A Guide to Broadband Funding Opportunities

How to Navigate the Funding Process

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Introduction

Dear Fellow New Yorker,

I want to take this opportunity to provide you with some important information on funding opportunities to support broadband deployment and adoption in our communities throughout New York State. It is critical that our businesses, schools, communities and households have access to affordable high-speed Internet in order to remain competitive in the global economy. In an effort to ensure high-speed broadband is readily available, regardless of location, the federal and state governments have multiple programs that fund broadband deployment and adoption.

Finding the resources that meet your needs in the complex web of agencies can be an impossible task. For this reason, I have created this guidebook to serve as a starting point in providing information about what resources are available to individuals, businesses, community organizations and local governments. The information in this guidebook details energy program grants, loans, and tax credits. Its contents are by no means comprehensive, and as new programs and opportunities emerge, its contents will be updated to provide New Yorkers with the most up-to-date information possible.

My Senate website (www.Gillibrand.senate.gov) is continually updated with critical information about various funding opportunities that are available to you, how to access them, and where to apply. You can also request hard copies of this guidebook, and other thematic funding guidebooks, by filling out the guidebook order form at the end of this guidebook and mailing it back to my New York City office or by emailing an electronic copy to grants@gillibrand.senate.gov. Furthermore, if you need assistance from a federal agency or with an immigration case, please refer to the casework form at the end of the GOAL or visit http://gillibrand.senate.gov/services/casework/form/. As you move forward with any grant opportunities, please contact Andrew Usyk, my Grants Director, for letters of support, when applicable. You can reach him in my Washington, D.C. Office at Grants@Gillibrand.Senate.gov, or (202)-224-4451.

Sincerely,

Kirsten Gillibrand

Kirsten Gillibrand
United States Senator

Federal Section I
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development

USDA Rural Development is committed to helping improve the economy and quality of life in America. Through their programs, Rural Development touches upon each aspect of rural America in a precise and organized manner.

The financial programs support such essential public facilities and services as water and sewer systems, housing, health clinics, emergency service facilities and electric and telephone. Rural Development has continuously promoted economic development by supporting loans to businesses through banks, credit unions and community-managed lending pools. They offer technical assistance and information to help agricultural producers and cooperatives get started and improve the effectiveness of their operations. Additionally, they have provided technical assistance to help communities undertake empowerment programs.

USDA Rural Development has a multi-billion dollar portfolio of loans and will administer billions in loans, loan guarantees, and grants through their programs in the current fiscal year. To achieve their mission, Rural Development assists rural individuals, communities and businesses obtain the financial and technical assistance needed to address their diverse and unique needs through their specific programs.

1) Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program

- Provides loans and loan guarantees to eligible applicants, including telephone companies, telephone cooperatives, municipalities, nonprofit organizations, and tribes, to deploy infrastructures that provide broadband service in rural communities that meet the program's eligibility requirements.

Additional Information:

- Broadband Service means any technology having the capacity to transmit at a minimum transmission speed of 200 kbps both from and to a residential subscriber. The rate of data transmission is subject to annual review and will be published in the Notice of Funds Availability at the beginning of each fiscal year.
- Loans maturities are equal to the composite economic life of the facilities financed. The interest rate for the Cost-of-Money program is equal to the cost of borrowing to the Department of Treasury for a comparable maturity.
- The 4-Percent program interest rate is 4 percent and the maximum loan amount for the 4-Percent program is $7.5 million. The interest rate for the Guarantee program is set by the lender.

Eligibility:

- Eligible rural communities are any area of the United States (which includes its territories and insular possessions) that is not contained in an incorporated city or town with a population in excess of 20,000 inhabitants, based on the most recent available information of the Bureau of the Census.

- The following are eligible: cooperative, nonprofit, limited dividend or mutual associations, limited liability companies, commercial organizations, Indian tribes, tribal organizations, state government, local government, including those located in the U.S. territories and countries included in the Compact of Free Association Act of 1985, providing or proposing to provide broadband services in eligible rural communities.

Contact Information:

- Ken Kucho
  Telephone: (202) 720-9554
  Fax: (202) 720-0810
  Website: http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/broadband.htm or
  http://www.federalgrantswire.com/rural-broadband-access-loans-and-loan-guarantees.html

2) Community Connect Broadband Grants Program

- Provides community access to broadband services in unserved areas through a one-time grant to such organizations as tribes, cooperatives, private companies, and universities, and uses the infrastructure built by the grant to create opportunities for continued improvement.

Additional Information:

- The funding will support construction, acquisition, or lease of facilities, including spectrum, to deploy broadband transmission services to all critical community facilities and to offer such service to all residential and business customers located within the proposed service area.
- The funding can be put towards the improvement, expansion, construction, acquisition, or leasing of a community center that furnishes free access to broadband Internet service, provided that the community center is open and accessible to area residents before, during, and after normal working hours and on Saturday or Sunday.
- All equipment purchased with grant and/or matching funds must be new or nondepreciated.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be organized as an incorporated organization, an Indian tribe or tribal organization, a state or local unit of government, or other legal entity, including cooperatives or private corporations or limited liability companies organized on a for profit or not-for profit basis.
- The project must deploy Basic Broadband Transmission Service, free of all charges for at least 2 years, to all Critical Community Facilities located within the proposed Service Area. Additionally, it should offer Basic Broadband Transmission Service to residential and business customers within the proposed Service Area.

Contact Information:

- Kenneth Kuchno
  Telephone: (202) 690-4673
  Email: community.connect@wdc.usda.gov.
  Website: http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/commconnect.htm

3) Telecommunications Infrastructure Loan Program

- The Telecommunications Infrastructure Loan Program makes Long-term direct and guaranteed loans to qualified organizations for the purpose of financing the improvement, expansion, construction, acquisition, and operation of telephone lines, facilities, or systems to furnish and improve Telecommunications service in rural areas.

Additional Information:

- Long-term direct and guaranteed loans to qualified organizations for the purpose of financing the improvement, expansion, construction, acquisition, and operation of telephone lines, facilities, or systems to furnish and improve.
- Telecommunications service in rural areas. "Rural area" is defined as any area of the United States, its territories and insular possessions (including any areas within the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Palau) not included within the boundaries of any incorporated or unincorporated city, village, or borough having a population exceeding 5,000 inhabitants.
- Applications are accepted year round and are not competitive. The types of loans offered include; cost-of-money loans, guaranteed loan (including federal financing bank loans) and hardship loans

Eligibility:

- Eligible applicants consist of telephone companies or cooperatives, nonprofit associations, limited dividend associations, mutual associations or public bodies including those located in the U.S. Territories and countries included in the Compact of Free Association Act of 1985, providing or proposing to provide telecommunications service to meet the needs of rural areas.
- A beneficiary must be a resident of rural areas and others who may also receive telephone service as a result of service provided to a rural area.

Contact Information:

- Telephone: (202) 720-1025
  http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/utp_infrastructure.html

4) Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans and Grants Program

- Provides loans and grants to rural community facilities (e.g., schools, libraries, hospitals, and tribal organizations) for advanced telecommunications systems that can provide health care and educational benefits to rural areas.

Additional Information:

- The DLT Program provides three kinds of financial assistance; a full grant, grant-loan combination, and a full loan.

Eligibility:

- To be eligible for a grant, your organization must:
  1) Currently deliver or propose to deliver distance learning or telemedicine services for the term of the grant. To receive a grant, the purposes must meet the grant definition of distance learning and telemedicine. The DLT program is focused on sustainability.

Planning studies, research projects, and short-term demonstration projects of less than two years will not be considered.

2) Be legally organized as an incorporated organization or partnership; an Indian tribe or tribal organization; a state or local unit of government; a consortium; or other legal entity, including a private corporation organized on a for profit or not-for profit basis with the legal capacity to contract with the United States Government.
3) Operate a rural community facility or deliver distance learning or telemedicine services to entities that operate a rural community facility or to residents of rural areas at rates calculated to ensure that the benefit of the financial assistance passes through to such entities or to residents of rural areas.

Contact Information:

- Email: dltinfo@wdc.usda.gov
  Website: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UTP_DLT.html

Federal Section II

Federal Communications Commission

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is an independent United States government agency. The FCC was established by the Communications Act of 1934 and is charged with regulating interstate and international communications by radio, television, wire, satellite and cable. The FCC's jurisdiction covers the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. possessions.

The Commission staff is organized by function. There are seven operating Bureaus and ten Staff Offices. The Bureaus' responsibilities include: processing applications for licenses and other filings; analyzing complaints; conducting investigations; developing and implementing regulatory programs; and taking part in hearings. Our Offices provide support services. Even though the Bureaus and Offices have their individual functions, they regularly join forces and share expertise in addressing Commission issues. Through these offices, funding is specifically designed to meet the needs of each applicant.

Universal Service Fund

In accordance with the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the FCC established the following four programs within the Universal Service Fund, of which the Connect America Fund, Schools and Libraries and Rural Health Care Programs are focused on expanding accessible, affordable, high-speed broadband service:

- Connect America Fund (formally known as High-Cost Support) for rural areas
- Lifeline (for low-income consumers), including initiatives to expand phone service for residents of Tribal lands
- Schools and Libraries (E-rate)
- Rural Health Care

1) Connect America Fund/Universal Service High Cost Program

- Provides funding to eligible telecommunications carriers to help pay for telecommunications services in high-cost, rural, and insular areas so that prices charged to customers are reasonably comparable across all regions of the nation.

Additional Information:

- The goal of Universal Service is to promote the availability of quality services at just, reasonable and affordable rates for all consumers. The program will advance the availability of such services to all consumers, including those in low income, rural, insular, and high cost areas at rates that are reasonably comparable to those charged in urban areas

Eligibility:

- Wireline and wireless telephone companies seeking to participate in any of the High Cost Program support components must be designated as eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) and meet ongoing requirements for each component.

- **Contact:**
  Website: http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/tapd/universal_service/highcost.html, http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/tapd/universal_service/ or http://www.universalservice.org/hc/

2) Universal Service Schools and Libraries Program

- Provides discounts for affordable telecommunications and Internet access services to ensure that schools and libraries have access to affordable telecommunications and information services.

Additional Information:

- This program is also known as "E-Rate" and is administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) under the direction of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and connects the nation's schools and libraries to broadband. When E-rate was established in 1996, only 14 percent of the nation's K-12 classrooms had access to the Internet. Today, virtually all schools and libraries have Internet access. The FCC began updating E-rate in 2010 and in July 2014, released the E-rate Modernization Order expanding Wi-Fi networks in schools and libraries across America while ensuring support continues to be available for broadband connectivity to schools and libraries.

Eligibility:

- To be eligible:
  1) Schools must provide elementary or secondary education as determined under state law.
  2) Schools may be public or private institutional day or residential schools, or public charter schools.
  3) Schools must operate as non-profit businesses.
  4) Schools cannot have an endowment exceeding $50 million.
  5) Libraries must be eligible for assistance from a state library administrative agency under that Act.
  6) Libraries must have budgets completely separate from any schools (including, but not limited to, elementary and secondary schools, colleges and universities).
  7) Libraries cannot operate as for-profit businesses.

Contact:

- Telephone: 1-800-229-5476

http://www.universalservice.org/sl/

3) Rural Health Care Program

- The Rural Health Care Program, which includes the new Healthcare Connect Fund, provides funding to eligible health care providers (HCPs) for telecommunications and broadband services necessary for the provision of health care. The goal of the program is to improve the quality of health care available to patients in rural communities by ensuring that eligible HCPs have access to telecommunications and broadband services. Funding for the Rural Health Care Program is capped at $400 million annually.

Additional Information:

- The Rural Health Care Program of the Universal Service Fund makes discounts available to eligible rural health care providers for telecommunication services and monthly Internet service charges. The program is intended to ensure that rural health care providers pay no more for telecommunications in the provision of health care services than their urban counterparts. The Rural Health Care Program is currently made up of four programs: the Healthcare Connect Fund, the Telecommunications Program, the Internet Access Program, and the Rural Health Care Pilot Program.
- The Rural Health Care Program reimburses telecommunications and Internet service providers for services provided to rural health care providers. While health care providers apply for these discounts, USAC works in conjunction with service providers to make sure these discounts are passed on to program participants.

Eligibility:

- Eligible organizations include:
  - Post-secondary educational institutions offering health care instruction, teaching hospitals, or medical schools
  - Community health centers or health centers providing health care to migrants
  - Local health departments or agencies including dedicated emergency departments of rural for-profit hospitals
  - Community mental health centers
  - Not-for-profit hospitals
  - Rural health clinics including mobile clinics
  - Consortia of HCPs consisting of one or more of the above entities
  - Part-time eligible entities located in otherwise ineligible facilities

Contact:

- Telephone: 1-800-229-5476
  http://transition.fcc.gov/wcb/tapd/ruralhealth/ or http://www.usac.org/rhc/

Be sure to also visit the following Federal Communications Commission website: http://wireless.fcc.gov/outreach/index.htm?job=broadband_home. This serves as an excellent clearinghouse of the most up-to-date broadband funding opportunities.

Federal Section III

Appalachian Regional Commission

The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) is a regional economic development agency that represents a partnership of federal, state, and local government. Established by an act of Congress in 1965, ARC is composed of the governors of the 13 Appalachian states and a federal co-chair, who is appointed by the president. Local participation is provided through multi-county local development districts.

Each year ARC provides funding for several hundred projects in the Appalachian Region, in areas such as business development, education and job training, telecommunications, infrastructure, community development, housing, and transportation. These projects create thousands of new jobs; improve local water and sewer systems; increase school readiness; expand access to health care; assist local communities with strategic planning; and provide technical and managerial assistance to emerging businesses.

1) Appalachian Regional Commission Project Grant Program

- This program awards grants to projects that create jobs and improve infrastructure, enabling the people of Appalachia to compete in a global economy. These grants include funds that may be used to improve broadband access, such as distance learning, telehealth/telemedicine, e-government, and e-business applications and workforce development.

Additional Information:

- Most ARC project grants originate at the state level. Potential applicants should contact their state's ARC program manager, whose contact info is below, to request a preapplication package.
- ARC project grants can be used for business development and entrepreneurship, education and training, health care access, physical infrastructure, including broadband, and leadership development and civic capacity.

Eligibility:

- Only New York counties included in the Appalachian Regional Commission are eligible for funding. These counties include Allegany, Broome, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Chemung, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Otsego, Schoharie, Schuyler, Steuben, Tioga, and Tompkins. Interested organizations must contact the New York State Department of State to discuss individual project eligibility requirements.

Contact Information:

- Appalachian Regional Commission
  1666 Connecticut Avenue, NW
  Suite 700
  Washington, DC 20009-1068
  Telephone: (202) 884-7700

Email: info@arc.gov
More information on ARC Project Grant Program specifics:
http://www.arc.gov/funding/ARCProjectGrants.asp

- **New York State Department of State Contact:**
  Kyle Wilber, Appalachian Program Manager
  New York State Department of State
  Division of Local Government
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  (518) 473-3355
  Email: kwilber@dos.state.ny.us

Federal Section IV
United States Department of Commerce:
Economic Development Administration

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) was established under the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. § 3121), as amended, to generate jobs, help retain existing jobs, and stimulate industrial and commercial growth in economically distressed areas of the United States. EDA assistance is available to rural and urban areas of the Nation experiencing high unemployment, low income, or other severe economic distress.

In fulfilling its mission, EDA is guided by the basic principle that distressed communities must be empowered to develop and implement their own economic development and revitalization strategies. EDA helps distressed communities address problems associated with long-term economic distress, as well as sudden and severe economic dislocations including recovering from the economic impacts of natural disasters, the closure of military installations and other Federal facilities, changing trade patterns, and the depletion of natural resources.

1) Economic Development Facilities and Public Works

- Provides funding for construction of infrastructure in areas that are not attractive to private investment. Most funding is for water and sewer infrastructure but some has been designated for communications projects.

Additional Information:

- Public Works and Economic Development investments help support the construction or rehabilitation of essential public infrastructure and facilities necessary to generate or retain private sector jobs and investments, attract private sector capital, and promote regional competitiveness, including investments that expand and upgrade infrastructure to attract new industry, support technology-led development, redevelop Brownfield sites and provide eco-industrial development.

Eligibility:

- An Eligible Applicant that is a non-profit organization must include in its application for Investment Assistance a resolution passed by (or a letter signed by) an authorized representative of a general purpose political subdivision of a State, acknowledging that it is acting in cooperation with officials of such political subdivision.

Contact:

- Philadelphia Regional Office (covers New York State)
  Telephone: (215)597-4603
  Fax: (215)597-1063 fax

Federal Section V

Institute of Museum and Library Services

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), an independent government agency established by Congress in 1996, promotes innovation, lifelong learning, and cultural and civic engagement in libraries and museums. IMLS supports the exemplary stewardship of museum and library collections, with emphasis on the use of technology to facilitate the discovery and dissemination of knowledge and cultural heritage.

1) Library Services and Technology Act Grants to States

- Provides funds for a wide range of services including installation of fiber and wireless networks that provide access to library resources.

Additional Information:

- Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grants to States has been the largest grant program run by IMLS for 50 years. LSTA encourages proposals that expand the traditional mission of collecting and circulating physical holdings to one that provides access to computers, software, and other digital information services.

Eligibility:

- Any New York State library administrative agency is eligible to submit a five-year plan.

Contact:

- Point of Contact: Bernard A. Margolis, State Librarian and Assistant Commissioner for Libraries
  222 Madison Avenue, Room 10C34
  Albany, NY 12230
  Telephone: (518) 486-4865
  Fax: (518) 486-6880 fax
  Email: bmargolis@mail.nysed.gov
  http://www.imls.gov/programs/default.aspx

2) Native American Library Services Grant

- Provides grants to support library services including electronically linking libraries to networks.

Additional Information:

- The Native American Library Services (NALS) Basic Grant is noncompetitive and distributed in equal amount among eligible applicants. NALS Basic Grants are available to support existing library operations and core library services. The Education/Assessment Option, a supplemental grant to the NALS Basic Grant, supports library staff to attend or give presentations and to hire a consultant for on-site assessment.

Eligibility:

- Indian tribes, Alaska native villages, regional corporations, and village corporations are eligible to apply for funding under the Native American Library Services grant program. Entities such as libraries, schools, tribal colleges, or departments of education are not eligible applicants, although they may be involved in the administration of this program and their staff may serve as project directors, in partnership with an eligible applicant.

Contact:

- Point of Contact: Mary Alice Ball, Senior Library Program Officer
  Telephone: (202) 653-4730
  Email: mball@imls.gov
- Second Point of Contact: Sarah Fuller, Library Program Specialist
  Telephone: (202) 653-4783
  sfuller@imls.gov
  http://www.imls.gov/applicants/detail.aspx?GrantId=15

Federal Section VI

Department of Housing and Urban Development

1) Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grants

- Helps communities transform neighborhoods by revitalizing severely distressed public and/or assisted housing. Grantees may use funds to provide unit-based broadband Internet connectivity.

Additional Information:

- The Choice Neighborhoods program is designed to catalyze critical improvements in neighborhood assets, including vacant property, housing, services, and schools. The program requires proposals with a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy that involves local leaders, residents, schools, authorities, business owners, nonprofits, and private developers.

Eligibility: The following entities are eligible to apply:

- County governments
- City or township governments
- Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities
- Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

Contact:

- **Email:** choiceneighborhoods@hud.gov
- **Phone:** (202) 708-0667
- General information about the program can be found at the following site: http://www.hud.gov/cn/

Federal Section VII
United States Department of Education:
Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

The Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) promotes inclusion, equity, and opportunity for all children and adults with disabilities to help ensure their economic self-sufficiency, independent living, and full community participation through the distribution of over $120 million in grants.

OSERS awards grant money for a wide range of proposals, including research projects, demonstrations, technical assistance, technological upgrades, personnel development, and parental training.

1) Technology and Media Services for Individuals with Disabilities

- Supports development and application of technology and education media activities for disabled children and adults.

Additional Information:

- Purposes of program:
  1) Improving results for children with disabilities by promoting the development, demonstration, and use of technology,
  2) Supporting educational media services activities designed to be of value in the classroom setting to children with disabilities,
  3) Providing support for captioning and video description that is appropriate for use in the classroom setting,
  4) Providing accessible educational materials to children with disabilities in a timely manner.

Eligibility:

- Eligible applicants include:
  - Institutions of higher education,
  - Local education agencies,
  - Nonprofit organizations,
  - State education agencies,
  - Other qualified organizations or agencies.

Contact:

- Point of Contact: Michael F. Slade
  Telephone: (202) 245-7527
  Fax: (202) 245-7619 fax
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  http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/index.html?src=mr/

Federal Section VIII

United States Department of Health and Human Services:

Health Resources and Services Administration

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), established in the 1982 merger of the Health Resources Administration and the Health Services Administration, seeks to improve access to healthcare by strengthening the healthcare workforce, building healthy communities, and achieving health equity. HRSA programs provide health care to people who are geographically isolated and economically vulnerable.

HRSA encourages the use of electronic information and telecommunications technologies to support long-distance clinical healthcare, professional health-related education, and a more interconnected healthcare system. Promoting such Telehealth initiatives is necessary create a modern, efficient healthcare system that promises all Americans a dignified quality of life.

1) Telehealth Network Grants

- Funds proposals that develop sustainable telehealth programs and networks in rural and frontier areas.

Additional Information:

- Telehealth Network grants are competitively awarded to proposals that best demonstrate the use of telehealth networks to improve healthcare services for the medically underserved in rural and frontier communities.

Eligibility:

- HRSA rural health programs fund rural hospitals, health centers, local clinics, and other qualified health organizations.

Contact:

- Point of Contact:
  Office of Rural Health Policy
  Telephone: (301) 443-0835
  http://www.hrsa.gov/ruralhealth/about/telehealth/

2) Telehealth Resource Center Grant Program

- Provides grants that support the establishment and development of telehealth resource centers to assist health care providers in the development of telehealth services, including decisions regarding the purchase of advanced telecommunications services.

Additional Information:

- Telehealth Network grants are competitively awarded to proposals that provide the best support for the establishment of Telehealth Resource Centers. These centers are to assist healthcare organizations, healthcare networks, and healthcare providers in the implementation of cost-effective telehealth programs in medically underserved rural populations.

Eligibility:

- HRSA rural health programs fund rural hospitals, health centers, local clinics, and other qualified health organizations.

Contact:

- Point of Contact:
  Office of Rural Health Policy
  Telephone: (301) 443-0835
  http://www.hrsa.gov/ruralhealth/about/telehealth/

Letters of Support from Senator Gillibrand

While Senator Gillibrand does NOT decide which organizations are awarded grants or other federal funding, there are instances in which it is appropriate for the Senator to write a letter of support for an application. If you wish to request a letter of support for your application, you must supply Senator Gillibrand with the following:

1. A description of your organization,
2. Summary of the application,
3. a description of what the money will be used for, and
4. a draft letter of support

Please forward this information by email to **grants@gillibrand.senate.gov** or by mail to the nearest regional office:

Capital District
Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand
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1 Clinton Square
Room 821
Albany, NY 12207
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Fax: (518) 431-0128

Buffalo/Western New York
Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand
Larkin at Exchange
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Buffalo, NY 14210
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Fax (315) 448-0476

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478 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
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Fax (202) 228-0282

Grant Guide Order Form

If you would like to order additional grant guides from our office, please indicate what guides you would like to have and complete the below address information. If you have any questions, please contact us at 212.688.6262.

Guide

__Affordable Housing

__Ag/ Rural Development

__At Risk Youth / Anti Gang

__Broadband

__Brownfields/Superfund Site Cleanup

__Exporting and Foreign Direct Investment

__Faith-Based / Community Initiatives

__Fire and Emergency Services

__Food Hubs and Food Systems

__General Grants

__Green Energy and Clean Technology

__Higher Education

__Historic Preservation/Arts/Culture/Tourism

__Home Heating and Weatherization

__Homeland Security

__Innovation and Cluster Based Economic Development

__K-12 Education and Libraries

__Lead Paint Remediation

__Minority and Women Owned Business

__Obesity Prevention / Nutritious Foods

__Senior Services

__Small Business

__Social Services /Community Groups

__Veterans Services

__Water and Wastewater Funding

Mail to: **Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, 780 Third Ave, 26th Floor, New York, New York 10017**

Name:_____

Title:_____

Organization:_____

Address:_____

City, State, ZIP:_____

Casework Form

If you have encountered a problem involving a federal government agency or federally subsidized benefit that you have not been able to successfully resolve, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand's staff of constituent liaisons may be able to assist you in the following areas:

Employment Issues: including assistance with disability benefits, employer-provided health care plans and COBRA, Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) benefits, pensions, unemployment benefits, Federal and State Workers Compensation claims, and retirement-related issues.

Consumer Affairs: including assistance obtaining a home loan modification under the Making Home Affordable Program, insurance claims, dissatisfaction with consumer products or services, environmental regulations, and concerns regarding air quality, water or land contamination.

Immigration Issues: including issues with visitor visas, family and employment based visas, lawful permanent resident status, naturalization, international adoptions, detention, passports, customs and border issues, and assistance to American Citizens in crisis abroad.

Veteran Issues: including issues with VA pension and disability benefits, education benefits, veteran burial or funeral issues, and issues regarding the VA medical centers.

IRS Issues: including connecting constituents with the Taxpayer Advocate Service to address federal tax issues including lost or delayed tax refunds, penalty abatements, payment installation plans, tax credits, referrals to IRS Low Income Tax Clinics and paper tax forms.

Military Issues: including issues pertaining to the Department of Defense, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, Reserves and New York State National Guard, as well as obtaining military records, medals and academy nominations.

Health Care Issues: including issues with Medicare and Medicaid, health insurance, insurance providers, nursing homes, hospitals, prescription drugs, and 9/11 health matters.

Social Security: including issues with Supplemental Security Income, Social Security Disability, survivors' benefits, and retirement benefits.

Social Services: including issues with food stamps, HEAP (low-income heating program), FEMA and disaster relief, and issues related to federally subsidized housing.

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