

**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009  
Program/Funding Summary**

**Short title:** Broadband Infrastructure Expansion

**ARRA Reference:** Division A, Titles I and II

**Funding by federal fiscal year:**

Year	Total Florida State Budget Amount	Amounts to Local Governments Passed Through State Agencies	Amounts to Directly to Local Governments	Amounts Directly to Individuals
FFY 2009				
FFY 2010				
FFY 2011				
Later Years				
Total	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	

**Funding by state fiscal year:**

SFY 2008 – 2009				
SFY 2009 – 2010				
SFY 2011 – 2012				
Later Years				
Total	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	

**Brief description of program or funding including funding distribution method (formula or competitive grant):** The ARRA provides \$4.7 billion for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) within the U.S. Department of Commerce’s National Telecommunications and Information Administration to support grants for broadband deployment in unserved or underserved areas. An additional \$2.5 billion is provided through the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP) to provide grants, loans, or loan guarantees to provide broadband service in rural areas, needed to facilitate economic development. Information about both programs is available at <http://broadbandusa.sc.egov.usda.gov/index.htm>.

The Florida Department of Management Services (DMS) is leading a broadband strategy planning group to take advantage of this unique opportunity to draw federal Broadband grant dollars to the State of Florida to enrich our communities statewide. This working group consists of team members representing state agencies, the Governor's Office, the Legislature, community colleges and universities, Enterprise Florida, IT Florida, the Florida League of Cities, and the Florida Association of Counties. The DMS web site is [http://dms.myflorida.com/suncom/broadband\\_initiative\\_arra](http://dms.myflorida.com/suncom/broadband_initiative_arra).

**When funds are expected to be available:** There will be two or three rounds of funding. The first Notices of Funding Availability were posted on July 9, 2009; awards are expected from October through December 2009. The next round of funding hasn't been announced yet.

**How long funds are available:** All awards must be made by September 30, 2010. Awardees must substantially complete projects within two years following an award.

**Conditions or prerequisites for accessing funds (include matching or MOE requirements):** See the Notices of Funding Availability for full details. The BTOP grants require a 20% match unless waived by NTIA. In order to receive a grant, loan, or loan guarantee under the Rural Utilities Service program, 75 percent of the area to be served by a project must be in a rural area without sufficient access to high speed broadband service to facilitate rural economic development, as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture. Also, no area of a project funded with the Rural Utilities Service program may receive funding under the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program within the National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

**Federal agencies:**

U.S. Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service

**State agency:** Dept. of Management Services

**If there is a link to a federal web site that describes the program or funding include here:**

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**If there is a link to a state web site that describes the program or funding, include here:**

[http://dms.myflorida.com/suncom/suncom\\_customer\\_resources/broadband\\_initiative\\_arra](http://dms.myflorida.com/suncom/suncom_customer_resources/broadband_initiative_arra)

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