



## Emergency Connectivity Fund Program Information Sheet



Under the administration of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) is a program that provides funding for devices and Internet service to eligible schools and libraries to support unserved or underserved students, school staff and library patrons while off-campus. Certain eligible services may qualify for 100% reimbursement. Laptops, tablets, and Wi-Fi hotspots are subject to funding caps.

<b>Application Window(s)</b>	<b>First:</b> Anticipated expenditures from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. 45-day Application Window may open as early as June 2021.	<b>Second:</b> Retro-active expenditures from March 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 Note: Subject to funding availability after demand for first window is determined.
<b>Eligible Devices, Equipment and Services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Laptops and tablets</li> <li>Wi-Fi hotspots, modems and routers</li> <li>Wired and wireless Internet service</li> <li>Installation, activation, taxes and surcharges</li> </ul>	<b>Limitations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Single device and/or wireless connection per student, staff member or patron.</li> <li>Single fixed Internet connection per address.</li> <li>Limited to unserved or underserved students, staff and/or library patrons.</li> </ul>
<b>Funding Caps or Funding Restrictions</b>	<b>Laptops/tablets: \$400 per device</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicants may request a waiver of funding caps for laptops and tablets for students with disabilities.</li> <li>May not apply for funding for devices, equipment, or services purchased with other federal, state, or other specific earmarked funding for remote learning initiatives including but not limited to Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund and Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB).</li> </ul> <b>Wi-Fi hotspots: \$250 per device</b>	
<b>Eligible Locations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Locations other than a school or library</li> <li>Homes</li> <li>School Buses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community centers,</li> <li>Churches</li> <li>Other locations where remote learning is occurring</li> </ul>
<b>Funding Prioritization</b>	If demand exceeds program funds, applications will be prioritized for schools and libraries in high poverty and rural areas.	
<b>Competitive Bidding</b>	Applicants must certify compliance with state and local competitive bidding rules. There are no additional FCC competitive bidding requirements.	
<b>Documentation Retention Requirements</b>	<b>Broadband Service</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Type of Service</li> <li>Upload/Download speeds and monthly data cap</li> <li>Person receiving service</li> <li>For fixed broadband service: service address and date(s) service received.</li> </ol>	<b>Equipment</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Device Type</li> <li>Make/Model</li> <li>Serial number</li> <li>Person receiving device</li> <li>Dates the device was loaned out and returned to the school or library.</li> </ol>
<b>Not Eligible for Reimbursement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full 1:1 devices and Internet where no unmet need exists</li> <li>Private networks where commercially available Internet exists</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Desktop computers, smartphones, and peripherals beyond a power cord</li> <li>Software, cybersecurity, maintenance</li> <li>Equipment beyond hotspots, modems, and routers</li> </ul>

### How to Apply



**E-rate Productivity Center (EPC)**  
Applicants will be able to submit applications through EPC.  
<https://www.usac.org/e-rate/>



**System Award Management (SAM)**  
Applicants and Service Providers must be registered in the federal SAM.gov system.  
<https://sam.gov/SAM/pages/public/searchRecords/search.jsf>