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Broadband and WAN Access Improvement Matching Grant



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Broadband and WAN Access and Improvement Matching Grant

The Nevada Department of Education in conjunction with the Governor's Office of Science, Innovation and Technology are pleased to extend an opportunity to support broadband and WAN improvement projects to schools districts, with a grant pool of 1.8 million.

The funds may be used for broadband construction projects for the installation of fiber optic cable or microwave towers, or other similar broadband/WAN projects. These are state matching grants that will match district funds dollar-for-dollar. District funds may be provided through partnerships formed with providers, projects that leverage E-rate funds or other federal broadband dollars. To apply, please include all of the required materials listed under the Application Procedure Check List below.

Please note: All funds must be spent by June 30, 2017.

E-rate Special Construction Grants

E-rate is offering grants that match state funds for WAN construction projects. For more information, see the information listed on the [E-rate Special Construction page](#).

Submission of Questions

All questions about the application must be submitted to the forum below.

<http://wangrantquestions.wikispaces.com/>

In addition, should you need assistance or have any questions with regards to E-rate, connectivity design or improvements, please contact Lindsey Harmon, Executive Director of Connect Nevada, at LHarmon@connectnv.org.

Submission of Application

Submit one (1) paper copy of the application to:
Evelyn Barragan
700 East Fifth Street
Carson City, NV 89701

Submit an electronic copy of the application to kvidoni@doe.nv.gov AND ebarragan@doe.nv.gov.

Application Procedure Check List

Please include the following components in your application packets.

- Cover Sheet
- Assurances
- Broadband and WAN Access and Improvement Matching Application
- Diagram of District Network Design (this can be a simple, schematic hand-drawing if necessary)
- Vendor Estimate for Upgrades
- Budget Sheets

Timeline

2016	
September 20	RFA posted to the Nevada Department of Education Website
September 23, 10:00 AM	Technical Assistance Webinar with NDE and OSIT for districts and providers Registration link: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3355488861744553986
October 11, 5:00 PM	Deadline for questions to be posted to the forum.
October 18, 4:00 PM	Applications Due to NDE
October 19	Applications distributed to selection committee
October 19-25	Application Review
October 25	Selections made
November 2	Commission Meeting and Possible Approval of Committee Recommendations
November 3	Districts notified of selection outcomes
November 3-10	Grantee review and revision of budgets (if needed) submitted to NDE
November 10	Grant Awards mailed to districts and distribution of first year funds
June 30, 2017	All funds must be spent

Cover Sheet

Section 1.0
APPLICATION FOR SUBGRANT UNDER
FY16-FY17 State Educational Technology Implementation Funds

NRS 388.780-805
Commission on Educational Technology

Return to:
Evelyn Barragan
700 East Fifth Street
Carson City, NV 89701

1. DISTRICT NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS:

2. AUTHORIZED CONTACT PERSON:

Name _____

Title _____

Phone and Extension: () _____

Fax Number: () _____

E-mail Address: _____

3. Total Funds Requested:

4. CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that, to the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this application is correct, the local Board of Trustees has authorized me, as its representative, to file this application, and such action is recorded in the minutes of the agency's meeting held on: _____

(date)

5. Signature

District Superintendent

STATE DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

Date Received:

Approved:

Initial Grant Award Issued: _____

Amount: \$ _____

Broadband and WAN Access and Improvement Matching Grant Application

School District:

Name of School(s) Impacted:

Application Contact Person:

Contact's e-mail address and phone number:

Amount of funding request:

Amount of funding the district will provide:

Explain the district's funding source (district or an outside source):

Are you applying for E-rate special construction matching grants as well?: Yes No

If not, why?

What is the district's E-rate discount rate?:

What is the anticipated E-rate contribution?:

In the space below, address the following items. Responses may not exceed two pages (12-point Times New Roman font, single-spaced, 1-inch margins).

- Describe the current broadband improvement or WAN infrastructure needs of the district and schools, and how these funds will improve school connectivity within the district.
 - What are the current connection speed, and the anticipated connection speed once connectivity is improved?
 - How does this upgrade fit within your larger district plan for use of E-rate funds?
 - If your district does not receive E-rate funding at anticipated levels, how will you spend out these state funds by June 30, 2017?
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Assurances

The undersigned provides the following assurances:

1. The provisions listed in the Educational Technology Appropriation pertaining to the use of the technology appropriations will be fully accepted and complied with.
2. The funding provided through the Educational Technology Appropriation will be accounted for separately in a Special Revenue Account. The accounting and program records will be available to representatives of the Commission on Educational Technology, Nevada Department of Education, Legislative Committee on Education, Legislative Counsel Bureau, Legislative Bureau of Educational Accountability and Program Evaluation, and State Department of Administration. The records will also be subject to the annual organization audit required of all school districts.
3. The reports pertaining to educational technology requested by the Commission on Educational Technology, Nevada Department of Education, Legislative Committee on Education, Legislative Counsel Bureau, Legislative Bureau of Educational Accountability, and State Department of Administration will be filed accurately and within the prescribed timelines. If they are not, this will be grounds for forfeiture of remaining funds for the FY17 grant cycle.
4. The school district will not use the funds to enhance the salaries or benefits of current employees. Furthermore the funding will not be used to increase the resources available for contract negotiations with the associations representing the various employee groups.
5. The district agrees to provide adequate locations at the school to house the networking equipment including switches, patch panels, and controllers including surge protection.
6. The district agrees to maintain students' media releases and acceptable use policies as normally administered by the district and school(s).
7. The district agrees to fully comply with the needs assessment mandated by NRS 388.795. Second year funding may be withheld if the district does not comply.
8. The district agrees to fully comply with the outside evaluation team that will evaluate the effectiveness of these grants and any other state data collection initiative. Noncompliance may affect the district's eligibility in future grant cycles or result in forfeiture of remaining funds for the FY17 grant cycle.
9. All requests for budget amendments must be made in writing prior to expenditure of funds.
10. Final financial reports will be on file with the Nevada Department of Education for all previous educational technology funding within 45 days from the end of the grant cycle.
11. Any funds not committed for expenditure as of June 30, 2017 will be returned to the Nevada Department of Education for reversion to the State General Fund.
12. The district agrees to all terms of participation outlined in this RFA.

Signature:

District Superintendent or Authorized Designee

Date

Print Name Here

School District

Scoring Guidelines for Broadband and WAN Access and Improvements Matching Grant

Description (Total of 100 possible points)	Total Points Available	Doesn't Meet*	Meets*	Exceeds*	Total
Cover Sheet (3) Cover sheet is complete. No partial credit.	0 points if not complete, 5 points if complete.	0	3		
Broadband/WAN Description (75) Applications that exceed the 2-page limit will not be considered. The scoring committee will refer to the Broadband and WAN Infrastructure Upgrade section of this RFA to make determinations.					
Top Section of the Application Complete	15	0-5	6-10	11-15	
Description was clear and complete	55	0-10	11-45	45-55	
District network diagram provided	5	0	5		
Vendor estimate provided (10)	10	0-3	4-7	8-10	
Budget Sheets (10) Budget Sheets were submitted and reflect the vendor pricing submitted in the vendor estimate. Budget items are in the appropriate places on the budget sheets. A budget separate from the main one-to-one program budget was submitted.	10	0-3	4-7	8-10	
Assurances (2) Assurances sheet was signed by the appropriate person and submitted.	0 points if not complete, 5 points if complete.	0	2		
Total	100				

*Doesn't Meet: Addresses some or most of the criteria, but lacks sufficient detail to assure success

*Meets: Addresses all of the criteria and provides sufficient evidence to assure success

*Exceeds: Addresses all of the criteria and exceeds minimum expectations to assure success