



Smart Connections / Community Connections

2025 Grant Application

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:

1) 2025 grant application 2) FOCUS Broadband Excel budget spreadsheet 3) Completed W-9 form

All forms are available on www.focusbroadband.com/community-grants. 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.

