

FY23 BroadbandUSA Federal Funding Site Update

Department: Federal Communications Commission

1	Federal Agency/Bureau	Federal Communications Commission/Wireline Competition Bureau
2	Program Name	E-Rate Program
3	Authorizing Legislation	47 USC Sec. 254
4	Program Overview	The schools and libraries universal service support program, commonly known as the E-rate program, helps schools and libraries to 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: category one services to a school or library (telecommunications, telecommunications services and Internet access), and category two 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 Commission-established cap.
5	CFDA	32.004
6	Program Website	https://www.usac.org/e-rate/
7	Type of funding	<input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Subsidy <input type="checkbox"/> Formula <input type="checkbox"/> Loan or loan guarantee <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (i.e. loan-grant combo; if there is a set-aside amount for certain recipients please indicate the amount): Discount
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)	Funding Year application filing window: January 18 – March 28, 2023 for Funding Year 2023																
12	FY2023 Appropriations Amount	Total Amount: approximately \$4.768B available for Funding Year 2023 (funding for eligible requests for July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024) (the FCC's E-Rate Program is not funded through appropriations; funding instead comes through contributions collected from providers of interstate and international telecommunications). Amount Available Towards Broadband (if specified): \$4.768B																
13	Matching Requirement	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, what is the matching requirement: <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other (i.e. if match is beneficial to an application but not required):																
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 type="checkbox"/> Other: (e.g. Research and/or Evaluation, Telehealth, etc):																
16	Speed/Technical Requirement for Broadband Infrastructure	Not Applicable.																
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18	Criteria for Eligible Recipients	Schools must meet the statutory definition of elementary and secondary schools as defined in 20 U.S.C. § 7801. Libraries must meet the program definition of library, and must be eligible for assistance from a state library administrative agency under the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). In 2021, the Commission modified its definition of library to include Tribal libraries, clarifying that Tribal libraries are eligible for																

		E-Rate support. Schools and libraries may not operate as for-profit businesses. Schools with endowments exceeding \$50,000,000 are also not eligible.
19	Grant Beneficiaries (if different from eligible recipients)	Not Applicable.
20	Programmatic Resources	https://www.usac.org/e-rate/learn/
21	Reporting Requirements	Not Applicable
22	Publicly-available programmatic data	https://www.usac.org/e-rate/resources/tools/#Open-Data
23	Contact information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FCC Telecommunications Access Policy Division: (202) 418-7400 • USAC E-rate Customer Service Center: (888) 203-8100
24	Additional Information	https://www.usac.org/e-rate/learn/
25	Updated	March 2023