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**Subject:** From NJLM - Economic Recovery Update

## LEAGUE ALERT

Municipal Clerk: Please forward to Mayor and Governing Body.

July 9, 2009

Re: **Economic Recovery Update: \$4 Billion in ARRA  
Broadband Grants and Loans Announced**

Dear Mayor:

The Obama Administration has announced the availability of \$4 billion in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act loans and grants to help bring broadband service to un-served and underserved communities across America. This is the first round of Recovery Act funding aimed at expanding broadband access to help bridge the technological divide and create jobs building out Internet infrastructure.

To better prepare communities to be able to compete for the grants, they will be holding a series of public workshops about the application process throughout July. Confirmed locations for these workshops are listed below.

To find out more, visit the <http://broadbandusa.sc.egov.usda.gov/>.

For the USDA News Release go to:

[http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/\\_s.7\\_0\\_A/7\\_0\\_1OB?contentidonly=true&contentid=2009/07/0276.xml](http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/_s.7_0_A/7_0_1OB?contentidonly=true&contentid=2009/07/0276.xml)

For the Notice of Funds Availability, go to:

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/arra/BBNOFAFINALwithdisclaimer.pdf>.

Very truly yours,

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