

▶ Polycom® Grant Assistance Program and the Polycom 7-Step Grant Assistance Process™

Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Grant



“The Polycom Grant Assistance Program has provided the Pinal County ITv Consortium and Pinal County schools with invaluable assistance in obtaining grants for videoconferencing equipment. Without the assistance of this program, our small rural schools would be unable to provide students the extended educational opportunities they currently receive.”

Jill Dingman
Director
Pinal County ITv Consortium

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Purpose

The RUS DLT program supports projects in highly rural and economically disadvantaged locations to develop and expand distance learning and telemedicine capacity through the acquisition of equipment, instructional programming, and technical assistance for using eligible equipment.

Who Can Apply

Applicants must be legally organized as an incorporated organization or partnership; an Indian tribe or tribal organization; a consortium; or other legal entity, including a private corporation organized on a for-profit or not-for-profit basis. Applicants must show legal standing to contract with the federal government.

Examples of eligible organizations are local education agencies (LEAs), education service centers, hospitals, higher education institutions, workforce investment boards, tribal organizations, education and training providers, health care providers, and faith-based community organizations. To be eligible for a grant, organizations must currently deliver or propose to deliver distance learning or telemedicine services for the term of the grant.

Application Deadline

The application deadline is April 25, 2011.

Award Range

Project awards range from \$50,000 – \$500,000, with a one year grant period.

Cost Share / Matching Requirements

A minimum 15 percent match is required.

How Do Polycom Products Fit In?

The RUS DLT grant pays exclusively for capital assets (equipment) to deliver distance learning and telemedicine services to rural and underserved areas. Polycom video telepresence endpoints, bridging, network management, firewall traversal, and streaming solutions form the core of most successful distance learning and telemedicine programs, and all qualify as fundable expenses when used for eligible purposes. In certain projects, Polycom voice and wireless products can also be considered fundable telemedicine equipment.

For a specific list of eligible purposes and applications, contact your Polycom Area Grant Manager.

What Polycom Can Do

Polycom cares about your project outcomes. That's why we utilize the Polycom 7-Step Grant Assistance Process™, a fully customizable and scalable process, to ensure that you are "grant-ready" and positioned for success.

Polycom can help you by:

- Working with a team of expert researchers, grant writers and technology experts to provide you with customized assistance based on your organization's assistance needs
- Providing training and assistance on grant resources and requirements
- Being your trusted advisor on grants, and engaging you throughout the entire process

Learn More

To learn more about how we can help you apply for this or any other grant, contact your advisor:

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