



# 2017 Foundation for Rural Service Grant Program

Nex-Tech is pleased to announce a grant program for rural communities available through the Foundation for Rural Service (FRS), in cooperation with NTCA – The Rural Broadband Association.

The FRS Grant Program is designed to support local efforts to build and sustain a high quality of life in rural America in four major areas: *business and economic development, community development, education, and telecommunications*. Applicants may request grants in the range of \$250 to \$5,000, but projects may be funded at a lesser amount than requested. Each grant is awarded one time only. (Nex-Tech's past recipients have included a youth entrepreneurship project in Phillipsburg (2011), the Lenora Public Library (2014) for children's educational equipment, and both the Graham County Hospital and Trego-Lemke Memorial Hospital for telemedicine equipment (2015).)

The FRS Grant Program Guidelines are available at both of the following web addresses:  
<http://www.frs.org/rural-community-outreach/grant-program>  
<https://www.nex-tech.com/About/Community/EconomicDevelopment.aspx>

Nex-Tech has included a set of recommendations on its website for writing effective grant applications.

## **DEADLINE:**

Nex-Tech staff members are available to review each application and provide professional recommendations, if requested. Grant proposals must be received at Nex-Tech by **August 18, 2017**. A mailing address has been provided, but email submission is preferred. The Nex-Tech committee will meet weekly to review the proposals and provide requested recommendations and a letter of support for those that qualify. The applicant will then be responsible for submitting the application, which must be **postmarked to FRS by September 15, 2017**.

To take advantage of this assistance or to inquire about the FRS Grant Program, please contact our office by phone or e-mail *before* August 18:

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