



2026 Community Connections & Smart Connections Grant Application

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:

1) 2026 grant application 2) FOCUS Broadband Excel budget spreadsheet 3) Completed W-9 form

All forms are available on www.focusbroadband.com/communitygrants. *Incomplete applications will be disqualified.*

School/Organization name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Number: _____ Alternate Number: _____ FAX Number: _____

Administrator/Executive Director: _____

Applicant(s) Name(s): _____

Email Address(es): _____

Amount Requested (maximum \$2,500): _____ Target Age Group: _____

Number of Individuals Impacted Per Year: _____

Name of Program: _____

Project Budget: **Need amount of your request only**, using the FOCUS Broadband Excel budget spreadsheet.

Have you received a grant from FOCUS Broadband in the past? YES ___ NO ___

If so, what year(s)? _____

If FOCUS Broadband provides partial funding for this request, will you proceed with the project? YES ___ NO ___

**Guidelines mandate full expenditure of funds within 12 months of receipt. Preliminary progress report and itemized receipt(s) due within 6 months of receipt. Funds not expended within 6 months require explanation and must be followed up by a progress report with itemized receipt(s) prior to end of the 12-month period. Failure to meet requirements may result in the forfeiture of funding. Please sign below to acknowledge that you understand these conditions of funding.*

Signature of applicant

Date

Signature of administrator/executive director

Date

Submit applications to: FOCUS Broadband Public Relations Department / P.O. Box 3198 / Shallotte, NC 28459

Email: grants@focusbroadband.com • PHONE: 910-755-1885 or 910-755-1633

Guidelines/Criteria

- Community Connections community grants must directly benefit residents in areas served by FOCUS Broadband.
- Smart Connections education grants must directly benefit residents in areas served by FOCUS Broadband.
- Smart Connections education grants cannot be transferred between schools. If an educator switches to a new school, the grant funds will still be awarded to the original school.
- Maximum request is \$2,500.
- Funds are disbursed for single-use and must be expended within one year of receipt.
- Grants are open to nonprofit/educational organizations or educators in FOCUS Broadband's service area or one in another county offering a program benefiting local residents. 100% of the funds must be used to benefit residents in FOCUS Broadband's service area.
- An organization may apply once per 12-month period.

Exclusions

Religious organizations/activities; political organizations/activities; capital projects/campaigns; individuals; beauty pageants; scholarships; advertising; fraternal organizations; fundraising events; payments to individuals for services; endowments; and labor organizations. Grants will not be issued to groups/organizations that discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, age, disability, or status as a protected veteran.

