

FY2020 E-Rate State Matching Grant Technical Assistance Webinar

Illinois State Board of Education April 16, 2020



Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- NOFO/RFP Overview
- Eligibility
- The Application Process
- District's Next Steps
- Helpful Resources
- Where to Direct Questions



Welcome and Introductions

- Presenter:
 - Erich Grauke

Principal Consultant Curriculum and Instruction Department ISBE



NOFO/RFP Overview

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)/Request for Proposal (RFP) information found at www.isbe.net/broadband under the E-Rate State Matching Grant Tab
- NOFO/RFP released on Wed. March 18, 2020
- Proposals due to ISBE office in Springfield by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 2020
- Due to COVID-19 closures, it is <u>STRONGLY</u> advised to send applications via secure file tool on ISBE website.



NOFO/RFP Overview

- ISBE received up to \$16.3 million in FY2019 to help districts cover the non-discounted portion of special construction costs.
- Special construction projects are the upfront, non-recurring costs of deploying new fiber or upgraded fiber to E-Rate eligible entities
 - Construction of network facilities
 - Design and engineering
 - Project management



Eligible Applicants

- Any Illinois Public School District who:
 - File a FCC Form 470 with RFP indicating fiber internet is desired
 - Districts who check "state match/tribal funding" indicator on FCC Form 471
 - DolT Consortium Members verify that this was done for your district with DolT on the Consortium 471 Filing
 - Priority is given to districts without scalable fiber connectivity
 - Applications for districts wishing to improve WAN connections or reducing costs will also be considered
 - USAC E-Rate approval is required for grant disbursement



DoIT Consortium Membership

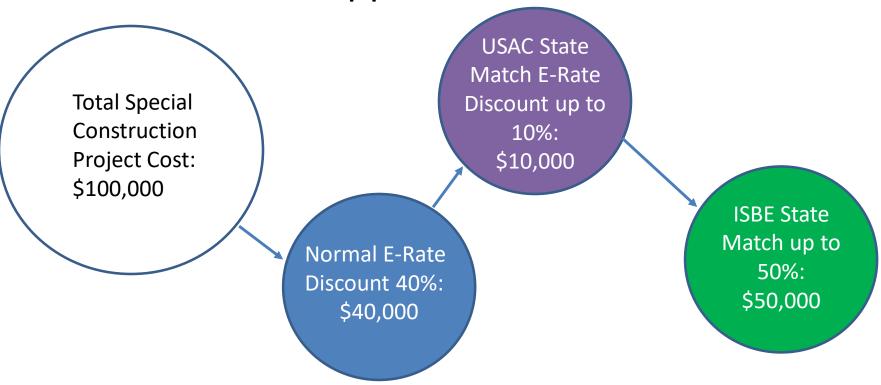
 Membership in the DoIT E-Rate Consortium is not required to be eligible for this grant





How the State Match Works

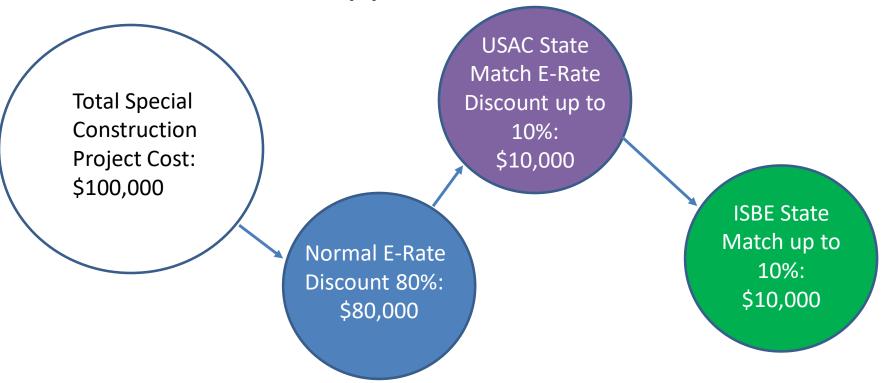
ABC School District, with a 40% Category 1
 Discount Rate applies for State Match Grant:





How the State Match Works

XYZ School District, with an 80% Category 1
 Discount Rate applies for State Match Grant:





- Applicants file FCC Form 470 requesting fiber special construction
 - Must wait a minimum of 28 days before selecting vendor per USAC rules
 - Due to this, a Form 470 must have been filed with USAC by April 1, 2020 as Form 471 deadline is April 29, 2020
 - RFP is strongly recommended for all types of special construction
 - Make sure that both 470 and RFP describes the desired products and services you need with <u>sufficient</u> <u>specificity</u> for providers to be able to submit responsive bids
 - Requested services on 470 and RFP MUST MATCH!



- If interested in self provisioned or dark fiber, you must also seek bids for leased lit fiber, compare all 3 types received and choose the most cost-effective option
- Education Superhighway has RFP templates and evaluation support at

https://www.educationsuperhighway.org/resources/



- Important to file 470 and wait 28 days
 - Last day to file 470 and meet USAC 28 day window was Wednesday, April 1, 2020



- Fill out the Grant Application
 - Include form 470, evaluation rubric of vendors, and the name of your selected vendor along with their proposal
 - Upon approval from ISBE and USAC approval of your 470/471 request, state will match the nondiscounted portion of project subject to funding availability

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The Application

* > Innovation and Ideas > Educational Technology > Broadband Information

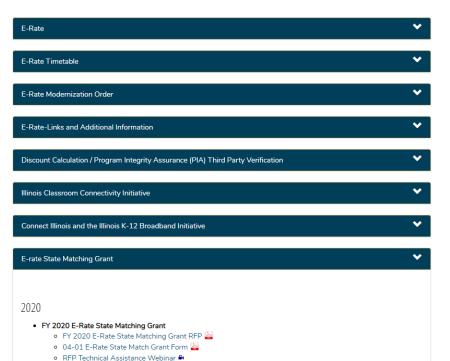


INNOVATION & IDEAS

BROADBAND INFORMATION

As the State Educational Technology Directors Association (SETDA) has stated in their latest broadband access release, the internet is no longer an afterthought for K-12 education. High speed broadband and Wi-Fi access is a vital component to the classroom.

The following resources can help districts reach their broadband and Wi-Fi access goals.



www.isbe.net/broadband

RESOURCES

- American Association School Superintendent's E-rate Toolkit
- E-rate Central
- Illinois Century Network
- Illinois State Library's E-rate Information
- National Center for Education Statistics
- 2019 SETDA updated broadband report: State K-12 Broadband Leadership: Driving Connectivity and Access
- USAC Trainings and Outreach



 Uniform Application for State Grant Assistance

Uniform Application for State Grant Assistance Illinois State Board of Education Applicant Completed Section APPLICANT NAME (District Name and Number, if applicable) REGION COUNTY DISTRICT TYPE CODE 16. Legal Name (Name used for DUNS registration and grantee pregualification) Common Name (DBA) Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN, TIN) Organizational DUNS Number 20. SAM CAGE Code (Street, City, State, County, Zip **Applicant's Organizational Unit** 22. Department Name 23. Division Name Applicant's Name and Contact Information for Person to be Contacted for Program Matters involving this Application 24. First/Last Name 25. Suffix Organizational Affiliation 27. 28. Telephone Number (Include Area Code) Fax Number (Include Area Code) 30. E-Mail Address Applicant's Name and Contact Information for Person to be Contacted for Business/Administrative Office Matters involving 31. First/Last Name 32. Suffix 33. Title 34. Organizational Affiliation

35. Telephone Number (Include Area Code)
36. Fax Number (Include Area Code)
37. E-Mail Address
ISBE 20-06 GATA Grant Application (1/19)

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Attachment 1 – Question 45

- 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 Funding, 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 combined.

45.	Estimated Funding (Include all that apply)	Amount Requested from the State: \$	
	(Applicant Contribution (e.g., in kind, matching): \$	
		Local Contribution: \$	
		Other Source of Contribution: \$	
		Program Income: \$	
		Total Amount: \$	



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, subject to funding availability and approvals

45.	Estimated Funding	★ Amount Requested from the State: \$ 40000
	(Include all that apply)	Applicant Contribution (e.g., in kind, matching): \$_60000
		Local Contribution: \$
		Other Source of Contribution: \$ 60000
		Program Income: \$
		▼ Total Amount: \$ 100000



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, subject to funding availability and approvals
- 20% USAC C1 Discount + 10% USAC Match + 70% State
 Match = 100% of special construction costs

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45.	Estimated Funding (Include all that apply)	Amount Requested from the State: \$ 70000
	(include all that apply)	Applicant Contribution (e.g., in kind, matching): \$\frac{30000}{2}
		Local Contribution: \$
		X Other Source of Contribution: \$\frac{30000}{}{}
		Program Income: \$
		▼ Total Amount: \$ 100000



Attachment 1 – Certification and Signatures

- Remember to check the "I Agree" box under Applicant Certification
- Remember to include the signature of the authorized representative empowered to apply on behalf of your district (#53).

Uniform Application for State Grant Assistance Illinois State Board of Education					
	Applicant Completed Section (Continued)				
Areas	Affected				
40.	Areas Affected by the Project (cities, counties, state-wide) Add Attachments (e.g., maps), if needed				
41.	Legislative and Congressional Districts of Applicant				
42.	Legislative and Congressional Districts of Program / Project Attach an additional list, if needed				
Appli	cant's Project				
43.	Description Title of Applicant's Project Text only for the title of the applicant's project.				
44.	Proposed Project Term	Start Date: End Date:			
45.	Estimated Funding (Include all that apply)	Amount Requested from the State: \$ Applicant Contribution (e.g., in kind, matching): \$ Local Contribution: \$ Other Source of Contribution: \$ Program Income: \$ Total Amount: \$			
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46.	First/Last Suffix				
48.	Title				
49.	Telephone Number (Include Area Code)				
50.	Fax Number (Include Area Code)				
51.	E-Mail Address				
53.	Signature of Authorized Representative				
54.	Date Signed				

SBE 20-06 GATA Grant Application (1/19)

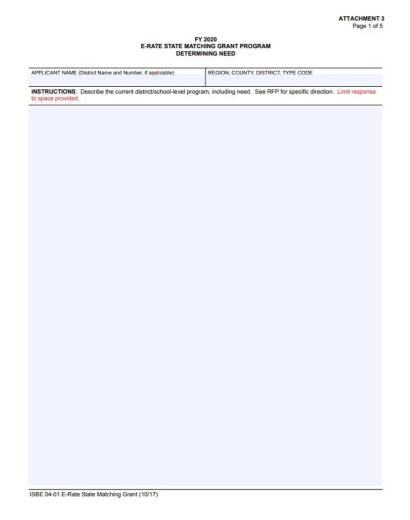


 Attachment 2 asks about your current technology status

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10	00 North First Street oringfield, Illinois 62777-0001	FY 2020 E-RATE STATE MATCHING GRANT PROC CURRENT TECHNOLOGY STATUS	GRAM
	CTE AND INNOVA	TION DEPARTMENT	
APPLICANT NAM	ИЕ	REGION, COUNTY, DISTRICT, TYPE CODE	
Instructions:	Complete the following:		
	r district currently have fiber? is NO for question 1, skip to question 3)	Yes No	
	the following types of fiber connections best Lit Fiber Leased Dark Fiber	describe your current network configuration? Self-Provisioned Other:	
3. What is th	ne maximum speed of your current fiber/inte	rnet connection?	
4. What is the	ne monthly recurring cost of your <u>current</u> inte	ernet services before E-Rate discounts are appli	ed?
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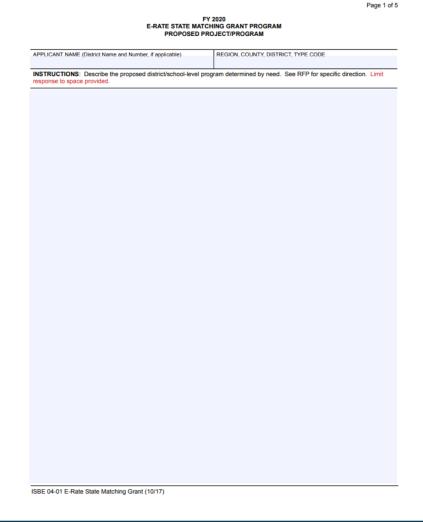


- Program Narrative
 - Describe current ed tech program
 - Why is this project needed to meet district educational plans/goals?
 - See page 10 of RFP for additional requirements
 - Max 5 pages for narrative





- Proposed Project/Program
 - Describe how increased speed will impact educational program
 - Describe expected program outcomes
 - See Pages 10-11 of RFP document for more details on required elements
 - Max 5 pages for narrative



ATTACHMENT 4



- Project Timeline
 - Provide a timeline of activities to meet the goals indicated in Attachment 4
 - Start and completion dates
 - Name of person responsible

ATTACHMENT 5
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FY 2020 E-RATE STATE MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM PROPOSED PROJECT/TIMELINE

APPLICANT NAME (District Name and Number, if applicable)	REGION, COUNTY, DISTRICT, TYPE CODE
THE ELECTRICATE (DISTRICT TERMS OF THE TERMS OF THE OPPOSITION)	11201011, 0001111, 01011101, 1112 0002
INSTRUCTIONS: See RFP for specific direction. Limit response to	o space provided.

ACTIVITY	TIMELINE		PERSONS RESPONSIBLE	
ACTIVITY	START	COMPLETION	PERSONS RESPONSIBLE	
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Evaluation

- Describe how plan will be monitored and evaluated and how plan will be adjusted to ensure completion.
- Indicate how the impact on increasing student success and/or other stated goals and objectives will be shared within your district and beyond

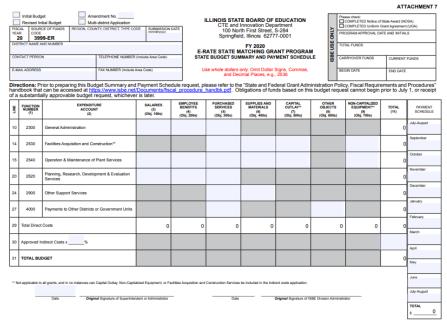
APPLICANT NAME	(District Name and Number, if applicable)	REGION, COUNTY, DISTRICT, TYPE CODE	
INSTRUCTIONS:	See RFP for specific direction. Limit response	onse to space provided.	_

E-RATE STATE MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM

ATTACHMENT 6



- Budget
 - The budget must be submitted on this form
 - Use numbers from page 3 of attachment 1

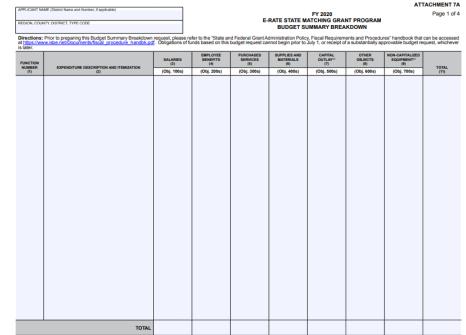


ISBE 04-01 E-Rate State Matching Grant (10/17)



Attachment 7a

- Budget Breakdown
 - Include descriptions of anticipated expenditures, correlated to line items on the previous page.



ISBE 04-01 E-Rate State Matching Grant (10/17)



Attachment 7b

 Used after the final awards are determined, so leave blank for now



Attachment 8 and 9

- Certification and Assurance Forms
 - Please fill out and have these signed by official legally authorized to submit

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Evaluations of Applications

 Application evaluation criteria described beginning of page 13 of RFP packet.

Application Review

Review and Selection Process:

The selection of the grantees will be based upon the overall quality of the application. The scoring is based upon the following criteria:

- Need is defined as the identification of stakeholders, facts, and evidence that demonstrate the proposal supports the grant program purpose;
- Capacity is defined as the ability of an entity to execute the grant project according to the project requirements;
- Quality is defined as the totality of features and characteristics of a service, project, or product that indicate
 its ability to satisfy the requirements of the grant program;
- · Cost effectiveness is defined in the terms of tangible benefits produced by the monies spent; and
- Sustainability, which is defined as the ability to ensure that the project will continue without further state
 monies

Criteria:

These overall criteria are built into the criteria below. The attachment number in the parentheses following the criteria lists the portion of the proposal that will be used to determine if the criteria has been met

Following the notification of grant awards, an applicant may request copies of reviewer comments and scores by contacting Erich Grauke at broadband@isbe.net.

Selection criteria and point values are as follows:

Not Provided	Very Limited	Somewhat Limited	Moderate	Strong	Very Strong
0	1	2	3	4	5
Response requirements are absent.	Response provides very few details to meet the criteria requirement.	Response is unclear and lacks enough evidence to meet the criteria requirement.	Response provides moderate detail and conveys potential to meet the criteria requirement.	Response provides good detail and evidence to meet the criteria requirement.	Response exceeds expectations and provides a strong evidence to meet criteria requirement.

Section 1:	
The school district has demonstrated a need for the proposed project,	
activity, and/or resources.	
30 Points	Possible Points
The proposal describes the status of the applicant's educational technology programs	
and demonstrates that students' access to educational opportunities in this curricular	
area is limited to an undesirable degree.	
(Attachments 2 and 3)	5
The proposal provides a clear description of the needs found between the anticipated	
technology required within the district for at least the next five years and the current	5



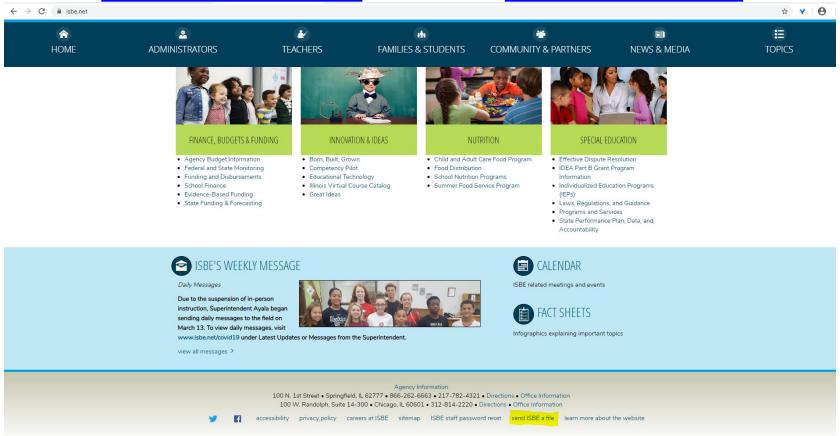
Next Steps

- File Form 470 and associated RFP
 - Wait the required 28 days per USAC rules
- Choose vendor from submitted proposals after 28 day period has elapsed
 - Make sure to follow all USAC rules regarding competitive bid evaluations
- File E-Rate State Matching Grant Application along with copy of FCC Form 470, RFP, and selected vendor proposal with ISBE by Friday, May 1, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.



Submitting Application to ISBE

 It is STRONGLY encouraged that applicants use the <u>send ISBE a file</u> tool on <u>www.isbe.net</u>







Submitting Application to ISBE

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Attachment Manager session. Documents can also be combined into one file if needed.



Helpful Resources

- Education SuperHighway has RFP templates for special construction projects at https://www.educationsuperhighway.org/resources/
- The Learning Technology Center of Illinois offers E-Rate support. More information at www.ltcillinois.org/erate



Questions

Email questions to <u>broadband@isbe.net</u>