

A scenic photograph of a rural landscape is positioned at the top of the page. It shows a yellow field in the foreground, a white water tower, and several houses in the middle ground, all set against a backdrop of green trees and a clear blue sky. The image is partially obscured by a blue wavy graphic element that curves across the top of the page.

Call for Volunteer Subject Matter Expert Peer Reviewers

**United States Department of Agriculture
Rural Development- Rural Utilities Service
Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Program. - Opioid**

The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is seeking subject matter experts to volunteer to be peer reviewers and subjectively evaluate grant applications against the published criteria in its competitive grant program's Requests for Applications (RFA). Reviewers are chosen based on their knowledge, education, and experience related to the rural development and rural health and substance use disorder sector.

This request is for the [Distance Learning and Telemedicine \(DLT\) – Opioid](#) program applications for projects that address substance use disorder and opioid misuse in rural communities.

The review period:

We anticipate the review period to begin around May 20, 2019 and end on or before June 7, 2019.

The review time per application:

We anticipate the time per application to be about 2-3 hours.

The review focus:

The reviewers will not review the entire application, **only** the opioids section of each application for the [Distance Learning and Telemedicine \(DLT\) – Opioid](#) program,

The review process:

The review process involves subjective review of applications according to the Need for Services and Project Benefits section of the DLT-Opioid Application Guide as published on the DLT Website. The peer review panel will consist of 8-10 application reviewers. Reviewing instructions and guidance will be provided by RUS officials. The reviewer will be expected to evaluate and score their assigned applications independently and submit their scores to RUS officials.

All interested professionals working in or having knowledge of Rural Development and Substance Use Disorder and Opioid Misuse issues are invited to apply to become an application reviewer.

Application process

If you are interested, please send a statement of interest that highlights your qualifications; confirms your availability to serve during the review period indicated; and, your willingness to commit the time per application. Please include a copy of your CV. Applications without the requested information will be considered incomplete.

Please send this information to Chad Parker (Chad.Parker@wdc.usda.gov), with Hiwot Gebremariam (Hiwot.Gebremariam@wdc.usda.gov), and Betty-Ann Bryce (Betty-Ann.Bryce@wdc.usda.gov) on copy.

All complete applications (statement of interest and CV) should be received by **5:00pm EST** on Wednesday, **April 10, 2019**. The selected parties will be notified on **Friday, April 19, 2019**.