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Press Release

NTCA Announces Release of Grant Program to rural communities.

Sandhill Telephone Cooperative proudly serves Chesterfield and Kershaw Counties and is a long time member of NTCA – The Rural Broadband Association. Sandhill is excited to announce a NTCA Grant Program that is available for our area.

As part of its ongoing commitment to rural communities across the country, the Foundation for Rural Service provides annual grants for communities served by NTCA members. The goal of this program is to support local efforts to build and sustain a high quality of life in rural America. Grants will be concentrated in four major areas:

- Business Development
- Community Development
- Education
- Telecommunications

Grants can range from \$250 to \$5000 that go back in to rural communities, every year. FRS grants will allow rural communities to take that first step towards a project or plan that can help better the lives of those around them – whether it is smart boards in schools, a Main Street beautification project, better agricultural equipment for farms, start-up money for young entrepreneurs, or basic computer classes. These funds help rural Americans invest in their communities in meaningful ways.

The Foundation will give priority to proposals that foster collaboration among different community agencies, and local government, reflect a comprehensive approach to community development, promote community participation and engagement, and make rural communities a better place to live and work.

To apply for a grant, please visit <http://www.frs.org/rural-community-outreach/grant-program>.

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