

FY23 BroadbandUSA Federal Funding Site Update

Department: Department of Education

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| 1 | Federal Agency/Bureau | Department of Education |
| 2 | Program Name | Small, Rural School Achievement Program |
| 3 | Authorizing Legislation | Part B of Title V of the ESEA |
| 4 | Program Overview | The purpose of the Small, Rural School Achievement (SRSA) program is to provide small, rural local educational agencies (LEAs) with financial assistance to address the unique needs of rural school districts that frequently lack the personnel and resources needed to compete effectively for Federal competitive grants and receive formula grant allocations in amounts too small to be effective in meeting their intended purposes. LEAs are entitled to funds if they meet eligibility and application requirements. Awards are issued annually, and award amounts are determined using a formula. |
| 5 | CFDA | 84.358A |
| 6 | Program Website | https://oese.ed.gov/offices/office-of-formula-grants/rural-insular-native-achievement-programs/rural-education-achievement-program/small-rural-school-achievement-program/ |
| 7 | Type of funding | <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary <input type="checkbox"/> Subsidy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Formula <input type="checkbox"/> Loan or loan guarantee <input type="checkbox"/> Other (i.e. loan-grant combo; if there is a set-aside amount for certain recipients please indicate the amount): |
| 8 | Link to application site, NOFO, FOA, or Grants.gov (if different from program website above) | Not Applicable |
| 9 | Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) or Federal Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Type | <input type="checkbox"/> Initial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Modification <input type="checkbox"/> Reissue/Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> Other (i.e. one-time funding): |
| 10 | Important Dates (if applicable) | Applications expected to open for SRSA-eligible LEAs between February – April, 2023 |

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| 12 | FY2023 Appropriations Amount | Total Amount:\$107,500,000 Amount Available Towards Broadband (if specified): |
| 13 | Matching Requirement | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, what is the matching requirement: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other (i.e. if match is beneficial to an application but not required): <i>Other</i> |
| 14 | Complementary Federal Funding Option | Not Applicable |
| 15 | Broadband-related Program Purpose/Eligible Expenditures (check all that apply) | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning (e.g., feasibility, data collection, mapping) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Broadband Infrastructure Deployment (e.g., construction, equipment, materials) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Digital Inclusion (e.g. Broadband Adoption, Devices, Public Access, Digital Skills Training, Tech Support) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: (e.g. Research and/or Evaluation, Telehealth, etc): Research and/or Evaluation |
| 16 | Speed/Technical Requirement for Broadband Infrastructure | Not Applicable |
| 17 | Eligible Recipients (check all that apply) | <input type="checkbox"/> Libraries <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> K-12 Schools <input type="checkbox"/> Higher Education Institutions <input type="checkbox"/> State Government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government <input type="checkbox"/> Territorial Governments <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal/Native American Government, Alaska Native Controlled Organizations, and Native Hawaiian Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety Entities <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> For-Profit Organizations (including Internet Service Providers) <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> Electric Utilities/Co-ops <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Institutions <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals/Households <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| 18 | Criteria for Eligible Recipients | <p>An LEA is eligible to participate in the SRSA program if it meets the statutory criteria of being both small <u>and</u> rural. <u>To be considered small</u>, an LEA must have a total average daily attendance (ADA) of fewer than 600 students <i>or</i> exclusively serve schools that are located in counties with a population density of fewer than 10 persons per square mile. <u>To be considered rural</u>, all schools within the LEA must have a school locale code of 41, 42, or 43 (assigned by the Department's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)) <i>or</i> be located in an area of the State defined as rural by a governmental agency of the State</p> |
| 19 | Grant Beneficiaries (if different from eligible recipients) | Not Applicable |

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| 20 | Programmatic Resources | <u>Small, Rural School Achievement Program - Office of Elementary and Secondary Education</u> |
| 21 | Reporting Requirements | Not Applicable |
| 22 | Publicly-available programmatic data | <u>SRSA Eligibility - Office of Elementary and Secondary Education</u> , includes current and previous year REAP Master Eligibility Spreadsheets, which includes eligibility and award information for States and individual LEAs. |
| 23 | Contact information | REAP@ed.gov; (202) 401-0039 |
| 24 | Additional Information | <p>This is one of a number of Department programs that provides funds that could be used to support broadband access. School districts may use Small Rural School Achievement Program funds to pay for activities that are allowable under Title I, Part A; Title II, Part A; Title III; Title IV, Part A; and Title IV, Part B, as well as parental involvement activities. The allowability of costs is always situation and program specific. For that reason, if you decide to use funds under one of these programs for costs related to device or mobile hotspot access, you must be sure that the use of the funds is, under the specific circumstances of the expenditure and the program authority selected, reasonable and necessary for the purposes of that program, and does not violate other program requirements, such as the “supplement not supplant” requirement. We also note that, while funds under one of these programs can be used on broadband access, the programs’ purpose is not primarily focused on that issue.</p> <p>The use of Small Rural School Achievement Program funds for broadband infrastructure must be consistent with the definition of “minor remodeling” in 34 CFR Part 77. That definition of minor remodeling means “minor alterations in a previously completed building. The term also includes the extension of utility lines, such as water and electricity, from points beyond the confines of the space in which the minor remodeling is undertaken but within the confines of the previously completed building. The term does not include building construction, structural alterations to buildings, building maintenance, or repairs.” For more information, see the REAP Informational Document, which can be downloaded on the REAP website: <u>REAP Resources - Office of Elementary and Secondary Education</u>.</p> |
| 25 | Updated | March 2023 |

