

USF Project Proposals Application Guidelines

Purpose

The National Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (NTRC) in accordance with the Telecommunications Act 31 of 2000 is responsible for the management of the Universal Service Fund to support the development of the telecommunications sector in Grenada in the interest of social, educational, and economic development.

In accordance with the Section (17) of the Telecommunications (Universal Service Fund) Regulations SRO. 21 of 2009, “(1) A person may submit a proposal for a Fund project, according to procedures and formats to be set forth by the Commission in the Guidelines.” Please see hereunder the guidelines for submission of project proposal ideas.

Eligibility status

The invitation to submit project proposals is open to the general public, including telecommunication providers, government ministries, and non-government organizations.

Criteria

All proposed projects must:

1. Fall within the scope of the Universal Service Fund, which includes:
 - Public voice telephony
 - Internet access
 - Telecommunication services to schools, hospitals, and similar institution
 - Other service by which persons can access an efficient and affordable modern telecommunications network
2. Fall within the priority goal of the Fund:

The priority goal for the operating year is to: “Expand access to telecommunication services and broadband internet services to underserved communities, special interest groups, and institutions serving the public needs.”

3. Address one or more of the following priority areas:
 - Expansion of broadband network with emphasis on the rural unserved and underserved communities
 - Promote affordable access to broadband internet service to individual with special needs, elderly, or low-income family
 - Promote access to telecommunications services within institutions serving the public needs (e.g. schools, hospitals)
4. Be self-sustaining such that it continues to expand access to telecoms on its own initiative.

Place of submission:

A copy of the completed application form should be submitted via email to usfgrenada@ntrc.gd with the subject “Universal Service Fund Project Proposal Application”

Completed application forms should be submitted to the NTRC on or before January 26, 2024.