

Broadband Funding Guide

Department: Federal Communications Commission

1	Today's Date	2/7/2020
2	Federal Agency/Bureau	Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
3	Agency Overview	The FCC regulates interstate and international communications by radio, television, wire, satellite, and cable in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories. An independent U.S. government agency overseen by Congress, the FCC is the United States' primary authority for communications law, regulation, and technological innovation.
4	Program Name	E-Rate Program
5	Program Website	https://www.usac.org/sl/default.aspx
6	Program Overview	The schools and libraries universal service support program, commonly known as the E-Rate program, helps schools and libraries obtain affordable broadband. Eligible schools, school districts, and libraries may apply individually or as part of a consortium. Funding may be requested under two categories of service: services to a school or library (telecommunications, telecommunications services and Internet access), and services that deliver Internet access within schools and libraries (internal connections, basic maintenance of internal connections, and managed internal broadband services). Discounts for support depend on the level of poverty and whether the school or library is located in an urban or rural area. The discounts range from 20 percent to 90 percent of the costs of eligible services. E-Rate program funding is based on demand up to an annual established cap.
7	Link to Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) if applicable	
8	Program Purpose	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning (e.g., feasibility) <input type="checkbox"/> Smart Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction) <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Broadband Adoption <input type="checkbox"/> Research <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Skills Training <input type="checkbox"/> Broadband Financing <input type="checkbox"/> Public Computer Access <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: To help schools and libraries obtain affordable broadband.
9	Eligible Recipients	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Libraries <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial/Internet Service Providers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> K-12 Schools <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> Higher Education Institutions <input type="checkbox"/> Small Businesses <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitals <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Recipients <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety Entities <input type="checkbox"/> Electric Utilities/Co-ops <input type="checkbox"/> State and Local Governments <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Institutions

		<input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Entities <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
10	Agency Contact	Telecommunications Access Policy Division Wireline Competition Bureau Federal Communications Commission 445 12 th Street, SW 20554 (202) 418-7400
11	FY2020 Funding Type and Amount	Discount; \$4,151,395 [funding cap for Funding Year 2019; cap for Funding Year 2020 not yet available]
12	Additional Information	https://www.fcc.gov/general/e-rate-schools-libraries-usf-program https://www.usac.org/e-rate/