



NFCB Urgently Supports the PTFP

We support funding for Public Telecommunications Facilities Program (PTFP), administered by Commerce Department--

- Efficient: Targeted on the most urgent needs (stations serving unserved areas) and requires private matching dollars. The total program is \$20 million annually.
- CPB is not a replacement for PTFP: 1) CPB funds programming, PTFP funds equipment. 2) PTFP funds new stations, CPB does not.
- New stations serving underserved communities will be lost: 1) The FCC just authorized several hundred new noncommercial radio stations, many of which were counting on PTFP funding to build a station. 2) Their construction permits will expire in three years and there will not be able to file for another station in the near future. 3) Without PTFP, the stations most likely to be hurt are those that serve communities with the fewest resources – rural communities, American Indians, and people of color. 4) Native Americans are in a position to double the number of stations serving their communities, but not without PTFP.
- PTFP is the only source of federal funding for equipment destroyed in a disaster.

The National Federation of Community Broadcasters was founded in 1975 and is a national alliance of almost 200 radio stations and others committed to community radio. NFCB advocates for national public policy on behalf of its membership, while providing services to empower and strengthen community broadcasters and their core values of localism, diversity and public service. www.nfcb.org