



FY2019 E-Rate State Matching Grant Technical Assistance Webinar



Illinois State Board of Education
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Agenda

- Welcome
- NOFO/RFP Overview
 - Erich Grauke, Principal Consultant, ISBE



Notice Of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)/ Request for Proposal (RFP) Overview

- NOFO/RFP Information found at <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Broadband-Information.aspx> under the E-Rate State Matching Grant Tab
- NOFO/RFP Released on Friday, Sept. 7, 2018
- Proposals due to ISBE Office by 4:00 p.m on Monday, October 22, 2018



NOFO/RFP Overview (cont.)

- A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document will be added to the Broadband Website
<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Broadband-Information.aspx>
- All questions should be submitted via email to broadband@isbe.net. Questions will be answered in the FAQ document.
- Questions cannot be answered by phone.



NOFO/RFP Overview (cont.)

- ISBE received up to \$16.3 million in FY2019 to help districts cover the non-discounted portion of special construction costs.
- State Matching Provision Information
<https://www.usac.org/sl/applicants/beforeyoubegin/state-matching-provision.aspx>



NOFO/RFP Overview (cont.)

- Successful awardees will receive a letter from ISBE stating that the proposal passed the review phase and Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) requirements, therefore the proposal will be funded.
- Award letter is submitted to EPC as part of the district's FCC Form 471 application.



Eligible Applicants

- Public School Districts who indicated that a state or tribal match is available in the Key Information for Special Construction section on their E-Rate Form 471 application for E-Rate Funding Year 2018 (School Year 2017-2018).
- A State match RFP for those considering special construction projects for E-Rate FY2019 (School year 2018-2019) will be released later this Fall.



Program Description

- 2nd Report and Order on Reconsideration allows for the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to match state funding (up to 10%) for special construction charges.
- FCC is following the first Broadband Imperative internet speed recommendations.
- FCC hosted Workshop on E-rate Funded Fiber Build Projects <https://www.fcc.gov/news-events/events/2015/05/erate-fiber-build-workshop>



Program Description (cont.)

- Districts will submit their FCC Form 470 with any additional RFP's that were released, scoring rubrics, synopsis of applications and descriptions of winner vendor proposals along with this proposal.
- Together these will complete the application package.



Program Description

- Attachment 1 – Question 45
 - **Amount Requested from the State** is the amount you are requesting for the state match
 - **Applicant Contribution** is the remaining monies going into the project. *Local Contribution, Other Sources of Contribution, or Program Income* provide the detail for and should total the Applicant Contribution Line.
 - **Total Amount** is the total of the Amount Requested from State and Applicant Contribution Lines

45.	Estimated Funding <i>(Include all that apply)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Amount Requested from the State: \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant Contribution (e.g., in kind, matching): \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Local Contribution: \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other Source of Contribution: \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Program Income: \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Total Amount: \$ _____
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Attachment 1 – Question 45 Example #1

- ABC District is requesting a match for a \$100,000 fiber special construction project. Their C1 Discount rate is 50%.
- USAC C1 Discount of 50% - \$50000
- USAC Additional Discount for State/Tribal Match (1:1 to state match, up to 10%) - \$10000
- Remaining \$40000, or 40% of the original project amount, will be covered by state match.

45.	Estimated Funding <i>(Include all that apply)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amount Requested from the State: \$ <u>40000</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant Contribution (e.g., in kind, matching): \$ <u>60000</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Local Contribution: \$ _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Source of Contribution: \$ <u>60000</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Program Income: \$ _____ <div style="text-align: right;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total Amount: \$ <u>100000</u></div>
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Attachment 1 – Question 45 Example #2

- Acme School District has a \$100,000 special construction fiber project and has a 20% Discount Rate
- USAC C1 Discount Rate of 20% - \$20000
- USAC State Match of 10% - \$10000
- Remaining \$70000, or 70% of the original project amount will be covered by the state match.
- 20% USAC C1 Discount + 10% USAC Match + 70% State Match = 100% of special construction costs

45.	Estimated Funding <i>(Include all that apply)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amount Requested from the State: \$ 70000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant Contribution (e.g., in kind, matching): \$ 30000 <input type="checkbox"/> Local Contribution: \$ _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Source of Contribution: \$ 30000 <input type="checkbox"/> Program Income: \$ _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total Amount: \$ 100000
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Resources

- 2019 Round Two Application and attachment can be found on ISBE's website: <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Broadband-Information.aspx> under the drop-down "E-Rate State Matching Grant."
- School districts can contact [Education SuperHighway](#) for free support and consultation
- The [Learning Technology Centers of Illinois](#) provide free workshops to assist districts with E-Rate applications
- Email questions to broadband@isbe.net
- A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document will be added to the website and updated based on feedback



Applications due to ISBE
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Monday, October 22, 2018