

Emergency Connectivity Fund Program Application Overview

Who can participate in the Emergency Connectivity Fund?

- Schools, libraries, and consortia of schools and libraries that are eligible for E-Rate services.
- Entities do not need to participate in the E-Rate program to participate in ECF.
Eligibility of new applicants will be verified as part of the application process.

What services and equipment are eligible for support?

Funding must be used for the purchase of eligible equipment and/or advanced telecommunications and information services for use by students, school staff, and library patrons with unmet needs at locations other than a school or library, during the COVID-19 emergency period.

Applicants may submit requests for funding to purchase eligible equipment and services received or delivered between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022.

Eligible Equipment

- Connected devices (i.e., laptops and tablets, including Chromebooks and iPads)
- Modems (including air cards)
- Routers
- Devices that combine a modem and router

Eligible Services

- Commercially available internet services (fixed or mobile broadband connections)

Funding Request

- Equipment funding requests require agreement type, service provider information, product information, cost, and a narrative explanation
- Service funding requests require agreement type, service dates, service provider information, connection information, cost, and a narrative explanation.
- Applicants will determine the invoicing method (but must have confirmation from a service provider if the service provider will be submitting invoices).

Benefits of a Consortia

- One lead Applicant
- Everyone stays on the same page
- Strengthens our application by showing collaboration in the community