Telehealth Grants & Resources
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Studies are all on the Commissions Website
https://www.fcc.gov/about-fcc/fcc-initiatives/connect2healthfcc/general/connect2healthfcc-task-force

National Survey Trends in Telehealth Use in 2021: Disparities in Utilization and Audio vs. Video Services

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FCC Symposium March 3, 2022
Connect with the Connect2Health\textsuperscript{FCC} Task Force

- **Website:** [https://www.fcc.gov/health](https://www.fcc.gov/health)
- **E-mail:** connect2health@fcc.gov
- **Twitter:** #C2HFCC
- **Schedule a Meeting:** engageC2H@fcc.gov
Broadband Research Base - National Digital Inclusion Alliance
https://www.digitalinclusion.org/broadband-research-base/
Monthly Grant Series
Meet the Grant Writing Experts & Write a Successful Grant!

• Second Tuesdays = Webinars
• Tuesday February 8 Kick Off
  Meet the Experts/Overview of Grants & Share HOT Tips
• Tuesday March 8 RUS Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grants
  (RUS DLT Grants)
• Tuesday April 12 Broadband – AZ and Beyond
• Second Thursdays = Virtual Office Hours with Specific
groups/regions/projects
https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-programs/distance-learning-telemedicine-grants

- Fact sheet @ link above
- Dates will be announced this spring or fall for this year
RUS-DLT Virtual Office Hours
Thursday March 10 @10am – 11am MST

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The need for broadband access and adoption is greater than ever. Please join us for an overview of broadband federal funding programs and the various services they can provide to your communities. Topics discussed will include:

- USDA Community Connect Grant
- NTIA Broadband Infrastructure Program
- NTIA Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program
- NTIA Connecting Minority Communities Program
- NTIA State Formula Grants
- NTIA Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program
- And broadband funding best practices!
https://web.cvent.com/event/a45fb112-283b-42a4-acd9-1cc08c5de0d5/websitePage:5fb306ee-0eb7-4af3-ae5a-3e01fa9c91c5
https://azahec.uahs.arizona.edu/
Arizona Commerce Authority

https://www.azcommerce.com/broadband/
Governor Doug Ducey announced a $100 million commitment to expand high-speed broadband to underserved areas of the state – one of the single largest broadband investments in state history. Funding comes from the American Rescue Plan Act.

**SUMMARY**

The Arizona Broadband Development Grant Program (ABDG) will enable local communities to construct or improve broadband infrastructure. The historic investment will build on the progress of recent years and strengthen communities’ capacity and competitiveness for economic growth. The ABDG is intended to bridge the digital divide and enhance the connectivity for Arizona’s citizens, businesses, healthcare institutions, government establishments, and education sector.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcsc-yurD8jH92Agx69AD3Bq_hhACLwMgiZ](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcsc-yurD8jH92Agx69AD3Bq_hhACLwMgiZ)
Grants

NTIA administers grant programs that further the deployment and use of broadband and other technologies in America, laying the groundwork for sustainable economic growth; improved education, public safety, and health care; and the advancement of other national priorities.

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Overview

On November 15, 2021, President Biden signed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act into law. This Act includes a significant investment of $65 billion to help close the digital divide and ensure that all Americans have access to reliable, high speed, and affordable broadband. This investment builds upon the funding for broadband deployment provided in the American Rescue Plan, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, the FCC’s Universal Service program, and USDA’s Rural Utilities Service broadband programs. This historic investment will lay critical groundwork for widespread access and affordability of broadband, creating new jobs and economic opportunities, providing increased access to healthcare services, enriching educational experiences of students, and improving overall quality of life for all Americans.
LOCAL FIRST ARIZONA

https://localfirstaz.com/
Federal Opportunities

FY 2022 SBIR/STTR Phase I Release 2: U.S. Dept. of Energy
Application Deadline: February 22, 2022
Range of Funding: $1 - $200,000

Native American Congressional Internship:
Morris K. Udall & Stewart L. Udall Foundation
Application Deadline: January 31, 2022

Rural Health Network Development Planning Program: U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services
Application Deadline: January 26, 2022

Application Deadline: January 25, 2022

Federal Opportunities | State Opportunities | Municipal Opportunities | Nonprofit and Foundation Opportunities
EBB is now ACP!
ACPBenefit.org

• NEWSFLASH: the FCC's EBB Emergency Broadband Benefit is now ACP: the Affordable Connectivity Program.

• This continues an FCC benefit program that helps ensure that households can afford the broadband they need for work, school, healthcare and more. The benefit provides a discount of up to $30 per month toward internet service for eligible households and up to $75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to $100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute more than $10 and less than $50 toward the purchase price.

• The Affordable Connectivity Program is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household.
ACP Affordable Connectivity Program Toolkit Webpage

- https://www.fcc.gov/acp-consumer-outreach-toolkit
Consumer Awareness Content

- **Fact Sheet (8 1/2” x 11” Word)** - English | Spanish
- **Fact Sheet (8 1/2” x 11” PDF)** - English | Spanish
- **Flyer I (8 1/2” x 11” PDF)** - English | Spanish
- **Flyer I (8 1/2” x 11” PNG)** - English | Spanish
- **Flyer II (8 1/2” x 11” PDF)** - English | Spanish
- **Flyer II (8 1/2” x 11” PNG)** - English | Spanish
- **Consumer Handout (5” x 5” PDF)** - English | Spanish
- **Consumer Handout (4” x 4” PDF)** - English | Spanish
- **Audio PSA (MP3)** - English | Spanish
- **Audio PSA (Word)** - English | Spanish
- **Tribal Benefit PSA** - MP3 | Word
- **Overview Videos** - English | Spanish | ASL
- **Newsletter Blurb (Word)** - English | Spanish
- **Press Release** - Word
- **Social Media Posts (Word)** - English | Spanish

Consumer handouts and the fact sheet are also available in Arabic, Chinese-Traditional, Chinese-Simplified, French, Haitian-Creole, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.
https://southwesttrc.org/ = SWTRC

Resources

- Telemedicine & Telehealth Service Provider Directory
- Business & Finance
- Form Templates
- Policy & Sustainability
- Standards & Guidelines
- Telemedicine Information
- Tools & Tips
- General

National Consortium of Telehealth Resource Centers (NCTRC) - Find your TRC
Top 10 Grant Writing Tips

• Start early
• Reach out to PO to verify fit
• Read review/scoring criteria & tailor grant to them
• Many require matching funds – get commitments & budget appropriately
• Clearly assess, document & summarize need/rationale/population served
• Have clear work plan with deliverables & timeline
• Metrics, benchmarks & criteria for success
• Collaborate – stakeholders, patients, industry, TRCs etc. – letters support
• Experience, skills, capabilities
• Have others read (critically) proposal
NCTRC Webinars

https://telehealthresourcecenter.org/events/

• CHC Series
• Best Practices
• Information Security
• Medicaid and Permanent COVID-19 Telehealth Policies
• Provider Burnout and the EMR
• Remote Specialty Coverage: Telehealth Beyond Stroke
It’s Grant Season! See Winter Funding Opportunities Here!

Posted on December 21, 2021 by Kathy Wibberly

#FUNDING. Here are a list of federal and regional grant and other funding opportunities with either a focus or strong potential for telehealth applications that have winter proposal due dates.

(We recommend that you bookmark this page or add it to your home screen as we will be adding to this list periodically from now through February as more opportunities are announced!)
How are you celebrating Groundhog Day? Registration is open for the National Virtual Technology Showcase February 2nd and 3rd. You won't want to miss this FREE #telehealth technology event! To make sure you don’t get left in the shadows, Register here: eepurl.com/hK0a09
ATA American Telemedicine Association
https://www.americantelemed.org/

ATA2022 Annual Conference & Expo
IN-PERSON, MAY 1-3, 2022 – BOSTON

Advisory Committee
Working with the program team to design a dynamic program that will inspire, educate and motivate attendees.

Research Review Committee
Telehealth experts will be reviewing the scientific presentations and poster sessions.

Need Hotel or Travel Assistance?
ATA negotiates exclusive discounts for conference attendees. Book now for the best selection and price.
ATA is working to transform health and care

Virtual Care Nursing (Tele-ICU SIG) - Jan 19, 12p ET

Monthly Policy Webinar - January 20

Decentralized Clinical Trials Special Interest Group - Jan 24,
The ATA Technology SIG (Special Interest Group) is the technology "center of excellence" and focus on technologies which enable meaningful practice and outcomes for providers and patients in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of disease. The SIG explores telemedicine technologies and how they should be utilized by providers and patients in the practice of telemedicine including prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and education for both clinical and educational applications – telemedicine and telehealth. The scope of this SIG would include those technologies and practice where there is no prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of disease.
COVID-19 Digital Access Task Force

- State Broadband Director
- AZ Corporation Commission
- UAZ CTO
- Executive Director Sun Corridor Network
- VP Online Ed @PCC
- E Rate Administrator for Public Libraries
- Chair ATIC

- AZ Public Safety Program Mgr
- Executive Director AZ Technology in Education Association
- Executive Director Western AZ Economic Development District
- Internet Service Providers
- ATP/SWTRC
https://www.arizonatele.org/covid-resources.html

Updates and Resources

On this page you will find resources to help address your digital access needs.

AZBSN Arizona Broadband Consultants List (V02P)

This list has been crowdsourced from AZBSN COVID-19 Digital Access Task Force members’ experience and suggestions to aid Arizona institutions and communities in finding consultants to aid with their broadband projects, grant writing, and to otherwise help meet their broadband planning, information technology (IT), funding, and project management needs. The current version V02P includes a total of 63 entries, last updated on January 12, 2022. To inquire, suggest additions or otherwise give feedback, please contact Steve Peters, AZBSN Coordinator at aticantona@gmail.com.

Arizona Commerce Authority

- Arizona Commerce Authority Broadband
- Arizona Commerce Authority: Ensuring Connectivity in Arizona: Resources and Support in Response to COVID-19 Download PDF

Free WIFI Access

Cox Community Hot Spots

- Link to the document for parents to find Broadband that the Arizona Commerce Authority provides to ADE. The document includes help for AZ families to determine Broadband carrier options and COVID-19 specific offers, the statewide map of free WIFI hotspots and instructions for parents to turn on their carriers’ hotspots which is a much better option now that many carriers’ data caps have been lifted.

- Link to the free WIFI access points statewide developed with Title Land and the State Library.

- Arizona Together Web Site: See Business Resources page with links for Help with Internet Services and Help with Wireless Services

- Arizona Public Libraries Digital Inclusion - Wi-Fi Maps: The link will take you to the Digital Inclusion web page with the map.

- Arizona Commerce Authority: Ensuring Connectivity in Arizona: Resources and Support in Response to COVID-19 Download PDF
The Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) is a temporary discount on monthly internet bills for qualifying low-income households.

- Up to $50 per month for broadband services purchased by eligible households.
- And up to $75 per month for households located on Tribal lands.
- A one-time discount of $100 for purchase of a desktop, laptop, or tablet computer from participating providers.

Applications are now available. Only one monthly service discount and one device discount is allowed per household.

- Who is eligible?
- Which internet service providers are participating?
Connect Arizona Digital Navigators are available to answer your EBB questions and help you thrive online. Make an appointment, or give us a text or call at 602-529-1519. We’re available Monday – Friday from 9am to 6pm PST.

USAC’s Emergency Broadband Benefit support hotline, (833) 511-0311, is open from 6am to 6pm PST, seven days a week. You can also email EBBHelp@USAC.org with program questions.
Telemedicine and Libraries

Arizona Telemedicine Program
Virtual Office Hours
September 9, 2021
Why Telehealth in libraries?

According to the American Library Association, people turn to and depend on libraries and librarians for help in times of economic hardship. Libraries are now safe havens for people in need, including the homeless, mentally ill, immigrants, abuse victims and the impoverished. Many libraries have services for these visitors such as congregation areas for programs and resources, but now for the first time in history, some libraries also offer healthcare services.

1. Libraries are trusted places
2. Have highly qualified staff
3. Have the technology needed
4. Have broadband connectivity
5. Libraries always involved in narrowing the digital divide

https://swtrc.wistia.com/medias/0jka64l5i1
https://telemedicine.arizona.edu/
Library eRate project with 2 pilot sites

- Ajo
- Arivaca
- One dedicated room for telehealth
- One medical grade pop-up tent
- Community Events
  - Health Screening Events
  - How-to workshops with off the shelf technology
  - Diabetes Education
  - STEM/STEAM/Maker Events

Recruit and Prepare the healthcare workforce of the future!
FCC Round Two Group Telehealth Grants


- Payson
- Globe
- Prescott
- Page
- Colorado City
$1M grant sets up Renown Regional for hybrid telehealth and in-person care

The FCC funds greatly expanded the health system's virtual care abilities last year as COVID-19 hit – but the added bonus of a hybrid care future is a big win.

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For what matters most. A Report to Thank our Community
https://utn.org/
CO Telehealth Alliance
HCW  https://hcwhosted.org

HCW HOSTED is a Tucson-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to facilitating community support of healthcare workers and their families during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

Because we can only be as healthy as the healthcare workforce that cares for us.
Thank You, Merci, Gracias y CIAO!
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