development is now accepting applications for the **Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grants**. This program helps rural communities use the unique capabilities of telecommunications to connect to each other and to the world, overcoming the effects of remoteness and low population density.

Please note, this is an additional filing window for those who could not complete applications prior to the Window 1 deadline. This additional window makes available up to $25 million received from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). While not required, applicants are encouraged to identify specific ways in which their application addresses COVID-19.

Eligible applicants include most entities that provide education or health care through telecommunications, including:

- Most State and local governmental entities
- Federally-recognized Tribes
- Non-profits
- For-profit businesses
- Consortia of eligible entities

Grant funds may be used for:

- Acquisition of eligible capital assets, such as:
    - Broadband transmission facilities
    - Audio, video and interactive video equipment
    - Terminal and data terminal equipment
    - Computer hardware, network components and software
    - Inside writing and similar infrastructure that further DLT

services
- Acquisition of instruction programming that is a capital asset
- Acquisition of technical assistance and instruction for using eligible equipment.

The application deadline is July 13th, 2020.

Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) - More information can be found here.

If you plan on applying and have questions regarding your application, please contact:

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Please let our office know if your organization will apply for this funding opportunity, as well as if there are any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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