



## THE EMERGENCY CONNECTIVITY FUND

The FCC's Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) is a \$7.17 billion program that will help schools and libraries provide the tools and services their communities need for remote learning during the COVID-19 emergency period. ECF will help provide relief to millions of students, school staff, and library patrons and will help close the Homework Gap for students who currently lack necessary Internet access or the devices they need to connect to classrooms.

### Who Is Eligible to Receive ECF Funds?

Schools, libraries, and consortia of schools and libraries that are eligible for support under the FCC's E-Rate Program, as well as Tribal libraries eligible for support under the Library Services and Technology Act.

### How Can Schools & Libraries Apply?

The initial ECF application filing window will open on June 29 and close on August 13. Applicants will be able to submit requests for funding for eligible purchases made between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022.

The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) is the administrator of the ECF Program and will be responsible for receiving and reviewing applications. Tens of thousands of schools and libraries across the country already work with USAC to receive support for their on-campus broadband connectivity needs through the E-Rate Program.



#### EQUIPMENT

Eligible equipment includes Wi-Fi hotspots, modems (including air cards), routers, devices that combine a modem and router, and connected devices (laptop and tablet computers).



#### SERVICE

Schools and libraries can also receive funding for commercially available broadband service that provides a fixed or mobile broadband connection for off-campus use by students, school staff or library patrons.



#### NEED HELP

Emergency Connectivity Fund Customer Support Center

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