

FY 2019 E-rate State Matching Grant

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Question: Who is eligible to apply for this grant?

Answer: Only school districts are eligible to apply for this grant.

2. Question: Does the grant intend for applicants to have a completed 470 and 28 day waiting period (required before choosing and awarding a provider contract) prior to submission of this application?

Answer: Yes. However, if the district is informed they need to refile the Form 470 to meet USAC guidelines, the application on file will not be impacted. Districts should note that if a new Form 470 is filed and the costs increase, the increase will NOT be reflected in the application. The amount applied for is the most the district can receive.

3. Question: The grant states that expected awards are to be given 90 days after the grant submission, but 471 applications are due to USAC noting state match no later than March 22, 2018. This only allows for a 41 day timeline. Will applicants be given notice of potential funding prior to the 471 deadline?

Answer: 90 days is the maximum amount given to process and award competitive grant awards. It is ISBE's intention to announce awards prior to the close of the E-rate Window.

4. Question: Can you provide the matching grant amount from the example on page 6 showing the full E-rate percentage? How would those numbers relate to Attachment 1, Question 45?

Answer: The example on page 6 in the FY19 NOFO/RFP assumes the district had a total Special Construction Project of \$20,000. As a 50% district, E-rate C1 would cover the first \$10,000. In this example, state match applicants can apply for up to 40% of the cost or \$8,000. E-rate's special construction match portion would cover \$2,000.

Using the numbers above, this is how Attachment 1 Question 45 would be completed:

Amount Requested from the State - \$8,000

Applicant Contribution - \$12,000 (the italicized items below break out the Applicant Contribution Total)

Local Contribution - \$0

Other Source of Contribution - \$12,000

Program Income - \$0

Total Amount - \$20,000

Please note that a district may apply up to the percentage amount. Final amounts will be dependent upon the state appropriation and number of applications received. This match program is dependent upon state appropriations.