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### **USDA Begins Accepting Applications for \$1.15 Billion in Loans and Grants to Help People Living in Rural Communities Get Access to High-Speed Internet**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced they have begun accepting applications for up to \$1.15 billion in loans and grants to help people in rural areas get access to high-speed internet. This announcement comes on the heels of the recently enacted Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) which provides another nearly \$2 billion in additional funding for the ReConnect program. USDA anticipates issuing a new Notice of Funding Opportunity to make the additional funds in the IIJA available in 2022.

USDA is making this funding available through the [ReConnect Program](#). Eligible applicants are state, local or territory governments; corporations; Native American Tribes; limited liability companies and cooperative organizations.

Applicants must commit to building facilities capable of providing broadband service at speeds of 100 Mbps (download and upload)



**The Montrose Group, LLC**

### **Montrose Group Offers Webinar Regarding \$500M Ohio Redevelopment Program Review**

The Ohio Department of Development recently launched two programs focused on redeveloping properties in the Buckeye State.

The *Ohio Brownfield Remediation Program* will provide **\$350M in Brownfield Redevelopment funding** and the *Ohio Building Demolition and Site Redevelopment Program* will provide **\$150M in Non-Brownfield Redevelopment funding**.

The Montrose Group, a national economic development consulting firm with strong Ohio relationships, is hosting a webinar on these two new programs to help prepare applicants and partners for this substantial funding opportunity.

**Join The Webinar This  
Friday Dec 17, 2021 at 11:00 AM  
EST.**

**CLICK HERE TO  
REGISTER FOR THE  
WEBINAR**

Guidelines and applications are out now and companies and communities can find

to every location in a proposed service area at the same time. In making funding decisions, USDA will also consider the economic needs of the community to be served; the extent to which a provider will offer affordable service options; a project's commitment to strong labor standards; and whether a project is submitted by a local government, Tribal government, non-profit or cooperative.

information by following the links below.

### [Brownfield Remediation Program](#)

### [Building Demolition and Site Revitalization Program](#)

To Apply for the program **CLICK HERE**



We are proud to share the fourth and final video in a series promoting Zanesville and Muskingum County. This project was made possible by a generous grant partnership with Ohio Means Jobs - Muskingum County (OMJ). The Zanesville Muskingum County Port Authority, Zanesville Muskingum County Chamber of Commerce, and Zanesville Convention and Visitor's Bureau were able to join with OMJ to showcase our area.

Click the photo below and get ready to see all the ways that **[#SuccessLivesHere](#)**.

**MUSKINGUM COUNTY, OH**  
**QUALITY OF LIFE**



The Zanesville Muskingum County Port Authority is now on Instagram.



What can a BRE do for your business?

- Help find ways to get employees

You can follow us at  
[zmc\\_port\\_authority](#)

We will be sharing everything that makes Muskingum County great, and welcome suggestions or submissions from local companies wanting to show off new development, equipment or successes.

If you have a submission, please email photos to [amy@zmcport.com](mailto:amy@zmcport.com).

**We can't wait to see all of  
the ways that  
#SuccessLivesHere!**

through your door

- Connect you with local, regional and state programs to help train those employees
- Introduce you to programs that may allow you to upgrade and add new equipment
- Connect you to programs that may offer paid training for your employees
- Help you plan for expansion projects

Scheduling a **Business Retention & Expansion** meeting, either at your business or via Zoom, is a great place to start.

**Click Here To  
Schedule A BRE**

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