



# FY 2019 E-rate State Matching Grant Technical Assistance Webinar



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## Technical Assistance Agenda

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

- NOFO/RFP Information found at <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Broadband-Information.aspx#collapse4zone6>
- NOFO/RFP released on December 14, 2017.
- Proposals due to ISBE office by 3:00 p.m. on February 9, 2017.



## 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 to [broadband@isbe.net](mailto:broadband@isbe.net). Questions will be answered in the FAQ document.
- Questions cannot be answered via phone.



## NOFO/RFP Overview (cont.)

- ISBE may receive up to \$6.3 million in FY2019 to help districts cover the non-discounted portion of special construction costs.
- State Matching Provision Information  
<http://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, subject to sufficient appropriation and Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) requirements, will be funded.
- Award letter is submitted to EPC as part of the district's FCC Form 471 application.



## Eligible Applicants

- Public School Districts that are utilizing E-rate's Category 1 Special Construction Funding to install one of the following:
  - Lit fiber
  - Dark Fiber
  - Self Provisioned Fiber

<http://usac.org/sl/applicants/beforeyoubegin/fiber.aspx>



## Program Description

- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 entire application package.



## Program Description

- Attachment 1- Question 45
  - Amount requested from 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 or Contributions and Program Income provides the detail for and should total the Applicant Contribution line.
  - Total Amount is total of the Amount Requested from State and Applicant Contribution lines.



## Program Description

- Cost Sharing or Matching
  - The amount of monies that can be requested depends upon C1 discount rate.
  - C1 discount must be applied first. The remainder is based off of the non-discounted charges.
    - Example:
      - District A with 50% discount rate has \$10,000 remaining in non-discounted charges.
        - » District A can apply for up to 40% of the cost or \$4,000.
        - » This is the Amount Requested from the State



## Resources

- 2019 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."
- Frequently Asked Questions will be added to the website and updated based on feedback.
- School districts can contact [EducationSuperHighway](#) 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](mailto:broadband@isbe.net).



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