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## Section 4 – E-rate (Schools and Libraries)

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### Overview – Schools and Libraries Program

The Schools and Libraries universal service support program, commonly known as the E-rate program, helps schools and libraries obtain affordable broadband Internet access, internal network connections, and telecommunications services.

Eligible schools, school districts and libraries may apply individually or as part of a consortium. Funding may be requested under two categories of eligible services: category one services to a school or library (e.g., data transmission services and Internet access), and category two services that deliver Internet access within schools and libraries (e.g., internal connections, basic maintenance of internal connections, and managed internal broadband services). Discounts for support depend on the level of poverty, as calculated by eligibility for a free or reduced price lunch or other a federally-approved alternative mechanism, and whether the school or library is located in an urban or rural area. The discounts range from 20 percent to 90 percent of the costs of eligible services. E-rate program funding is based on demand up to an annual Commission-established cap, which is \$4.16 billion for 2018 and is adjusted annually for inflation.

The E-rate program is administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) under the direction of the FCC. Specifically, USAC is responsible for processing the applications for support, confirming eligibility, and reimbursing service providers and eligible schools and libraries for the discounted services. USAC also ensures that the applicants and service providers comply with the E-rate rules and procedures established by the FCC.

Additional information about the Schools and Library program can be found on the Commission’s website at <http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/e-rate-schools-libraries-usf-program> and on USAC’s website at <http://www.usac.org/sl/>.

**Table 4.1**  
**Schools and Libraries Funding Commitments and Disbursements**  
**by Applicant Type and Year**  
**(in Thousands of Dollars)**

Year	Funding Commitments						Funding Disbursements					
	Total Commitments	Libraries <sup>1</sup>	Schools	School Districts	Statewide Contract <sup>2</sup>	Other Consortia	Total Disbursements	Libraries <sup>1</sup>	Schools	School Districts	Statewide Contract <sup>2</sup>	Other Consortia
1998	\$1,699,124	\$65,988	\$110,701	\$1,288,420	\$0	\$234,015	\$1,399,098	\$49,883	\$83,343	\$1,069,783	\$0	\$196,090
1999	2,147,998	66,172	180,741	1,598,383	0	302,701	1,650,004	47,457	140,130	1,265,896	0	196,521
2000	2,078,759	65,879	110,839	1,692,230	0	209,810	1,647,014	43,566	88,514	1,384,108	0	130,821
2001	2,176,364	57,824	164,576	1,739,474	0	214,490	1,695,758	41,940	117,486	1,400,520	0	135,668
2002	2,114,538	62,941	165,760	1,635,902	0	249,935	1,598,198	42,697	106,197	1,287,085	0	162,599
2003	2,522,102	63,302	199,599	1,998,150	0	261,051	1,940,112	44,325	136,108	1,587,207	0	172,475
2004	2,033,456	54,296	158,672	1,566,377	0	254,111	1,536,420	39,723	107,113	1,210,105	0	179,532
2005	2,006,549	54,498	152,505	1,584,615	0	214,932	1,625,555	48,598	111,854	1,287,977	0	177,840
2006	1,947,903	59,711	129,477	1,498,051	0	260,664	1,568,995	46,138	96,193	1,223,096	0	203,587
2007	2,355,442	60,628	174,811	1,876,010	0	243,993	1,955,781	47,964	135,925	1,563,676	0	208,268
2008	2,374,198	75,771	150,719	1,888,317	0	259,391	1,915,581	58,108	113,552	1,527,084	0	221,436
2009	2,812,847	84,709	195,225	2,262,903	0	270,010	2,305,057	69,208	154,012	1,862,136	0	226,490
2010	3,005,816	91,253	211,174	2,414,155	0	289,235	2,419,868	71,887	156,930	1,964,771	0	240,118
2011	2,677,002	95,122	218,156	2,043,507	0	320,217	2,119,954	73,130	162,136	1,647,735	0	248,974
2012	2,961,499	96,432	288,412	2,270,028	12,130	294,498	2,244,959	77,685	205,501	1,765,604	8,835	237,828
2013	2,199,568	91,576	134,824	1,667,833	20,209	285,126	1,716,412	75,164	97,581	1,332,770	10,809	227,574
2014	2,311,203	93,715	157,812	1,740,525	38,370	280,780	1,788,693	78,644	114,215	1,388,257	26,466	222,916
2015	3,266,239	109,730	184,676	2,623,176	24,848	323,809	1,350,063	90,040	131,573	2,159,200	23,767	252,429
2016	2,770,153	102,822	125,276	2,221,740	0	320,315	1,037,406	41,167	55,556	870,094	0	70,589

*Note* : Activity through June 30, 2017. Funding Year 2017 commitment and disbursement information have not been displayed because only a small fraction of commitments (and no disbursements) have been made for that funding year. A substantial amount of commitments and disbursements for funding year 2017 will be made. Also, because of the appeals process, funding commitments and disbursements can be made after the end of the program year. Disbursements may also continue beyond the end of the program year in the event of delayed internal connections installation. Other adjustments and corrections may also be made.

<sup>1</sup> Starting in fund year 2016, Libraries includes both Library and Library System applicants.

*Source* : Universal Service Administrative Company

<sup>2</sup> Starting January 2011, applicants could designate their consortium as a statewide entity if the application encompassed all public schools, private schools and/or all public libraries in the state. See [http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/DA-10-2218A1.pdf](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-10-2218A1.pdf). In 2016, applicants filing as a consortium, school district, and library system could designate their sub-type as a statewide entity. These applicant's commitments and disbursements are included within their primary applicant type column and are not included in the Statewide Contract column.

**Table 4.2**  
**Schools and Libraries Funding Commitments and Disbursements from Program Inception through June 30, 2017**  
**by State and Applicant Type**  
**(in Thousands of Dollars)**

State/Territory	Library/Library Consortium		Schools		School Districts		Statewide Contracts		Other Consortium		Totals	
	Funds Committed	Funds Disbursed	Funds Committed	Funds Disbursed	Funds Committed	Funds Disbursed	Funds Committed	Funds Disbursed	Funds Committed	Funds Disbursed	Funds Committed	Funds Disbursed
Alabama	\$14,494	\$11,631	\$20,711	\$15,328	\$640,551	\$540,818	\$86	\$1	\$109,055	\$81,590	\$784,898	\$649,369
Alaska	10,777	8,474	4,970	3,912	597,861	498,208	0	0	21,077	16,395	634,685	526,988
American Samoa	0	0	0	0	1,487	166	0	0	38,344	31,121	39,832	31,287
Arizona	23,281	24,227	154,216	105,991	962,158	714,821	0	0	28,660	17,860	1,168,315	862,899
Arkansas	6,684	5,619	9,012	7,455	279,901	213,395	25,836	16,027	152,994	97,823	474,428	340,319
California	116,390	78,111	295,239	209,398	6,029,094	4,485,583	106	51	268,777	177,037	6,709,606	4,950,180
Colorado	15,130	10,874	22,460	16,372	383,982	293,757	0	0	24,527	17,449	446,100	338,451
Connecticut	6,747	4,016	50,389	36,126	289,991	235,604	0	0	114,392	96,024	461,519	371,770
Delaware	1,386	1,185	3,602	2,530	19,313	15,571	2,246	2,246	20,016	16,455	46,563	37,986
District of Columbia	9,549	5,713	28,272	18,236	175,465	115,914	0	0	17,947	8,599	231,233	148,461
Florida	61,709	47,564	166,366	124,295	1,269,576	1,015,615	0	0	105,633	83,371	1,603,284	1,270,844
Georgia	91,296	77,886	39,201	31,639	1,218,289	976,025	4,411	4,328	188,114	161,877	1,541,311	1,251,754
Guam	153	41	263	138	27,846	20,411	0	0	0	0	28,262	20,591
Hawaii	2,760	1,594	59,980	30,118	42,937	26,095	3,128	2,503	1,223	731	110,028	61,041
Idaho	4,911	3,946	8,014	5,216	110,552	85,106	0	0	23,479	13,850	146,955	108,118
Illinois	42,523	32,146	147,630	109,878	1,727,087	1,306,760	0	0	75,350	54,561	1,992,590	1,503,346
Indiana	60,636	47,554	39,639	28,964	530,647	414,697	0	0	95,533	43,583	726,455	534,798
Iowa	4,737	3,215	15,357	11,154	168,533	122,578	0	0	77,563	65,941	266,190	202,887
Kansas	12,385	10,036	10,583	7,712	281,294	226,691	0	0	24,114	19,495	328,376	263,935
Kentucky	18,555	14,142	7,219	4,869	585,256	434,711	0	0	129,099	100,026	740,128	553,748
Louisiana	67,746	56,600	57,091	42,810	796,335	665,767	0	0	34,315	25,625	955,487	790,802
Maine	1,614	1,207	16,009	11,797	65,232	46,279	0	0	61,912	53,665	144,767	112,949
Maryland	19,033	13,987	29,636	20,066	349,593	273,007	0	0	32,850	24,668	431,111	331,728
Massachusetts	43,338	30,533	64,881	48,670	484,052	383,001	11	0	52,640	27,106	644,923	489,310
Michigan	37,391	29,388	61,531	41,705	861,758	653,080	0	0	153,473	115,602	1,114,152	839,775
Minnesota	29,726	23,445	44,441	30,255	321,716	244,167	0	0	134,045	115,510	529,928	413,376
Mississippi	35,878	25,632	20,459	14,811	491,498	380,167	144	105	106,116	77,109	654,095	497,824
Missouri	22,728	19,118	47,478	35,525	535,710	424,414	0	0	213,009	142,109	818,925	621,166
Montana	1,668	1,185	4,953	3,727	82,479	67,707	0	0	609	448	89,709	73,067
Nebraska	4,495	3,557	8,362	6,629	130,561	114,058	0	0	33,261	30,068	176,679	154,311
Nevada	4,391	2,994	7,272	5,279	126,925	88,929	0	0	0	0	138,587	97,202
New Hampshire	394	219	8,702	5,841	41,082	30,575	0	0	1,721	1,310	51,899	37,944
New Jersey	30,665	21,776	143,989	101,355	969,264	714,223	0	0	17,947	12,002	1,161,865	849,355
New Mexico	6,352	3,902	81,542	57,295	530,301	404,580	0	0	124,633	51,839	742,827	517,615
New York	206,350	145,337	604,681	441,908	2,395,178	2,048,586	0	0	590,093	437,448	3,796,302	3,073,278
North Carolina	32,076	26,589	45,855	35,778	1,024,480	863,908	23,594	22,755	67,192	43,263	1,193,197	992,295
North Dakota	205	155	10,019	7,512	27,643	21,111	0	0	42,322	35,439	80,189	64,217
Northern Mariana Isl.	232	167	172	146	19,314	15,709	0	0	0	0	19,718	16,021
Ohio	56,657	46,146	141,951	104,373	1,170,170	925,476	0	0	90,167	73,198	1,458,944	1,149,192
Oklahoma	40,072	32,627	48,851	34,912	899,054	713,136	0	0	13,925	5,140	1,001,902	785,814
Oregon	6,398	4,202	12,233	8,786	256,481	194,479	0	0	42,884	25,165	317,996	232,632
Pennsylvania	47,103	38,957	174,223	118,838	1,062,428	886,000	0	0	157,431	132,441	1,441,186	1,176,236
Puerto Rico	73,870	40,909	94,045	66,590	252,638	163,660	0	0	115,877	58,416	536,430	329,574
Rhode Island	2,147	1,793	8,808	6,653	77,174	59,278	19	19	44,786	40,171	132,934	107,914
South Carolina	7,519	5,227	26,628	17,918	531,319	408,117	0	0	290,561	243,502	856,028	674,764
South Dakota	555	197	21,977	16,349	45,673	33,031	2,745	2,553	38,740	25,419	109,690	77,550
Tennessee	20,142	14,826	18,653	15,212	831,201	618,326	0	0	230,839	189,401	1,100,835	837,765
Texas	59,569	39,960	189,214	143,830	4,133,819	3,229,524	0	0	200,583	132,752	4,583,184	3,546,067
Utah	2,372	1,125	4,959	3,058	100,259	80,815	0	0	255,457	145,822	363,047	230,819
Vermont	1,090	665	14,391	9,286	32,743	24,124	0	0	2,158	1,562	50,382	35,637
Virgin Islands	401	184	14,121	10,821	10,665	9,412	3,429	2,922	60,023	54,682	88,639	78,020
Virginia	33,191	26,632	26,981	21,563	586,594	481,769	0	0	14,416	12,603	661,181	542,567
Washington	31,588	24,522	19,989	15,449	439,142	339,750	78	78	88,680	68,158	579,477	447,958
West Virginia	4,381	3,393	3,848	2,234	192,714	140,721	19,735	9,892	58,086	44,845	278,763	201,086
Wisconsin	16,262	11,741	48,108	34,120	364,942	287,390	0	0	169,539	137,672	598,851	470,923
Wyoming	666	458	4,784	3,488	27,840	20,301	9,990	6,395	32,895	23,809	76,175	54,452
Totals	\$1,452,368	\$1,087,326	\$3,213,956	\$2,313,918	\$35,609,796	\$27,797,102	\$95,557	\$69,877	\$5,089,084	\$3,711,755	\$45,460,761	\$34,979,977

Note: Activity through June 30, 2017. Unlike in Table 4.1, all commitments and disbursements have been included, including those in funding year 2017. Because of the appeals process, funding commitments and disbursements can be made after the end of the program year. Also, disbursements may continue beyond the end of the program year in the event of delayed internal connections installation. Other adjustments and corrections may also be made.

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