



Rural Development

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Mr. Steven Mills
Business Manager
Joseph City Unified School District 02
8176 Westover Street
Joseph City, Arizona 86032-2500

Re: Grants.gov Application # GRANT14691290

Dear Mr. Mills:

I am pleased to congratulate you on your organization's selection for \$394,365 grant under the FY 2026 Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Grant Program administered by the Rural Utilities Service (RUS). The RUS designation for your grant is AZ0735-A16.

Although we are very glad to be making this grant to Joseph City Unified School District 02, we would appreciate if you did not announce this grant offer until USDA makes a formal announcement.

In the near future, you will receive legal documents for your execution. This will formalize the agreement and enable you to request funds. If you wish to view the grant document, you will find a blank copy on our DLT website under the To Apply tab at:

https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/dlt_grant_agreement.pdf.

To generate the legal documents, we request that you send an email to dltinfo@usda.gov, confirming that (1) Joseph City Unified School District 02 is the correct legal name of the entity, and (2) Mr. Steven Mills can sign on behalf of Joseph City Unified School District 02 and should receive all correspondence regarding the AZ0735-A16 grant.

If the entity's legal name is incorrect, please send an email to dltinfo@usda.gov specifying the correct legal name along with acceptable evidence of legal existence. Further, if Mr. Steven Mills is not the representative who can sign on behalf of Joseph City Unified School District 02, please provide the name, title, phone number and email address of the correct representative.

Please provide your email response to dltinfo@usda.gov by October 5, 2026.

A copy of your final budget is enclosed. Revisions, if any, are explained in detail at the bottom of the budget. **Although the budget has been reviewed, each line item is still subject to meet program requirements for eligibility. Please work with your General Field Representative (GFR) if you have any questions or concerns about line-item eligibility.**

We look forward to working with you to bring the benefits of advanced telecommunications services to rural America.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shekinah D. Pepper".

SHEKINAH PEPPER, Deputy Assistant Administrator
Loan Origination and Approval Division
Telecommunications Program

Enclosure

cc: Lori Urban, State Director, Arizona
Matthew Suchodolski, General Field Representative, Arizona
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