FCC Emergency Connectivity Fund Program to Provide $7.17 Billion to Close Homework Gap

From June 29 to August 13, eligible schools and libraries can apply for financial support to purchase connected devices like laptops and tablets, Wi-Fi hotspots, modems, routers, and broadband connectivity for off-campus use by students, school staff, and library patrons during the COVID-19 emergency period. During this application filing window, eligible schools and libraries, in addition to school/library consortia, can submit requests for funding to purchase eligible equipment and services between July 1, 2021, and June 30, 2022.

More information about the program is available at emergencyconnectivityfund.org, including information about how to apply. Schools and libraries can sign up to receive program updates and information about future training sessions. Help with program questions is also available by calling 800-234-9781 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST.

The $7.17 billion Emergency Connectivity Fund was established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) will serve as the program’s administrator with FCC oversight.