



## *Getting You the Needed Funds*

DoubleRadius has dedicated hours to researching what can be a complicated grant process. Our goal is simplify this process for your organization, allowing you to more easily secure the needed funds for the projects that will help your organization to grow and succeed. As you know, not all organizations that apply for government grants will be awarded them. In the event that your organization is not able to secure a grant, DoubleRadius has excellent Financing Programs that will also enable you to take on the projects you are eager to begin.

*Please read the important grant information below that we have assembled for your review, and for more information on applying for government grants or applying for a DoubleRadius Financing Program:*

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### *2009 ARRA Broadband Initiatives - General Overview*

Of the \$7.2 billion appropriated to the expansion of broadband services under the Obama administration's ARRA program (American Recovery & Reinvestment Act) also known as the "Recovery Act":

- » \$2.5 billion is allowed through BIP (Broadband Initiatives Program) under the Dept. of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service (RUS)
- » \$4.7 billion is available through BTOP (Broadband Technologies Opportunities Program) managed by the NTIA (Dept. of Commerce's National Telecommunications Information Administration)

### *Timeline and Key Dates*

Initial application deadline - BIP Loan/Grant program & BTOP Grant program: 5:00 pm ET, August 14, 2009 (Awards to be announced on or about November 7, 2009).

The NOFA (Notice of Funds Availability) released on July 1, 2009 signals the first of three rounds of funding for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP), Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP), and the State Broadband Data and Development Grant Program (state mapping initiative). Approximately \$4 billion is available during the first round.

- » ROUND TWO commences at the end of 2009
- » ROUND THREE commences in the Spring 2010)

*All funds must be awarded no later than September 30, 2010.*



## *Which Program is Most Appropriate for Your Organization's Proposed Project Needs?*

### **BIP (Broadband Initiatives Program) Loans & Loan/Grant Combinations:**

Proposed service area is unserved or underserved in terms of general broadband connectivity and is at least 75% rural.

### **BTOP (Broadband Technologies & Opportunities Program) Grants:**

Proposed service area must be unserved or underserved in terms of general access to broadband services and fall into one or more of the following 3 categories:

1. BTOP Infrastructure: A. Middle Mile / B. Last Mile
2. BTOP Public Computer Centers
3. BTOP Sustainable Adoption / Innovative Programs

Lastly and most importantly, a complete application must be submitted for review. The application process consists of two crucial steps:

1. The first step in this process, enabling an applicant to submit a final proposal, is to register your company's 9-digit DUNS number with the federal government's CCR (Central Contractor Registration): <http://www.bpn.gov/ccr/>.
2. Once the appropriate credentials are received through registration, BIP and BTOP applications may be downloaded directly via the following link: [http://broadbandusa.sc.gov.usda.gov/download\\_app.htm](http://broadbandusa.sc.gov.usda.gov/download_app.htm).

**Electronic application submissions are the preferred method, although hard copies may also be provided via mail. Electronic copies will greatly assist in the efficient processing of applications.**

Also available through this link are basic definitions, program requirements, and FAQ's (Frequently Asked Questions) for BIP and BTOP that have been addressed since the open workshops were held nationwide.

## *Additional Sources of Related Information*

More information about the FCC's National Broadband Plan is available at [www.broadband.gov](http://www.broadband.gov).

More information about efforts regarding the Recovery Act is available at: [www.usda.gov/recovery](http://www.usda.gov/recovery), [www.commerce.gov/recovery](http://www.commerce.gov/recovery) and [www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov).